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Dear Chairmen:

Session Law 2023-134, Section 9B.2.(e), requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Rural Health, to submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on community health grants that include the identity of each grantee, the amount of funding awarded, the number of individuals served by each grantee, and any other information deemed necessary. Pursuant to the provisions of law, the Department is pleased to submit the attached report.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Karen Wade, Director of Policy, at Karen.Wade@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

Signed by:


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**Status Report on the
Community Health Grant Program**

Session Law 2023-134, Section 9B.2.(e)



**Report to the
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and
Human Services
by**

**North Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services**

September 26, 2025

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Rural Health (ORH) respectfully submits this Legislative Report to satisfy SL 2023-134, Section 9B.2.(e) on the Community Health Grant Program.

Session Law 2023-134 directed ORH to report the following information on the Community Health Grant Program:

- The identity and a brief description of each grantee and each program or service offered by the grantee.
- The amount of funding awarded to each grantee.
- The number of individuals served by each grantee, and for the individuals served, the types of services provided to each.
- Any other information requested by ORH as necessary for evaluating the success of the Community Health Grant Program.

The Community Health Grant Program was established and funded by the North Carolina General Assembly in 2005 (S.L. 2005-276) to increase access to preventive and primary care services for uninsured or medically indigent patients. Since the Community Health Grant Program's inception, ORH works collaboratively with stakeholders and representatives of key safety net providers to obtain input used by ORH to guide its administration of the Community Health Grant Program. In Session Law 2017-57, the Community Health Grant Program funding expanded, the program criteria were defined, and the Primary Care Advisory Committee was formalized to advise on the Community Health Grant Program process.

ORH submitted a Legislative Report to satisfy Session Law 2017-57 and Session Law 2021-180 on the establishment of a Primary Care Advisory Committee. ORH works directly with the Primary Care Advisory Committee members, which includes the North Carolina Community Health Center Association, the North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors, the North Carolina Association of Free and Charitable Clinics, the North Carolina School-Based Health Alliance, and other organizations representative of eligible grant recipients.

As defined in Session Law, the maximum awards are \$150,000 per year. The Program award period aligns with the State Fiscal Year (July 1st through June 30th). The competitive grant process begins with an annual Request for Applications (RFA). The SFY 2025 RFA was released and posted to the ORH website on October 24, 2023. The Community Health Grant team held two RFA technical assistance workshops on November 6, 2023, and November 8, 2023, to assist applicants with effectively applying for Community Health Grant funding.

Applications were submitted via an electronic application process and were due on December 8, 2023. Eligible applications are organized within the six Medicaid regions and scored by a team of reviewers, with awards given to the highest scoring applications from each Medicaid region. This process ensures that funding distribution is equitable across the State. The demand for the Community Health Grant Program is substantial. On average, the program funding supports awards to approximately 41% of eligible applicants. In SFY25, the Community Health Grant program received 91 applications for funding and 36 of those applicants were awarded.

In compliance with Session Law noted above, the following information and tables are respectfully submitted. Awards are separated into three one-year budget cycles. New awards were generated by the competitive application cycle that opened on October 24, 2023, and closed on December 8, 2023. The new awards are documented in Table 1. Continuation awards that began Year 2 of their three-year award are documented in Table 2, and continuation awards that began Year 3 of their three-year award are documented in Table 3. In the tables below, the Total Patients Served data is reported by each grantee to ORH. Grantee organizations are categorized in the table below as providing one of the following types of data about the patients they serve: Sub-Populations: Data from a specific group of patients supported by the grant (i.e., dental patients, maternal care patients, behavioral health, etc.).

- One-Site Population: Data reported will include only those patients seen at a specific practice site location supported by the grant.
- Multi-Sites Population: Data reported will include patients from more than one specific practice site location supported by the grant.

The purpose of each grantee defining its “patient served populations” as noted above is to provide additional information to explain the variations between the number of patients served across grantees. Community Health Grant Program grantees range vastly in size: from a school-based health center that operates in one or a few schools, or a free clinic that is only open a few days a week (with few patients served by the site) to a large federally qualified health center (FQHC) that has multiple sites across multiple counties or a hospital with several rural health clinics (with large patient population served). Each grantee bases their reporting on both their grant structure and their system’s ability to develop reporting capabilities. Sub-Populations tend to be service/initiative focused, so only the patients benefiting from a specific service are reported. Multi-Sites Population locations tend to have higher numbers of patients served due to the data being reported from more than one specific practice site location. In addition to variations attributed to the grantee definition of patient population, grantee outcomes can vary due to a multitude of factors, including but not limited to practice operations, primary care provider challenges, operational expenses, location of service delivery sites, hours of operation, and the complexity of care provided to high-need populations.

