

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

Session Law 2023-134, Section 9B.2.(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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The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Rural Health respectfully submits this Legislative Report to satisfy SL 2023-134, Section 9B.2.(e) on the Community Health Grant Program.

Session Law 2023-134 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 (S.L. 2005-276) to increase access to preventive and primary care services for uninsured or medically indigent patients. Since the Community Health Grant Program's inception, ORH has worked collaboratively with stakeholders and representatives of key safety net providers to obtain input that ORH 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 2024 RFA was released and posted to the ORH website on October 3, 2022. Applications were submitted via an electronic application process and were due on December 2, 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 Session Law, 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 October 3, 2022, and closed on December 2, 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. In the Tables below, the Total Patients Served data is reported by each grantee to ORH. Grantee organizations can report patient served data into one of the following three categories:

- Sub-Populations: Data from a specific group of patients supported by the grant (i.e. dental patients, maternal care patients, behavioral health, etc.).
- One-Site Population: Data reported will include only those patients seen at a specific practice site location supported by the grant.
- Multi-Sites Population: Data reported will include patients from more than one specific practice site location supported by the grant.

The purpose of each grantee defining their patient served populations as a sub-population, a one-site population or a multi-site population is to provide additional information to explain the variations between patients served across grantees. In addition to variations attributed to the grantees’ definition of patient population, grantee outcomes can vary due to a multitude of differences, including but not limited to practice operations, primary care provider challenges, operational expenses, location of service delivery sites, hours of operation, and the complexity of care provided to high need populations. School-Based Health Care Centers historically have lower patients served due to their patient population, location of service delivery, and travel.

Table 1

**SFY 2024 Year 1 Grant Awards
(New Competitive Awards)**

Organization Name (Year 1 grantee)	Organization Type	Service Offered	Award Amount	Total Patients Served	Patient Served Population
1. Appalachian Regional Healthcare System	Non-Profit, Hospital-Owned Primary Care Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	547	Multi-Sites Population
2. Charlotte Community Health Clinic	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	6,146	One-Site Population
3. Coastal Horizons Center, Inc.	School Based and School-Linked Health Center	School Based Health	\$ 150,000	1,611	Multi-Sites Population
4. Community Care Clinic	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	632	One-site Population
5. Community Care Clinic of Franklin, Inc	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	390	One-Site Population
6. Compassion Health Care, Inc	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	4,946	One-Site Population

Organization Name (Year 1 grantee)	Organization Type	Service Offered	Award Amount	Total Patients Served	Patient Served Population
7. FirstHealth Physician Group	Non-Profit, Hospital-Owned Primary Care Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	2,105	Sub-Population
8. Gateway Community Health Centers	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,462	Multi-Sites Population
9. Good Samaritan Clinic	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 90,000	649	One-Site Population
10. Martin-Tyrrell-Washington District Health Department	Health Department	Primary Care, Dental Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	7,169	Multi-Sites Population
11. Matthews Free Medical Clinic	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 147,683	1,347	One-Site Population
12. MERCI Clinic	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	400	One-Site Population
13. Mustard Seed Community Health	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	585	One-Site Population
14. NeighborHealth Center	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	7,858	One-Site Population
15. New Hanover Community Health Center dba MedNorth Health Center	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	8,771	One-Site Population
16. New Hope Clinic	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care, Dental Care	\$ 150,000	401	One-Site Population
17. Novant Health New Hanover Regional Medical Center	Non-Profit, Hospital-Owned Primary Care Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	47	Multi-Sites Population
18. Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County, d.b.a. Cabarrus Health Alliance	Health Department	Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	8,310	One-Site Population
19. Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Dental Care	\$ 150,000	0*	One-Site Population
20. Robeson Health Care Corporation	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	16,097	Multi-Sites Population

