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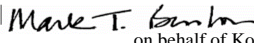
The Honorable Larry Potts, Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
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North Carolina General Assembly
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Dear Chairmen:

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 Karen Wade, Director of Policy, at Karen.Wade@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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on behalf of Kody H. Kinsley
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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**

September 1, 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 preventive 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 and representatives of key safety net providers to obtain input used 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. 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 2023 RFA was released and posted to the ORH website on November 1, 2021. Applications were submitted via an electronic application process and were due on January 14, 2022. 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 the requirements of the Session Law 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 1, 2021, and closed on January 14, 2022. 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.

Table 1
SFY 2023 Year 1 Grant Awards
(New Competitive Awards)

Note: The SFY 2023 New Awards include 3-year awards and 1-year awards. The 1-year awards were implemented to ensure that grants starting in SFY 2024 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 |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Alliance Medical Ministry, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 2,500 |
| Bakersville Community Medical Clinic, Inc. (DBA Mountain Community Health Partnership) | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 13,000 |
| Beaufort County Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care, Maternal Care | \$ 114,000 | 6,000 |
| Blue Ridge Community Health Services, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | School Based Health Center | \$ 149,497 | 350 |
| Camino Community Development Corporation, Inc | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 3,632 |
| Campbell University Community Care Clinic (CUCCC) | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 574 |
| Care Ring | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 6,900 |
| Coastal Horizons Center Inc. | Other | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 1,175 |
| Community Care Center for Forsyth County, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 2,315 |
| Community Free and Charitable Clinic | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 149,757 | 480 |
| Dare County Department of Health and Human Services | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 99,746 | 900 |
| Duplin County Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 145,000 | 970 |
| First Health of the Carolinas | Hospital-owned Primary Care Clinics | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 15,250 |
| Free Clinic of Rockingham County, Inc | School Based Health Center | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 575 |
| Good Samaritan Clinic | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 149,930 | 975 |
| Granville Vance District Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 757 |
| Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 780 |
| Hyde County Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 149,962 | 1,286 |
| Jones County Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 1,440 |
| Lee County Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 1,715 |
| Macon County Public Health | Health Department | School Based Health Center | \$ 150,000 | 200 |

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| Matthews Free Medical Clinic | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 149,489 | 1,265 |
| Medical Resource Center for Randolph County, Inc. DBA MERCE Family Healthcare | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 3,600 |
| Moore Free and Charitable Clinic, Inc | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care, Dental Care | \$ 150,000 | 1,976 |
| Mountain Area Health Education Center | Other | Primary Care | \$ 149,929 | 7,858 |
| Pender Alliance for Teen Health (PATH) | School Based Health Center | School Based Health Center | \$ 150,000 | 1,210 |
| Piedmont Health Services, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 5,400 |
| Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County, d.b.a Cabarrus Health Alliance | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 1,021 |
| Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 123,071 | 1,500 |
| Rural Health Group, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 5,563 |
| Samaritan Health Center | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 128,469 | 966 |
| Sampson County Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care, Maternal Care | \$ 150,000 | 5,530 |
| School Health Alliance for Forsyth County | School Based Health Center | School Based Health Center | \$ 149,951 | 327 |
| Shepherd's Care Medical Clinic | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 400 |
| Surry Medical Ministries Foundation, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 149,951 | 1366 |
| The C.W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc. (CWWCHC) | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 13,400 |
| The Center for Rural Health Innovation | School Based Health Center | School Based Health Center | \$ 150,000 | 578 |
| The Shalom Project, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 585 |
| UNC Rockingham Health Care, Inc. d/b/a Rockingham County Student Health Centers | School Based Health Center | School Based Health Center | \$ 89,271 | 1,043 |
| Urban Ministries of Wake County/Open Door Clinic | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 1,600 |
| Wayne Health Foundation dba WATCH | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 2,300 |
| Wayne Initiative for School Health (WISH) | School Based Health Center | School Based Health Center | \$ 150,000 | 2170 |
| Western NC Community Health Services, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 11,373 |
| Wilkes County Health Department | Health Department | School Based Health Center | \$ 150,000 | 1,003 |

1-Year Awards (New Competitive Awards)

| Organization Name | Organization Type | Service Offered | Award Amounts | Total Patients Served |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Alliance Medical Ministry | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 2,500 |
| Beaufort County Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care, Maternal Care | \$ 114,000 | 6,000 |
| Community Free and Charitable Clinic | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 149,757 | 480 |
| Duplin County Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 145,000 | 970 |
| Hyde County Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 149,962 | 1,286 |
| Lee County Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 1,715 |
| Macon County Public Health | Health Department | School Based Health Center | \$ 150,000 | 200 |
| Matthews Free Medical Clinic | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 149,489 | 1,265 |
| Pender Alliance for Teen Health (PATH) | School Based Health Center | School Based Health Center | \$ 150,000 | 1,210 |
| Rural Health Group, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 5,563 |
| The Shalom Project, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 585 |
| UNC Rockingham Health Care, Inc. d/b/a Rockingham County Student Health Centers | School Based Health Center | School Based Health Center | \$ 89,271 | 1,043 |
| Western NC Community Health Services, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 11,373 |

