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Dear Chairmen:

Session Law 2021-180, Section 9B.3.(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 Walker Wilson, Assistant Secretary for Policy, at Walker.Wilson@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Implementation Status Report on the Community Health Grant Program

Session Law 2021-180, Section 9B.3.(e)



**Report to the
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and
Human Services
by the
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services**

June 7, 2023

Background

Session Law 2021-180 directed the Office of Rural Health (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 the Office of Rural Health 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 to increase access to preventative and primary care services for uninsured or medically indigent patients. Since the Community Health Grant Program's inception, the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Office of Rural Health (ORH) has worked collaboratively with stakeholders to obtain input used to guide the administration of the Community Health Grant Program. Session Law 2017-57, Section 11A.8 formally created the Primary Care Advisory Committee and set program and funding criteria. ORH worked 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.

The Community Health Grant Program process, informed by the Primary Care Advisory Committee, is a competitive grant that results in three-year awards. The Office of Rural Health submitted a Legislative Report to satisfy Session Law 2017-57 and Session Law 2021-180 on the establishment of a Primary Care Advisory Committee. 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 2022 RFA was released and posted to the ORH website on November 20, 2020. Applications were submitted via an electronic application process and were due on February 15, 2021. Eligible applications are organized within the six Medicaid regions and scored by a team of reviewers. The highest scoring applications from each Medicaid region are awarded. 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 43% of eligible applicants.

In compliance with requirements of the session laws described above, the below information and tables are respectfully submitted. Awards are separated into three categories. New Awards were generated by the competitive application cycle that opened on November 20, 2020, and closed on

February 15, 2021. 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.

The performance data collected by the Community Health Grant Program is based on the National Uniform Data System (UDS). ORH uses the UDS policy and key definitions of patients and countable visits to ensure uniformity in data reporting and to prevent organizations from responding to multiple performance measure definitions.

The UDS Manual defines patient as “an individual who has at least one countable visit (virtual or in person) in one or more service categories during the calendar year.” A countable visit is defined as “an encounter between a patient and a licensed or credentialed provider who exercises independent professional judgment in providing documented services and individualized care that take place in-person or virtually.” The UDS Manual provides the language that the Community Health Grant Program utilizes for consistency and guidance on the patients served data collected. UDS language for the Number of Unduplicated Patients Served was updated recently to include telehealth visits, and that was then written into the scope of work for the Community Health Grant Program and communicated to the safety net organizations.

The total patients served data collected by the Community Health Grant Program is based on the performance measure data collected during each state fiscal year. The information collected varies based on the organization size and technical capabilities. Community Health Grant Program funding supports “keeping the doors open,” and therefore the patient served performance measure is defined as “the universe of an organization’s patients.” In some cases, awarded organizations do not have adequate EHR (Electronic Health Record) systems that enable them to appropriately separate their universal patient data from the patients served supported by Community Health Grant funding. Variation in patients served is also driven by an organization’s size. Some organizations are very large and have multiple delivery sites that span several counties. Others are small organizations that operate in a single site with limited care delivery hours, and/or may focus on a unique population and the services are provided in an intensive, integrated service delivery model. Another factor driving the variation in patients served is unforeseen barriers that prevent organizations from initiating their proposed grant project.

The Community Health Grant Program offers technical assistance to organizations to assist them with understanding performance measures and how to report the data accurately.

Table 1
SFY 2022 Year 1 Grant Awards
(New Competitive Awards)

Note: The SFY 2022 New Awards include 3-year awards and 1-year awards. The 1-year awards were implemented for the SFY 2022 and SFY 2023 competitive application cycles to ensure that future years (Grants starting July 2023 and beyond) would have equal funding available for new awards.

Highest scoring applications received 3-year awards and lower scoring applications received 1-year awards.

Beginning in SFY 2024, the program will award an average of \$4.8 million for new competitive awards.