Organization Name (Year 1 grantee)	Organization Type	Service Offered	Award Amount	Total Patients Served	Patient Served Population
21. Rural Health Group, Inc	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	3,852	One-Site Population
22. The C.W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Maternal Care	\$ 150,000	613	Sub-Population
23. The Center for Rural Health Innovation	School Based and School-Linked Health Center	School Based Health	\$ 150,000	205	One-Site Population
24. The Mental Health Fund, Inc. dba Catawba Valley Healthcare	Other, Non-Profit	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	2,964	Sub-Population
25. The Shalom Project	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	706	One-Site Population
26. UNC Dept of Family Medicine	Other, Non-Profit	Primary Care	\$ 149,588	292	Multi-Sites Population
27. UNC Rockingham Health Care, Inc. d.b.a. Rockingham County Student Health Centers	School Based and School-Linked Health Center	School Based Health	\$ 150,000	1,251	Sub-Population
28. Urban Ministries of Wake County	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,507	One-Site Population
29. Vecinos, Inc	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	819	One-Site Population
30. WATCH Healthcare Program	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,770	Multi-Sites Population
31. Wayne Initiative for School Health (WISH)	School Based and School-Linked Health Center	School Based Health	\$ 150,000	2,335	Multi-Sites Population
32. Western NC Community Health Services, Inc	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	917	Sub-Population
33. Wilkes County Health Department	Health Department, FQHC	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	2,300	One-Site Population

Totals for Year 1 Grantees:

\$4,887,271.00

89,004

*The Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center reported 0 patients served due to challenges with launching their new dental care project. Historically, the Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center has completed their contractual obligations to serve uninsured and underserved patients successfully. The Community Health Grant Program will continue to provide contract

monitoring and technical assistance to the Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center, and all Community Health Grantees, in an effort to support successful service delivery.

Table 2
SFY 2024 Year 2 Continuation Grant Awards
(Continuation awards that are beginning Year 2 of their three-year award)

Organization Name (Year 2 Grantee)	Organization Type	Service Offered	Award Amount	Total Patients Served	Patient Served Population
1. Blue Ridge Community Health Services, Inc.	Other, Non-Profit	School Based Health	\$ 149,497	405	Multi-Sites Population
2. Camino Community Development Corporation, Inc	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	2,757	Multi-Sites Population
3. Campbell University Community Care Clinic (CUCCC)	Free and Charitable Clinics	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	574	Multi-Sites Population
4. Care Ring	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	6,050	One-Site Population
5. Coastal Horizons Center Inc.	School Based and School-Linked Health Center	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,713	One-Site Population
6. Community Care Center for Forsyth County, Inc.	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	2,034	One-Site Population
7. Community Care Clinic of Dare	Free and Charitable Clinic	Dental Care	\$ 150,000	1,409	Multi-Sites Population
8. Community Free Clinic	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 149,757	603	One-Site Population
9. FirstHealth of the Carolinas	Non-Profit, Hospital-Owned Primary Care Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	14,974	Multi-Sites Population
10. Free Clinic of Rockingham County, Inc	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	574	One-Site Population
11. Good Samaritan Clinic	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 149,930	946	One-Site Population
12. Granville Vance District Health Department	Health Department	Primary Care	\$ 128,880	747	Multi-Sites Population
13. Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	969	One-Site Population
14. Jones County Health Department	Health Department	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	77	One-Site Population

