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Large Grants for Community EHR Development

New Haven Connecticut has just received a \$3 million grant of electronic health record (EHR) software to help establish a communitywide network of medical organizations. The funding comes from The Center for Health Leadership, an initiative started by Misys Healthcare Systems to help establish widespread adoption of EHRs on a local community level. Applications for the grant program were accepted through the end of last year from hospitals, physicians offices, homecare agencies and other regional healthcare organizations and communities from across the country. Intel and other partners pledged a donation of up to \$10 million in healthcare IT software for grant recipients in addition to providing installation, training and operation of healthcare technologies. Greater New Haven organizations have submitted individual applications for the specific software needed, with implementation slated for the spring. The Hospital of Saint Raphael, a large New Haven teaching hospital was instrumental in spearheading the application process for the grants. The Center for Community Health Leadership will name additional grant recipient communities later this year.