

**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**

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>). 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)**

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Organization Type</b>	<b>Service Offered</b>	<b>Award Amounts</b>	<b>Total Patients Served</b>
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

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)**

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Organization Type</b>	<b>Service Offered</b>	<b>Award Amounts</b>	<b>Total Patients Served</b>
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)**

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Organization Type</b>	<b>Service Offered</b>	<b>Award Amounts</b>	<b>Total Patients Served</b>
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

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