

Issue Brief – Primary Care Grants

SUMMARY

The Office of Primary Care and Rural Health grants funds to public and nonprofit entities to help provide primary health care services to medically underserved populations throughout the State. The program targets low-income populations who have no health insurance, or whose health insurance does not cover primary health care services and do not qualify for Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or other government sponsored insurance.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this building block request is to improve and expand primary health care services to medically underserved populations around the State.

The objectives of the program are:

- Improve the health of eligible individuals.
- Provide continuity of care to eligible individuals who receive ambulatory primary care services.
- Increase the number of eligible individuals served in the target populations (working poor, children, elderly, Native Americans, migrant and seasonal farm workers, individuals with chronic diseases, the homeless, individuals with limited English-speaking proficiency, and single heads of household).
- Increase the number of eligible encounters by individuals in the target populations.
- Increase the organizational capacity of the grantee to provide ambulatory primary health care services to eligible individuals and their families by increasing ongoing and long-term capacity.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Primary Care Grants Program was begun in 1996. From its inception through FY 2006 over 43,000 clients in 22 of Utah's 29 counties have been served. It is estimated that a funding increase of \$500,000 could enable more than 5,000 new clients to be served. The table below details the awards granted for 2006-2007.

Medical insurance coverage is a major issue across the country at the present time. The Utah Primary Care Network is one more link in the continuum of medical services provided throughout the State. This strengthens and provides medical services in medically underserved areas and expands access to medical services.

FY 2007 Funding

The 2006 Legislature increased the Primary Care Grant funding for FY 2007 by \$457,300 General Fund. Of this amount, \$100,000 is an ongoing increase and the remainder is one-time funding. The total budget for FY 2007 is \$1,417,700.

Awards

The table on the next page details the Grants awarded for FY 2006 and FY 2007. The awards are distributed relatively evenly between rural and urban locations.