3-Year Awards (New Competitive Awards)

| Organization Name | Organization Type | Service Offered | Award Amounts | Total Patients Served |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Albemarle Hospital Foundation, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 2,877 |
| Alliance Medical Ministry, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 2,149 |
| Bladen Healthcare LLC dba Cape Fear Valley | Hospital (CAH) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 1,858 |
| Blue Ridge Community Health Services, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 36,737 |
| CAARE: The Healing Center | Other | Primary Care | \$ 128,880.00 | 38 |
| Cape Fear Clinic, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 1,289 |
| Carolina Family Health Centers, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 588 |
| Clay County Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 404 |
| Community Care Clinic of Dare | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 777 |
| Community Care Clinic of Rowan County | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care, Dental Care | \$ 99,746.00 | 2,730 |
| Community Free and Charitable Clinic | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 149,810.00 | 373 |
| Community Health Services of Union County | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 131,250.00 | 663 |
| County of Wake, Wake County Human Services | Health Department | Dental Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 662 |
| CW Williams Community Health Center, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 3,711 |
| Duke University Health System, Inc. | Other | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 909 |
| East Carolina University ECU Physicians | Other | School Based Health Center | \$ 150,000.00 | 58 |
| Family Service of the Piedmont, Inc. | Other | Primary Care, Dental Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 1,263 |

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| Grace Clinic of Yadkin Valley | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 479 |
| Granville-Vance District Health Department | Health Department | Maternal Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 2,384 |
| Harnett Health System | Hospital (non-CAH) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 1,192 |
| Health Reach Community Clinic, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 629 |
| Helping Hands Clinic, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 713 |
| Henderson County Free Medical Clinic, Inc. dba The Free and Charitable Clinics | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 8 |
| High Country Community Health | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care, Dental Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 14,589 |
| Kinston Community Health Center, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 7,858 |
| Metropolitan Community Health Services, Inc. (AGAPE) | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 379 |
| Mt. Olive Family Medicine Center, Inc. | Rural Health Center/Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 128,880.00 | 12,734 |
| Opportunities Industrialization Center of Rocky Mount, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 3,718 |
| Robeson County Department of Public Health | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 1,859 |
| School Health Alliance for Forsyth County | School Based Health Center | School Based Health Center | \$ 150,000.00 | 1,736 |
| Scotland Community Health Clinic, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 128,469.00 | 175 |
| St. Luke's Hospital, Inc dba Foothills Medical Associates | Hospital (CAH) | Primary Care | \$ 148,575.00 | 2,508 |
| Surry County Health & Nutrition Center | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 128,880.00 | 805 |
| The Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County, d.b.a. Cabarrus Health Alliance | Health Department | Dental Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 214 |
| Wake Forest University Health Sciences (DEAC) | Other | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 687 |
| Wayne Health Foundation, Inc. (WATCH) | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 2,104 |
| Western NC Community Health Services, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 130,305.00 | 13,857 |
| Wilkes County Local Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care, School Based Health Center | \$ 150,000.00 | 4,582 |

1-Year Awards (New Competitive Awards)

| Organization Name | Organization Type | Service Offered | Award Amounts | Total Patients Served |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Albemarle Regional Health Services | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 29,057 |
| Appalachian Mountain Community Health Centers | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 563 |
| Atrium Health Levine Children's School Based Virtual Clinic | Hospital-Owned Primary Care Clinic | School Based Health Center | \$ 146,212.00 | 650 |
| Bakersville Community Medical Clinic, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 10,042 |
| Care Ring, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 6,447 |
| Charlotte Community Health Clinic, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 5,392 |
| Community Care Center for Forsyth County Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 1,774 |
| Community Care Clinic of Franklin, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 329 |
| Compassion Health Care (Caswell Family Medical Center, Inc) | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 5,497 |
| County of Beaufort, Beaufort County Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care, Maternal Care | \$ 120,000.00 | 13,675 |
| Davidson Medical Ministries Clinic, Inc. | Other | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 3,337 |
| Davie County Division of Public Health | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 108,600.00 | 329 |
| Gaston Family Health Services, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 2,248 |
| Gateway Community Health Centers, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 2,302 |
| Greene County Health Care, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 40,348.00 | 11,247 |
| Hands of Hope Medical Clinic | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 141,410.00 | 574 |
| Hyde County Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 143,087.00 | 1,828 |
| Lake Norman Community Health Clinic | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 1,508 |
| Lincoln Community Health Center, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 31,729 |
| Moore Free and Charitable Care Clinic, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 1,785 |
| Murphy Medical Center | Hospital (CAH) | Primary Care | \$ 149,649.00 | 0 Project did not start |
| Onslow Community Outreach, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Dental Care | \$ 96,565.00 | 4,23 |
| Orange County Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 1,188 |
| Robeson Health Care Corporation, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 21,772 |

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| The Care Clinic | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care, Dental Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 1,186 |
| Triad Adult & Pediatric Medicine, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 12,488 |
| Urban Ministries of Wake County, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 1,430 |
| Wilson County Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 100,000.00 | 4,891 |