Table 2

SFY 2023 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 |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Albemarle Hospital Foundation, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 3,000 |
| Alliance Medical Ministry | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 1,970 |
| Bladen Healthcare LLC dba Cape Fear Valley | Hospital (CAH) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 200 |
| Blue Ridge Community Health Services, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | School Based Health Center | \$ 150,000 | 42,339 |
| Cape Fear Clinic Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 1,925 |
| Carolina Family Health Department | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 75,000 | 1,000 |
| Clay County Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 600 |
| Community Care Clinic of Dare | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 908 |
| Community Care Clinic of Rowan County | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care, Dental Care | \$ 99,746 | 1,350 |

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| Community Free Clinic of Cabarrus County | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 149,810 | 719 |
| Community Health Services of Union County, Inc | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 77,800 | 4,200 |
| County of Wake, Wake County Human Services | Health Department | Dental Care | \$ 150,000 | 1,000 |
| Duke University Health System, Inc. | Other | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 1,009 |
| East Carolina University ECU Physicians | Other | School Based Health Center | \$ 150,000 | 160 |
| Family Service of the Piedmont, Inc. | Other | Primary Care, Dental Care | \$ 150,000 | 1,572 |
| Grace Clinic of Yadkin Valley | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 540 |
| Granville-Vance District Health Department | Health Department | Maternal Care | \$ 150,000 | 2,286 |
| Healing with CAARE, Inc. d.b.a. CAARE: The Healing Center | Other | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 75 |
| HealthReach Community Clinic | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 625 |
| Helping Hands Clinic, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 1,250 |
| Henderson County Free Medical Clinic, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 175 |
| Kinston Community Health Center, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 8,763 |
| Metropolitan Community Health Services, Inc. (AGAPE) | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | School Based Health Center | \$ 150,000 | 1,000 |
| Mount Olive Family Medicine Center, Inc. | Rural Health Center/Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 128,880 | 13,500 |
| Opportunities Industrialization Center of Rocky Mount, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 312 |
| Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County DBA Cabarrus Health Alliance | Health Department | Dental Care | \$ 150,000 | 9,085 |
| Robeson County Department Public Health | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care, Maternal Care | \$ 150,000 | 2,000 |
| School Health Alliance for Forsyth County | School Based Health Center | School Based Health Center | \$ 150,000 | 1,549 |
| Scotland Community Health Clinic, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 128,469 | 206 |
| St. Luke's Hospital, Inc dba Foothills Medical Associates | Hospital (CAH) | Primary Care | \$ 148,575 | 860 |
| The CW Williams Community Health Center, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 13,750 |
| Wake Forest University Health Sciences (DEAC) | Other | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 910 |
| Wayne Health Foundation, Inc. (WATCH) | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 2,104 |
| Western NC Community Health Services, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 130,305 | 13,857 |
| Wilkes County Local Health Department | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 2,271 |

Table 3
SFY 2023 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 |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Advocates for Healthy Citizens dba HealthNet Gaston | Other | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 2,700 |
| Coastal Horizons Center, Inc. | School Based Health Center | School Based Health Center | \$ 150,000 | 2,475 |
| Columbus County Health Department | Health Department | Maternal Care | \$ 6,950 | 1,900 |
| Davidson Medical Ministries Clinic, Inc. | Other | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 1,121 |
| FHPG-First Health of the Carolinas | Hospital-owned Primary Care Clinics | Primary Care | \$ 75,000 | 1,608 |
| H.O.P.E. Regional Medical Center | Other | Primary Care | \$ 77,800 | 630 |
| Henderson County Free Medical Clinic, Inc. dba The Free and Charitable Clinics | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 2,155 |
| Mustard Seed Community Health | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 77,800 | 630 |
| NeighborHealth Center, Inc. | FQHC (and FQHC look-alike) | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 5,134 |
| New Hanover Regional Medical Center | Hospital-owned Primary Care Clinics | Primary Care | \$150,000 | 36 |
| New Hope Clinic, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 75,000 | 645 |
| Novant Health New Hanover Regional Medical Center LLC | Free and Charitable Clinic | Dental Care | \$ 93,770 | 194 |
| Onslow Community Outreach, Inc. | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 2,340 |
| Presbyterian Hospital Foundation d/b/a Novant Health Presbyterian | Hospital-owned Primary Care Clinics | Primary Care | \$ 125,000 | 3,997 |
| Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County, d.b.a. Cabarrus Health Alliance | Health Department | Primary Care | \$ 150,000 | 7,365 |
| RAO Community Health | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 70,800 | 340 |
| St. Luke's Hospital, Inc dba Foothills Medical Associates | Hospital (CAH) | Primary Care | \$ 132,641 | 2,878 |
| The Center for Rural Health Innovation | School Based Health Center | School Based Health Center | \$ 77,800 | 490 |
| UNC Chapel Hill-Department of Family Medicine | Other | Primary Care | \$ 149,942 | 1,089 |
| UNC Rockingham Health Care, Inc. dba Rockingham County Student Health Centers | School Based Health Center | School Based Health Center | \$ 122,241 | 1,043 |
| Wake Forest University Health Sciences (DEAC) | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 24,169 | 160 |
| Wayne Health Foundation, Inc. (WATCH) | Free and Charitable Clinic | Primary Care | \$ 77,800 | 3,000 |
| Wilkes County Local Health Department | Health Department | School Based Health Center | \$ 150,000 | 2,057 |