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North Carolina Community Health Grants

2023 Profile (Data from State Fiscal Year 2023 and current as of 6/30/2023)

Grant Facts

S15.2M

Grant funding appropriated from the General Assembly

120

Health care professional jobs supported through grant funds

> 292,602 Total Patients served

1,145,202

Medically vulnerable patient encounters for Medicaid, Medicare, underinsured, and uninsured

Average annual contribution by ORH per patient

Performance Measures



Patients with well-controlled diabetes, as evidenced by A1c levels < 9



65%

Patients with well-controlled hypertension, as evidenced by blood pressure levels < 140/90



58%

Patients screened for obesity through **Body Mass Index** (BMI) testing



Patients screened for tobacco cessation and treatment

Did You Know? That nearly 973,000 North Carolinians were considered uninsured in 2022 (American Community Survey, US Census Bureau).

Since 2004, the Community Health Grant (CHG) funds, supported through the North Carolina General Assembly, are for assuring access to preventive and primary care to meet the health needs of our state's most vulnerable populations. Strengthening the safety net through increased levels of collaboration and integration of services and organizations to more effectively sustain and meet the needs of those served is also an important purpose of this grant. Primary care safety net organizations, such as federally qualified health centers, state designated rural health centers, free and charitable clinics, public health departments, school-based health centers, who care for underserved and medically indigent patients in the state are eligible to apply for this funding. In SFY 2023, the program served 111,868 uninsured patients which represented 38% of patients

Importance and Improvements

Continued support and recurring funding for the CHG program have strengthened North Carolina's health care safety net infrastructure by funding projects ranging from funding for health care providers, community health workers, telehealth equipment, electronic health record software and dental equipment. Support for the program led to increases in performance measures such as tobacco cessation and treatment, body mass index screening and patients with well controlled hypertension.

Purpose of Grant Funding is Fourfold:



To establish primary care safety net services in counties where no such services exist

To create new services or augment existing primary care and preventive medical services

To increase the capacity necessary to serve lowincome patients by enhancing or replacing facilities, equipment, or technologies

Return On Investment and Economic Impact

Source: IMPLAN

CHG Expenditures Created Economic Impact \$13,625,339 \$15,124,113

Total Impact \$28,749,452

\$12,733,062

Generates

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additional jobs from the economic impact



\$1,048,585 Generated in state and local taxes which goes back into

the local and

state economy

In employee

compensation impacted by the grants

\$1.00 \$2.11

Each CHG grant dollar has a total

economic impact

*Economic impact is estimated to be much greater because improved health outcomes can lead to fewer missed work days, reduced health care costs, and reduced premature morbidity and mortality. Some expenses such as out of state purchases, overhead, and rollover payments are not captured for ROI and economic impact.





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Technical Assistance
537 Activities for
210 organizations/individuals
Provided by ORH Staff

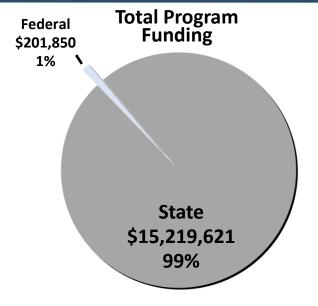
Other 25 Activities

Site
Development
34 Activities

Community/
Development
202 Activities

Contract
Development/
Assistance

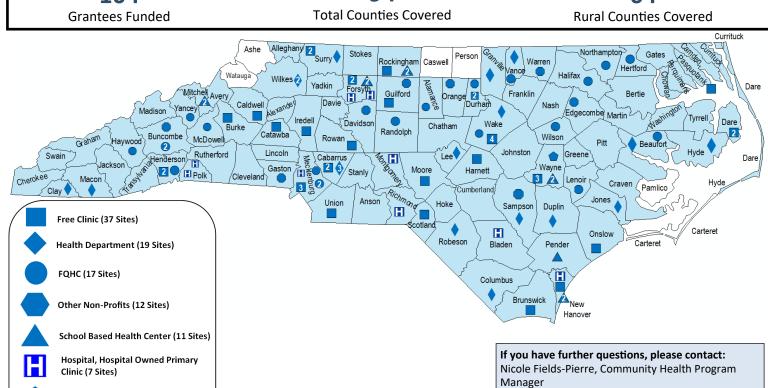
229 Activities



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Community Health Grant Coverage County (94 Counties)

Rural Health Clinic (1 Site)