STATE PRIMARY CARE GRANTS PROGRAM 2006-2007 AWARDED AGENCIES	Requested	Award Amount	Number Served	Number Encounters	Type	County (ies)
Bear Lake Community Health Center-Primary Care Dental Grant	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 37,000.00	550	1,043	Rural	Rich
Bear River Health Department, Division of Substance Abuse-Mental Health Screening, Treatment, and Counseling to Uninsured	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 28,690.00	20	480	Rural	Box Elder, Cache, Rich
Bear River Health Department-Women's Health Care Program	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 16,500.00	138	212	Rural	Box Elder, Cache, Rich
Carbon Medical Service Association, Inc.-Diabetes Collaborative Project	\$ 54,866.00	\$ 54,864.00	255	765	Rural	Carbon, Emery
Central Utah Public Health Department-Access to Women's Health	\$ 31,698.00	\$ 20,000.00	90	90	Rural	Juab, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Wayne
Centro de la Familia de Utah-Non-Funded Dental Services	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	90	130	Rural & Urban	Box Elder, Cache, Davis, Sanpete, Utah, Weber
Community Health Centers, Inc.-Immunizations and Diabetes Project	\$ 132,192.00	\$ 129,550.00	341	1,202	Urban	Salt Lake
Community Partnered Mobile Dental Services, Family Dental Plan, BES, HCF, UDOH-Dental Services	\$ 54,192.00	\$ 52,465.00	252	612	Rural	Box Elder, Juab, Kane, Millard, Piute, Summit, Wayne
Dental House Call Program-Dental Care to Shut Ins	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00	62	236	Rural	Duchesne, Emery, Iron, Uintah
Dixie State College of Utah, Dental Hygiene Outreach Program-Dental Care to Transportation Limited Populations	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	400	800	Rural	Kane, Iron, Washington
Enterprise Valley Medical Clinic-Dental and Primary Care Services to Uninsured and Underinsured	\$ 43,200.00	\$ 43,200.00	296	742	Rural	Iron, Washington
Holy Cross Ministries-Promotora Case Management Services	\$ 22,745.00	\$ 22,745.00	200	800	Rural & Urban	Salt Lake, Summit, Tooele, Wasatch
Kane County Hospital-Cedar Mountain Medical Clinic Primary Care Services	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	624	624	Rural	Kane
Midtown Community Health Center-Mental Health Counseling and Assessment	\$ 51,696.00	\$ 23,040.00	600	1,800	Urban	Weber
Midtown Community Health Center-Oral Health Project	\$ 23,040.00	\$ 51,696.00	260	520	Urban	Weber
Midvale Family Health Clinic-Health Education and General Primary Care Services	\$ 16,177.00	\$ 16,177.00	52	104	Urban	Salt Lake
Mountainlands Community Health Center-Dental, Diabetes, and Prenatal Care Services Project	\$ 77,184.00	\$ 77,164.00	792	1,584	Urban	Utah
Salt Lake Donated Dental Services-Community Dental Project	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	329	570	Urban	Salt Lake
Salt Lake Valley Health Department, South Main Clinic-Fluoride Varnish	\$ 37,414.00	\$ 37,414.00	900	5,400	Urban	Salt Lake
San Juan Health Services-Diabetes Clinic	\$ 40,381.92	\$ 40,000.00	320	2,240	Rural	Grand, San Juan
Southwest Utah Community Health Center-Primary Health Care for Uninsured and Underinsured	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	200	400	Rural	Washington
Southwest Utah Community Health Center-Dental Services for Uninsured Adults	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	325	400	Rural	Washington
Southwest Utah Public Health Department-Access to Women's Health	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 22,200.00	110	220	Rural	Washington
Southwest Utah Public Health Department-Women's Access to Health Care	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 50,000.00	225	350	Rural	Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane
The Caring Foundation for Children-Dental Program	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 14,400.00	30	99	Rural & Urban	Box Elder, Cache, Carbon, Davis, Salt Lake, Washington, Weber
The People's Health Clinic-Chronic Disease and Prenatal Clinic Services	\$ 21,600.00	\$ 21,600.00	700	1,050	Rural	Summit, Wasatch
Tricoounty Health Department-Dental Clinic	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	900	1,500	Rural	Daggett, Duchesne, Uintah
United Way of Salt Lake-Sealants for Smiles	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	945	945	Urban	Salt Lake
University of Utah, College of Nursing-Birthcare Healthcare at Ellis R. Shipp Clinic	\$ 38,400.00	\$ 38,400.00	583	4,840	Urban	Salt Lake
University of Utah, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecologic-South Main Clinic Women's Health Services Program	\$ 32,850.00	\$ 32,850.00	600	1,000	Urban	Salt Lake
Utah Navajo Health Systems, Inc.-Diabetes Control Project	\$ 43,675.00	\$ 43,675.00	584	7,000	Rural	San Juan
Volunteer Care Clinic, United Way of Utah County-Primary Health Care for Medically Underserved Populations	\$ 26,800.00	\$ 22,500.00	1,200	2,400	Urban	Utah
Wasatch Homeless Health Care, Inc., Fourth Street Clinic-Primary Care Services and Education to Homeless	\$ 158,688.00	\$ 154,188.00	780	1,088	Urban	Davis, Salt Lake, Utah
Wasatch Mental Health Special Services District-Mental Health Underserved Population Project	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	120	1,228	Urban	Utah
Wayne Community Health Center-Oral Health Services Project	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 45,819.00	265	624	Rural	Garfield, Piute, Wayne
*Weber-Morgan Health Department-Women's Health Program	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	500	650	Urban	Morgan, Weber
Total 06-07	\$ 1,580,698.92	\$ 1,417,637.00	14,638	43,748	14 Urban/19 Rural	
* New 06-07 Applications					3 Rural & Urban	

LEGISLATIVE ACTION***Recommendation***

The Analyst recommends that the Subcommittee consider an ongoing funding increase of \$500,000 General Fund to provide additional Primary Care Grants. This would continue the one-time FY 2007 funding into FY 2008 and expand services by an additional \$42,700. This could provide services for an additional 400 people.