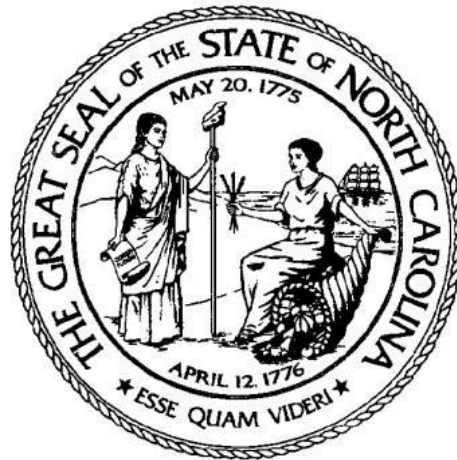


**Implementation Status Report on the  
Community Health Grant Program**

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

<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	\$ 150,000.00	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

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

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

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



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