

State Primary Care Grant Program – Appropriation Request: Sen. Christensen

**Program Purpose:** Awards grants to public and non-profit entities for the cost of providing primary health care to medically underserved populations. The program strives to decrease the number of individuals without access to appropriate, high quality, effective primary health care by awarding these grants to qualified provider organizations.

**Background:** Over the past three years, demand and applications for Utah's State Primary Care Grant (PCG) program funds has steadily increased. For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, all of the \$2.6 million appropriated for this program has been allocated to address the provision of basic primary care services to medically underserved / underinsured individuals, and additional applications remain unfunded; in short, the existing funds do not cover the need, and demand shows that future needs for funding will only increase. Current FY 17 funds support fifty nine (59) agency awards in underserved areas, with 36,825 visits in the first two quarters supported by these funds. Utah currently has approximately 265,100 uninsured citizens.

Because these funds go to agencies that are able to maximize their funding through using volunteers and receiving additional sources of funding, they are highly efficient.

For fiscal year 2016, these programs provided care for an average cost of **\$31.54/encounter!**  
For fiscal year 2017 (6 months), the average cost has been **\$30.00/encounter!**

**Request:** \$750,000 on-going

**Program Budget:** \$700,000 Contractual  
\$ 50,000 Administrative

**Expected outcome/public benefits:** this funding will allow The Utah Office of Primary Care and Rural Health (OPCRH) to maintain support for those agencies that effectively address the primary health care needs, medical, dental and mental health, in underserved and uninsured populations.

**Performance Measure 1:** Target = 100% fund utilization for **75,000 primary care visits**

**Impact of this Request 1:** Target to continue to fund 75,000 primary care visits

**Performance Measure 2:** Target = 100% fund utilization for **59 grant awards**

**Impact of this Request 2:** Target continue to fund at least 59 awards