

Arizona Area Health Education Center (AzAHEC) Program
**American Indian Area Health Education
Center (AHEC) Regional Center Initiative**

Potential Budget, Structure and Operating Options

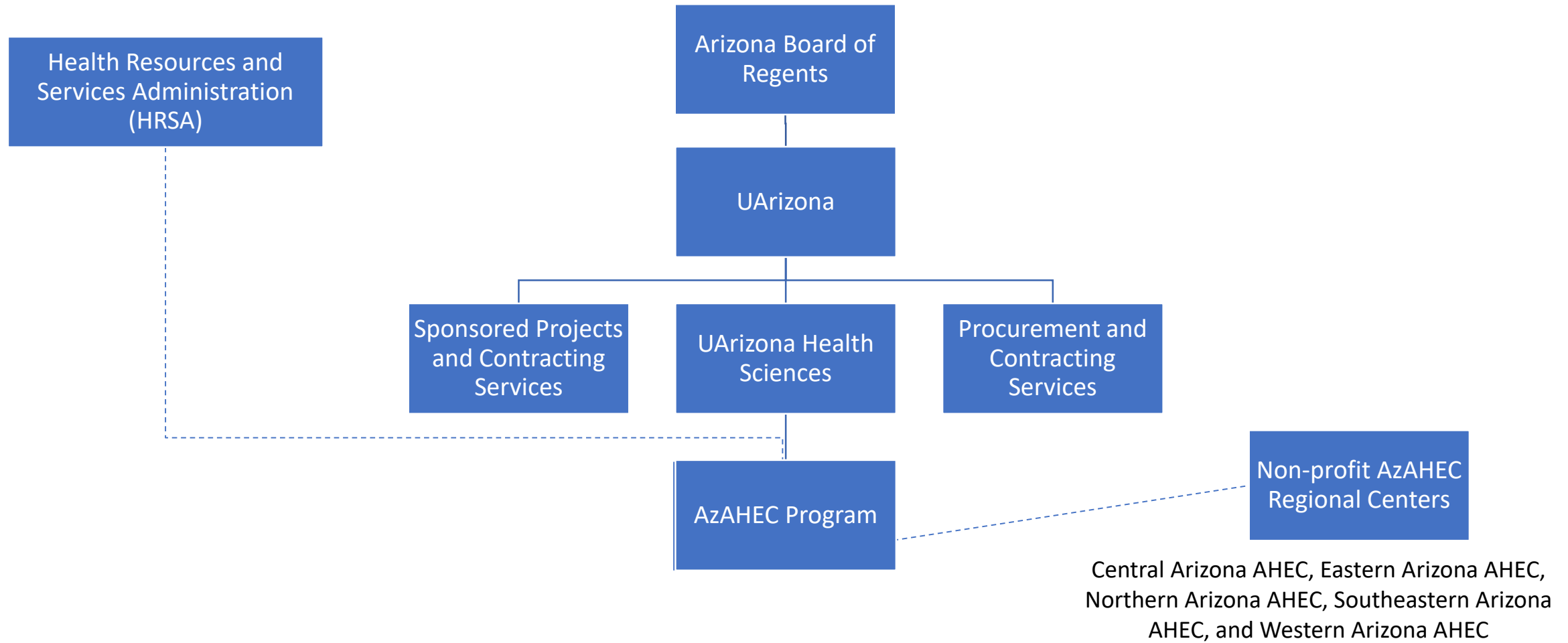
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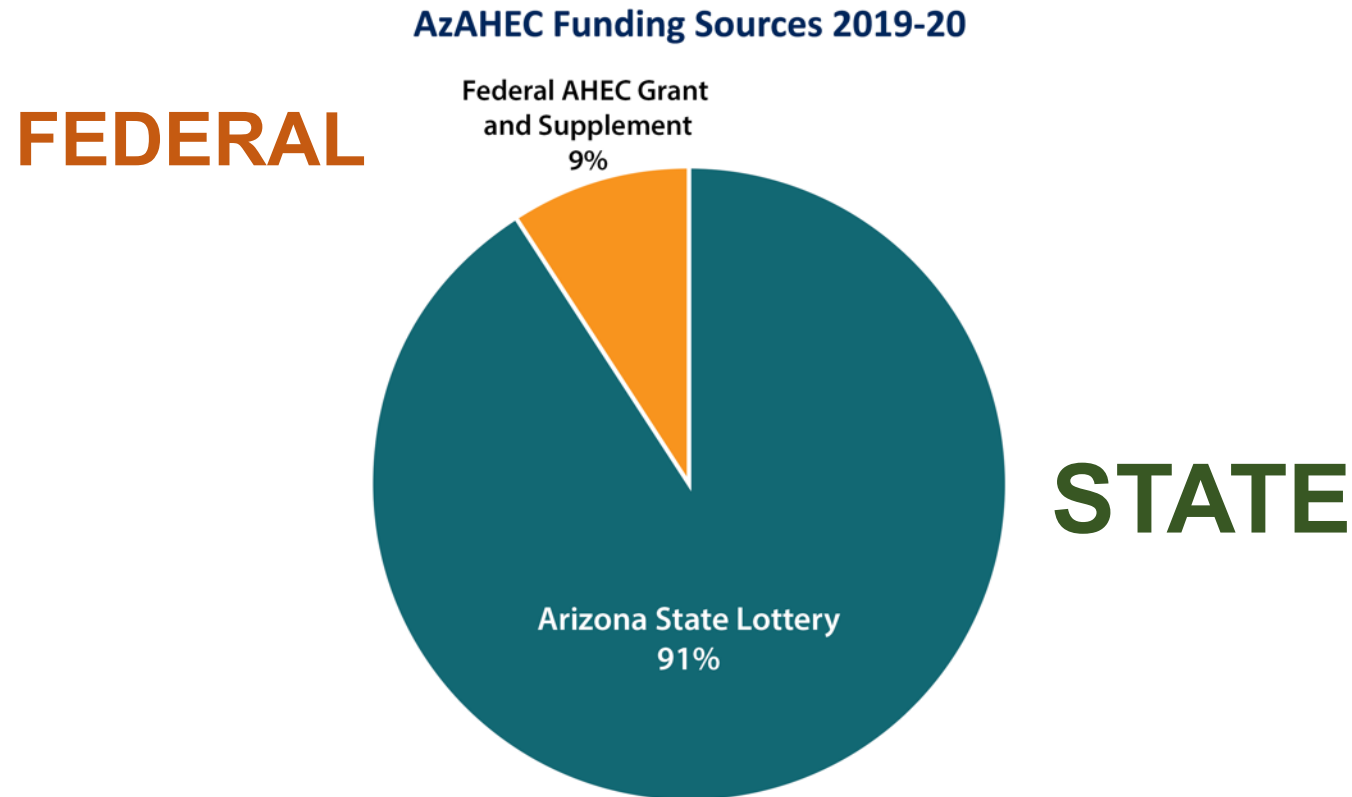
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
Arizona AHEC
Area Health Education Centers