Table 2
SFY 2022 Year 2 Continuation Grant Awards
(Continuation awards that are beginning Year 2 of their three-year award)

| Organization Name | Organization Type | Service Offered | Award Amounts | Total Patients Served |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Advocates for Healthy Citizens dba HealthNet Gaston | Other | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 1,984 |
| Coastal Horizons Center, Inc. | School Based Health Center | School Based Health Center | \$ 150,000.00 | 2,346 |
| Columbus County Health Department | Health Department | Maternal Care | \$ 6,950.00 | 190 |
| Davidson Medical Ministries Clinic, Inc. | Other | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 3,337 |
| FHPG-First Health of the Carolinas | Hospital-owned Primary Care Clinics | Primary Care | \$ 75,000.00 | 2,971 |
| H.O.P.E. Regional Medical Center | Other | Primary Care | \$ 77,800.00 | 548 |
| Henderson County Free Medical Clinic, Inc. dba The Free and Charitable Clinics | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 145 |
| Mustard Seed Community Health | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 77,800.00 | 578 |
| NeighborHealth Center, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 5,385 |
| New Hope Clinic, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 75,000.00 | 489 |
| Novant Health New Hanover Regional Medical Center | Hospital-Owned Primary Care Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 147,160.00 | 57 |
| Onslow Community Outreach, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 1,603 |
| Presbyterian Hospital Foundation d/b/a Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center Foundation on behalf of Novant Health Medical Group | Hospital-owned Primary Care Clinics | Primary Care | \$ 125,000.00 | 2,251 |
| RAO Community Health | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 70,800.00 | 309 |
| Roanoke-Chowan Community Health Center, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 149,984.00 | 1,723 |

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| St. Luke's Hospital, Inc dba Foothills Medical Associates | Hospital (CAH) | Primary Care | \$ 132,641.00 | 2,508 |
| The Center for Rural Health Innovation | School Based Health Center | School Based Health Center | \$ 77,800.00 | 430 |
| The Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County, d.b.a. Cabarrus Health Alliance | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 13,613 |
| UNC Chapel Hill-Department of Family Medicine | Other | Primary Care | \$ 149,942.00 | 261 |
| UNC Rockingham Health Care, Inc. dba Rockingham County Student Health Centers | School Based Health Center | School Based Health Center | \$ 122,241.00 | 1,089 |
| Wake Forest University Health Sciences (DEAC) | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 24,169.00 | 128 |
| Wayne Health Foundation, Inc. (WATCH) | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 77,800.00 | 2,104 |
| Wayne Initiative for School Health (WISH) | School Based Health Center | School Based Health Center | \$ 148,599.00 | 1,783 |
| Western NC Community Health Services, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 13,857 |
| Wilkes County Local Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 1,559 |

Table 3
SFY 2022 Year 3 Continuation Grant Awards
(Continuation awards that are beginning Year 3 of their three-year award)

| Organization Name | Organization Type | Service Offered | Award Amounts | Total Patients Served |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Alliance Medical Ministry, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 96,885.00 | 2,149 |
| Care Ring, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 149,495.00 | 6,447 |
| Community Free and Charitable Clinic | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 146,709.00 | 373 |
| County of Duplin, Duplin County Health Department | Health Department | School Based Health Center | \$ 86,224.00 | 2,155 |
| FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Inc. | Hospital | Dental Care | \$ 81,504.00 | 425 |
| Goshen Medical Center, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 130,312 |
| Granville-Vance District Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 672 |
| Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry | Free and Charitable Clinic | Dental Care | \$ 93,770.00 | 194 |
| Macon County Public Health | Health Department | School Based Health Center | \$ 145,300.00 | 338 |
| Pender Alliance for Teen Health (PATH) | School Based Health Center | School Based Health Center | \$ 150,000.00 | 1,168 |

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| Robeson Health Care Corporation, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 142,000.00 | 21,772 |
| The Center for Rural Health Innovation | School Based Health Center | School Based Health Center | \$ 150,000.00 | 430 |
| The Shalom Project, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 576 |
| Toe River District Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 13,470.00 | 6,847 |
| UNC Rockingham Health Care, Inc. | School Based Health Center | School Based Health Center | \$ 84,979.00 | 1,089 |
| Urban Ministries of Wake County | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 144,789.00 | 1,430 |
| Wayne Health Foundation, Inc. (WATCH) | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000.00 | 2,104 |
| Wilkes County Local Health Department | Health Department | School Based Health Center | \$ 150,000.00 | 461 |