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PSC Receives 15 Applications requesting more than \$1.1 Million for the Telemedicine Grant Program

Commission expected to announce recipients in spring 2022

MADISON – The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC or Commission) announced today that it received 15 applications requesting more than \$1.1 million in the most recent round of funding for the Medical Telecommunications Equipment Program, also known as the Telemedicine Grant Program. The program provides funding to purchase medical telecommunications equipment that enhances access to medical care in rural or underserved areas, for people with disabilities, or promotes technologically advanced medical services. The Commission is expected to award up to \$1 million in spring 2022.

"It is important that we continue to provide financial support for organizations that break down barriers to access health care for our most vulnerable communities," said PSC Chairperson Rebecca Cameron Valcq. "Families seeking medical care should not have to travel long distances to find quality and affordable healthcare services; this program allows people to receive treatment remotely."

Applications were due on February 10, 2022. Funding for the Telemedicine Grant program was made available by the Universal Service Fund, which provides up to \$500,000 per fiscal year for grants. During the last grant round in 2020, the PSC received 19 applications requesting more than \$1.2 million in funding. As a result, the Commission awarded \$1 million, which funded 16 grants.

Qualified applicants must be a nonprofit medical clinic or hospital that is governed by a board of directors, serves federally designated health professional areas, medically underserved areas, or medically underserved populations, or is a public health agency.

A list of previously funded grants recipients can be found <u>here</u>. Visit the PSC's <u>Telemedicine Grants website</u> for more information.