AzAHEC Program Structure



AzAHEC Funding

The University of Arizona (UArizona) AzAHEC Program receives two sources of funds that support AzAHEC Regional Centers:



AzAHEC Federal + State Funding

AzAHEC receives federal and state funds that support the AzAHEC Program and the five Regional Centers:

- State of Arizona - provides approximately 91% of funding.
- Federal – the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) provides approximately 9% of funding.
- HRSA requires: 1) non-federal match funds, 2) a minimum of \$250,000 of funding (match + federal) for each AHEC Regional Center, and 3) that the Regional Center service areas not overlap.
- State Lottery Funds supply the match to receive the federal funds.
- Fundable activities and reporting requirements differ significantly between these two funding sources.

AzAHEC Program

Projected Sixth AzAHEC Regional Center State Budget for 2021

- Start in 2021 using Statutory state funding from the Arizona State Lottery (ARS § 5-572C) to the Arizona Board of Regents.
- Work with HRSA to obtain matching federal funds for a sixth AzAHEC Regional Center focused on American Indian issues for 2022 and beyond.

State Lottery Funds Contracting Overview

- The existing five AzAHEC Regional Centers each receive state lottery funding through an annual purchase order and contract.
- \$250,000 is budgeted in 2021 to implement an Arizona American Indian AzAHEC Regional Center.
- UArizona Procurement & Contracting Services oversees the request for proposal (RFP) process for the envisioned American Indian AzAHEC Regional Center with a one-year scope of work using only State Funds initially.

State Lottery Funds Contracting Overview

- The RFP response and contract award to a proposed 6th AzAHEC Regional Center focused on American Indian issues will include detailed budgets.
- Typically AzAHEC Regional Center contracts are reimbursement based, with the possibility of an initial payment upon award for a new AzAHEC Regional Center.
- The state allocation can be used as match for federal award once approval obtained from HRSA.

