

Dublin's HealthSpot gets state grant to buy computer servers

'Tele-medicine'-kiosk company expanding in Dublin relocation

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HealthSpot Inc. received a \$50,000 grant from the state of Ohio yesterday that will help create 60 jobs with an average wage of \$80,000.

The Dublin-based company will invest \$1.7 million in a project that includes locating its research-and-development operation, as well as its headquarters, on N. High Street in Dublin.

HealthSpot has developed a patent-protected technology that enables health-care providers to reach patients remotely through kiosks placed in pharmacies and other locations that are convenient for the public. The kiosks allow patients to see doctors through "tele-medicine," HealthSpot founder Steve Cashman said.

"We'll be helping citizens of Ohio and the nation cut costs by helping to deliver care through more-efficient means," Cashman said.

The company is preparing to expand its research-and-development department and is moving to hire more information-technology workers and software developers, he said.

The state grant, which was approved by the State Controlling Board and will be administered by the Ohio Department of Development, will help pay for new computer servers and related equipment.

The grant is part of an incentive package that Ohio offered HealthSpot in December. It includes a 50percent job-creation tax credit.

The value of that tax credit is estimated at \$424,000 over six years, and the company would be required to maintain operations at the project site for nine years.

In addition, in January, the city of Dublin authorized city tax incentives for the project.

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