Table 1
SFY 2025 Year 1 Grant Awards
(New Competitive Awards)

Organization Name (Year 1 grantee)	Organization Type	Service Offered	Award Amount	Total Patients Served	Patient Served Population
1. Albemarle Hospital Foundation	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	2,266	One-Site Population
2. Blue Ridge Community Health Services, Inc.	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	35,819	Multi-Sites Population

Organization Name (Year 1 grantee)	Organization Type	Service Offered	Award Amount	Total Patients Served	Patient Served Population
3. Care Ring, Inc.	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	6,547	One-Site Population
4. Community Care Clinic of Dare	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,392	Sub-Population
5. Community Care Clinic of Rowan County	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 135,607	878	One-Site Population
6. Compassion Health Care, Inc	FQHC (and FQHC look- alike)	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,780	One-Site Population
7. County of Duplin, Duplin County Health Services	Health Department	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	6,804	One-Site Population
8. County of Wake, Wake County Human Services	Health Department	Primary Care, Dental Care	\$ 150,000	1,112	Sub-Population
9. County of Wilkes, Wilkes County Local Government	Health Department	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 107,892	2,933	One-Site Population
10. Duke University Health System, Inc.	Non-Profit, Hospital-Owned Primary Care Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,218	One-Site Population
11. East Carolina University ECU Physicians	School-Based Health Center	School-Based Health	\$ 150,000	37	Sub-Population
12. FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Inc.	Hospital-Owned Primary Care Clinic	Dental Care	\$ 150,000	3,125	Multi-Sites Population
13. Forsyth Medical Center Foundation dba Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center Foundation	Non-Profit, Hospital-Owned Primary Care Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	5,366	Multi-Sites Population
14. Free Clinic of Rockingham County, Inc.	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	128	Sub-Population
15. Grace Clinic of Yadkin Valley	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	557	One-Site Population
16. Graham County Department of Public Health	Health Department	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	2,155	One-Site Population
17. HealthReach Community Clinic	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 149,961	489	One-Site Population

Organization Name (Year 1 grantee)	Organization Type	Service Offered	Award Amount	Total Patients Served	Patient Served Population
18. Helping Hands Clinic, Inc.	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	639	Sub-Population
19. High Country Community Health	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Dental Care	\$ 113,524	1,645	One-Site Population
20. Kinston Community Health	FQHC (and FQHC look- alike)	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 149,830	8,044	One-Site Population
21. Lake Norman Community Health Clinic, Inc.	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 89,456	1,734	One-Site Population
22. Macon County Health Department	Health Department	School-Based Health Care	\$ 73,232	106	Sub-Population
23. Mountain Community Health Partnership Incorporated	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	9,746	Multi-Sites Population
24. NeighborHealth, Inc.	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	6,347	Multi-Sites Population
25. Pender Alliance for Total Health (PATH) DBA Pender Alliance for Teen Health	School Based and School- Linked Health Center	School-Based Health, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	275	Multi-Sites Population
26. Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County DBA Cabarrus Health Alliance	Health Department	Dental Care	\$ 150,000	712	Multi-Sites Population
27. RAO Community Health	Other, Non-Profit	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	426	One-Site Population
28. Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center, Inc.	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care, School-Based Health Care	\$ 71,416	164	Sub-Population
29. Robeson County Department of Public Health	Health Department	Primary Care, Maternal Health	\$ 150,000	866	One-Site Population
30. School Health Alliance for Forsyth County	School Based and School- Linked Health Center	School-Based Health Care	\$ 150,000	1,762	Multi-Sites Population
31. Shepard's Care Medical Clinic	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 71,411	369	One-Site Population
32. The Care Clinic, Inc.	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care, Dental Care	\$131,116	393	One-Site Population
33. The Western NC Community Health Services, Inc	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	13,945	Multi-Sites Population

Organization Name (Year 2 Grantee)	Organization Type	Service Offered	Award Amount	Total Patients Served	Patient Served Population
10. Martin-Tyrrell- Washington District Health Department	Health Department	Primary Care, Dental Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	7,372	Multi-Sites Population
11. Matthews Free Medical Clinic	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 147,683	1,378	One-Site Population
12. MERCI Clinic	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	169	One-Site Population
13. Mustard Seed Community Health	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	627	One-Site Population
14. NeighborHealth Center	FQHC (and FQHC look- alike)	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	6,347	One-Site Population
15. New Hanover Community Health Center dba MedNorth Health Center	FQHC (and FQHC look- alike)	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	8,557	One-Site Population
16. New Hope Clinic	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care, Dental Care	\$ 150,000	401	One-Site Population
17. Novant Health New Hanover Regional Medical Center	Non-Profit, Hospital-Owned Primary Care Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	393	Multi-Sites Population
18. Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County, d.b.a. Cabarrus Health Alliance	Health Department	Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	10,197	One-Site Population
19. Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center	FQHC (and FQHC look- alike)	Dental Care	\$ 150,000	67	One-Site Population
20. Robeson Health Care Corporation	FQHC (and FQHC look- alike)	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	15,461	Multi-Sites Population
21. Rural Health Group, Inc	FQHC (and FQHC look- alike)	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	3,702	One-Site Population
22. The C.W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc	FQHC (and FQHC look- alike)	Maternal Care	\$ 150,000	21,406	Sub- Population
23. The Center for Rural Health Innovation	School Based and School-Linked Health Center	School-Based Health	\$ 150,000	153	One-Site Population