AzAHEC Supported Activities

State of Arizona Lottery Funds

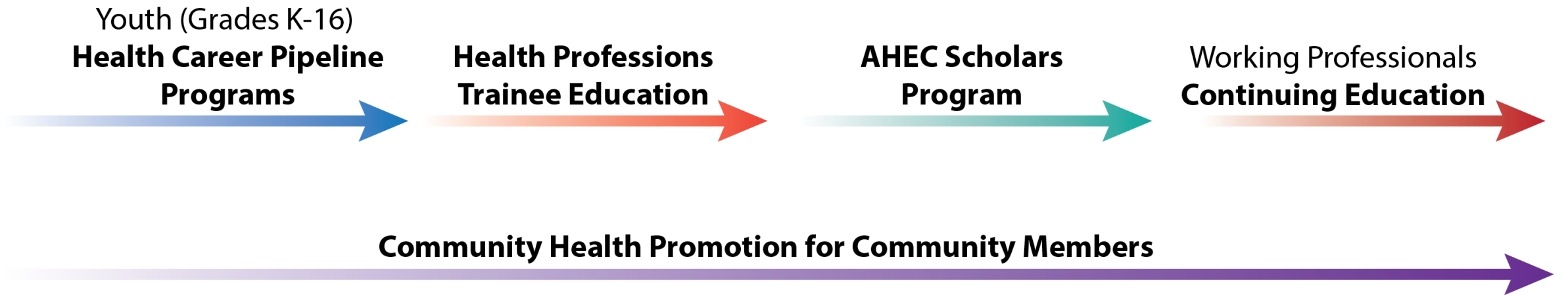
Budget and Financial Reporting Considerations

- AzAHEC Regional Centers submit monthly invoices to the Program Office to request reimbursement.
- Invoices show expenses by budget line and signed to confirm accuracy and compliance.
- Invoices are supported by: a financial system-produced account summary, with other documents, e.g., invoices, receipts, detailed business purpose information, etc. to Program Office upon request.
- Reimbursement is typically completed within 30 days.



AzAHEC Supported Activities from Pipeline to Practice

State of Arizona Lottery Funds



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The Federal Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program was authorized by Congress in 1971 (PL III-148 § 751 PHSA). There are now 96 AHEC Programs and 235 Regional Centers in 48 U.S. states and territories. Andy Nichols MD founded the Arizona Area Health Education Center (AzAHEC) Program in Tucson in 1984 with the first AzAHEC Regional Center opening in Nogales in 1984. Today, five AzAHEC Regional Centers support health professions education, provide continuing education for health professionals, address health disparities, and local health workforce.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In FY 2019, 15,762 participated in the following activities:

Rural & Urban Underserved Health Professions Trainee Field Experiences

From July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, the Arizona AHEC Program supported the following field experiences in AzAHEC Regional Centers, Rural Health Professions Programs and Residency Programs:

Academic Discipline/Program	# of Trainees	# of Field Experiences
Behavioral Health	2	2
Dentistry and Dental Hygiene	58	61
Medical Residency	47	75
Medical School	327	732
Nurse Practitioner	105	231
Nursing or Medical Assistant	181	188
Other Undergraduate Health Disciplines	52	57
Pharmacy School	215	433
Physical Therapy and Podiatry School	6	6
Physician Assistant	47	61
Public Health	192	211
Registered Nurse, Nurse Anesthetist or Other Nurse	56	87
Total	1,288	2,144

Pre-Collegiate (K-16) Health Career Preparation Programs in Rural and Urban Underserved Areas: 7,086 participants

1,430 K-16 students participated in pipeline programs including 59 health career clubs, AzAHEC Regional Centers and the two (Med-Start, BLAISER) summer programs at the University of Arizona for future health professionals. Over 5,656 students and adults participated in other health career events (parents, teachers, and others).

Health Professions Continuing Education: 7,388 participants

Participants at 222 continuing education events included physicians, dentists, public health and allied health professionals, pharmacists, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and physician assistants.

The required State of Arizona AzAHEC Annual Report contains:

- Narrative and data highlights for each AzAHEC Regional Center.
- Consolidated details across all AzAHEC Regional Centers and the AzAHEC Program activities.

AzAHEC Supported Activities

State of Arizona Lottery Funds

Required Annual Report

- The fiscal status of each AzAHEC Regional Center.
- Detailed information regarding Regional Center education, outreach and training programs.
- Information regarding placement of health care personnel.
- Assessment of system accomplishments.

Projected 6th AzAHEC Regional Center Federal Budget

Federal funding from the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Health Professions is through a competitive grant.

Federal HRSA Funding Contracting Overview

- UArizona receives HRSA funding that supports subawards to the AzAHEC Program and administers funds to the five AzAHEC Regional Centers via formal reimbursement contracts.
- UArizona is responsible for complying with all federal subrecipient monitoring procedures, which may include reviewing a sample of detailed expenditures records, obtaining audit reports, and confirming that conflict of interest policies are in place.
- Subrecipient AzAHEC Regional Centers are responsible for understanding and complying with federal compliance requirements.

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Federal HRSA Funds

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AzAHEC REQUIRED Center Activities

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

- Health Professions Trainee Education
- AHEC Scholars Interprofessional Community Immersion
- Youth (Grades 9-16 Health Career Pipeline Programs)
- Continuing Education

AzAHEC NON-FEDERALLY Funded Activities

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

- Youth (Grades K-8 Health Career Pipeline Programs)
- Community Events

The AzAHEC Program Office **REQUIRED** Activities Federal Funds

Federal Narrative Reporting

- Competing Continuation Every Five Years (currently in Year 4 of 5)
- Annual Non-Competing Continuation
- Annual Program Evaluation
- Quarterly and Ad-Hoc Reports on Specific Topics
- Quarterly New Center Report

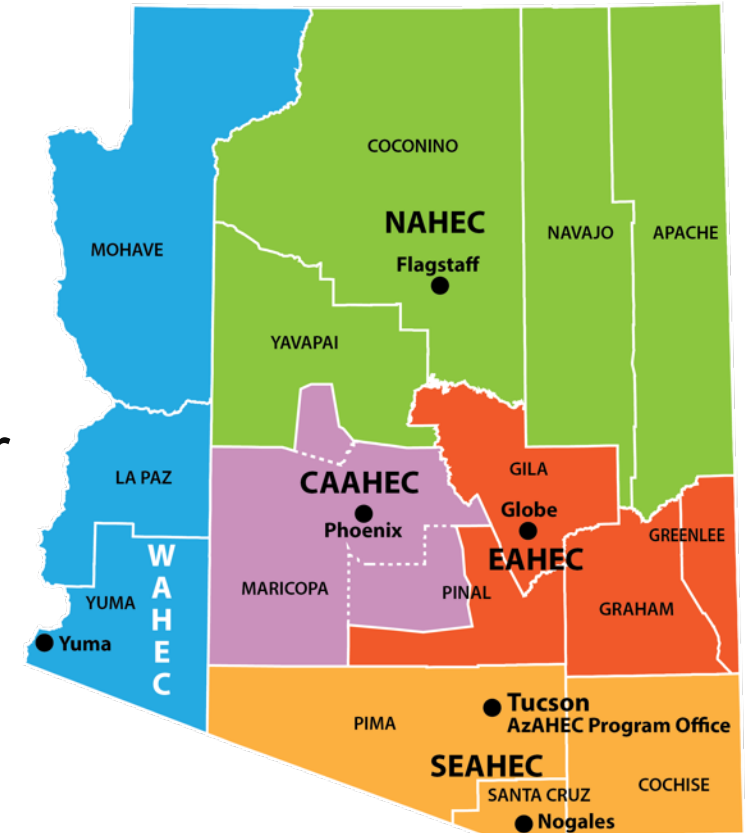
Federal Data Reporting

- Annual Data (Performance) Report
- Ad-Hoc Reports

American Indian AHEC Regional Center Potential Structure

State of Arizona American Indian AHEC Internal Steps Year One:

- Use State Funds to Develop Infrastructure
 - Propose Service Area and Services Provided
 - Determine if State funds will be used as a match for
 - a) HRSA Funding for the proposed AI AHEC Regional Center
- OR
- b) Other Funding



American Indian AHEC Regional Center Potential Structure

State of Arizona American Indian AHEC Regional Center External Steps Year One:

- Complete and Submit Invoices
- Complete and Submit Narrative Reports
- Utilize Data Base to Submit Data

American Indian AHEC Regional Center Potential Structure

State of Arizona American Indian AHEC Option Year One or Two:

- Seek HRSA Approval American Indian AHEC (Sixth AHEC Regional Center) with Federal Funds.
- Develop proposal to meet HRSA requirements for establishing Sixth Federal AHEC.