Organization Name (Year 2 Grantee)	Organization Type	Service Offered	Award Amount	Total Patients Served	Patient Served Population
24. The Mental Health Fund, Inc. dba Catawba Valley Healthcare	Other, Non-Profit	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	5,360	Sub-Population
25. The Shalom Project	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	652	One-Site Population
26. UNC Dept of Family Medicine	Other, Non-Profit	Primary Care	\$ 149,588	256	Multi-Sites Population
27. UNC Rockingham Health Care, Inc. d.b.a. Rockingham County Student Health Centers	School Based and School-Linked Health Center	School-Based Health	\$ 150,000	2,784	Sub-Population
28. Urban Ministries of Wake County	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,188	One-Site Population
29. Vecinos, Inc	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	470	One-Site Population
30. Wayne Health Foundation, Inc. (WATCH)	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,323	Multi-Sites Population
31. Wayne Initiative for School Health (WISH)	School Based and School-Linked Health Center	School-Based Health	\$ 150,000	1,798	Multi-Sites Population
32. Western NC Community Health Services, Inc	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	13,945	Sub-Population
33. Wilkes County Health Department	Health Department, FQHC	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	2,137	One-Site Population
Totals for Year 2 Grantees:			\$4,887,056.00	125,974	

Table 3
SFY 2025 Year 3 Continuation Grant Awards
(Continuation awards that are beginning Year 3 of their three-year award).

Organization Name (Year 3 Grantee)	Organization Type	Service Offered	Award Amount	Total Patients Served	Patient Served Population
1. Blue Ridge Community Health Services, Inc.	Other, Non-Profit	School Based Health	\$ 149,497	221	Multi-Sites Population
2. Camino Community Development Corporation, Inc	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	3,152	Multi-Sites Population

Organization Name (Year 3 Grantee)	Organization Type	Service Offered	Award Amount	Total Patients Served	Patient Served Population
3. Campbell University Community Care Clinic (CUCCC)	Free and Charitable Clinics	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	410	Multi-Sites Population
4. Care Ring	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	6,547	One-Site Population
5. Coastal Horizons Center Inc.	School Based and School-Linked Health Center	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,522	One-Site Population
6. Community Care Center for Forsyth County, Inc.	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,945	One-Site Population
7. Community Care Clinic of Dare	Free and Charitable Clinic	Dental Care	\$ 150,000	1,348	Multi-Sites Population
8. Community Free Clinic	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 149,757	678	One-Site Population
9. FirstHealth of the Carolinas	Non-Profit, Hospital-Owned Primary Care Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	13,478	Multi-Sites Population
10. Free Clinic of Rockingham County, Inc	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	654	One-Site Population
11. Good Samaritan Clinic	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 149,930	1,353	One-Site Population
12. Granville Vance District Health Department	Health Department	Primary Care	\$ 128,880	868	Multi-Sites Population
13. Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	531	One-Site Population
14. Jones County Health Department	Health Department	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	55	One-Site Population
15. Gaston Family Health Services, Inc. d.b.a. Kintegra Health	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	2,511	One-Site Population
16. Moore Free and Charitable Clinic, Inc	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,596	One-Site Population
17. Mountain Area Health Education Center	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care	\$ 149,929	60	Multi-Sites Population
18. Mountain Community Health Partnership Inc.	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	9,746	Multi-Sites Population

Organization Name (Year 3 Grantee)	Organization Type	Service Offered	Award Amount	Total Patients Served	Patient Served Population
19. Piedmont Health Services, Inc.	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	3,605	One-Site Population
20. Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County, d.b.a. Cabarrus Health Alliance	Health Department	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	1,834	Multi-Sites Population
21. Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care, Dental Care	\$ 123,071	148	One-Site Population
22. Samaritan Health Center	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	683	One-Site Population
23. Sampson County Health Department	Health Department	Primary Care, Maternal Care	\$ 150,000	1,586	One-Site Population
24. School Health Alliance for Forsyth County	School Based and School-Linked Health Center	School Based Health	\$ 149,951	16	Sub-Population
25. Shepherd's Care Medical Clinic	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	369	One-Site Population
26. Surry Medical Ministries Foundation, Inc.	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,475	One-Site Population
27. The C.W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc. (CWWCHC)	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care, Maternal Care	\$ 150,000	38	One-Site Population
28. The Center for Rural Health Innovation	School Based and School-Linked Health Center	School Based Health	\$ 150,000	244	One-Site Population
29. Urban Ministries of Wake County	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,188	One-Site Population
30. Wayne Health Foundation dba WATCH	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,323	Multi-Sites Population
31. Wayne Initiative for School Health (WISH)	School Based and School-Linked Health Center	School Based Health	\$ 150,000	1,798	Multi-Sites Population
32. Wilkes County Health Department	Health Department	School Based Health	\$ 150,000	562	Sub-Population
Totals for Year 3 Grantees:			\$4,770,319	61,544	