Organization Name (Year 2 Grantee)	Organization Type	Service Offered	Award Amount	Total Patients Served	Patient Served Population
15. Gaston Family Health Services, Inc. d.b.a. Kintegra Health	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	2,598	One-Site Population
16. Moore Free and Charitable Clinic, Inc	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,772	One-Site Population
17. Mountain Area Health Education Center	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care	\$ 149,929	44	Multi-Sites Population
18. Mountain Community Health Partnership Inc.	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	9,959	Multi-Sites Population
19. Piedmont Health Services, Inc.	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	3,783	One-Site Population
20. Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County, d.b.a. Cabarrus Health Alliance	Health Department	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	1,885	Multi-Sites Population
21. Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care, Dental Care	\$ 123,071	439	One-Site Population
22. Samaritan Health Center	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	702	One-Site Population
23. Sampson County Health Department	Health Department	Primary Care, Maternal Care	\$ 150,000	1,371	One-Site Population
24. School Health Alliance for Forsyth County	School Based and School-Linked Health Center	School Based Health	\$ 149,951	28	Sub-Population
25. Shepherd's Care Medical Clinic	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	333	One-Site Population
26. Surry Medical Ministries Foundation, Inc.	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,430	One-Site Population
27. The C.W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc. (CWWCHC)	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care, Maternal Care	\$ 150,000	7,892	One-Site Population
28. The Center for Rural Health Innovation	School Based and School-Linked Health Center	School Based Health	\$ 150,000	509	One-Site Population

Organization Name (Year 2 Grantee)	Organization Type	Service Offered	Award Amount	Total Patients Served	Patient Served Population
29. Urban Ministries of Wake County	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,507	One-Site Population
30. Wayne Health Foundation dba WATCH	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,770	Multi-Sites Population
31. Wayne Initiative for School Health (WISH)	School Based and School-Linked Health Center	School Based Health	\$ 150,000	2,335	Multi-Sites Population
32. Wilkes County Health Department	Health Department, FQHC	School Based Health	\$ 150,000	351	Sub-Population
Totals for Year 2 Grantees:			\$4,772,135.00	72,540	

Table 3
SFY 2023 Year 3 Continuation Grant Awards
(Continuation awards that are beginning Year 3 of their three-year award).

Organization Name (Year 3 Grantee)	Organization Type	Service Offered	Award Amount	Total Patients Served	Patient Served Population
1. Albemarle Hospital Foundation, Inc.	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,892	One-Site Population
2. Alliance Medical Ministry	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,981	One-Site Population
3. Bladen Healthcare LLC dba Cape Fear Valley	Hospital (CAH)	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	728	One-Site Population
4. Blue Ridge Community Health Services, Inc.	Other, Non-Profit	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	32,993	Multi-Sites Population
5. Cape Fear Clinic Inc.	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,185	One-Site Population
6. Carolina Family Health Centers, Inc.	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care	\$ 75,000	701	Multi-Sites Population
7. Clay County Health Department	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	827	One-Site Population
8. Community Care Clinic of Dare	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,361	One-Site Population
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10. Community Care Clinic of Rowan County	Free and Charitable Clinic	Dental Care	\$ 99,746	1,350	One-Site Population

Organization Name (Year 3 Grantee)	Organization Type	Service Offered	Award Amount	Total Patients Served	Patient Served Population
11. Community Free Clinic of Cabarrus County	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 149,810	603	One-Site Population
12. Community Health Services of Union County, Inc	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 77,800	865	One-Site Population
13. County of Wake, Wake County Human Services	Health Department	Dental Care	\$ 150,000	888	Sub-Population
14. Duke University Health System, Inc.	Non-Profit, Hospital-Owned Primary Care Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	995	One-Site Population
15. East Carolina University ECU Physicians	School Based and School-Linked Health Center	School Based Health	\$ 150,000	29	Sub-Population
16. Family Service of the Piedmont, Inc.	Other, Non-Profit	Primary Care, Dental Care	\$ 150,000	1,037	Multi-Sites Population
17. Grace Clinic of Yadkin Valley	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	572	One-Site Population
18. Granville-Vance District Health Department	Health Department	Maternal Care	\$ 150,000	1,716	Sub-Population
19. Healing with CAARE, Inc. d.b.a. CAARE: The Healing Center	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	50	One-Site Population
20. HealthReach Community Clinic	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	565	One-Site Population
21. Helping Hands Clinic, Inc.	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	673	One-Site Population
22. Henderson County Free Medical Clinic, Inc.	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	1,358	Multi-Sites Population
23. Kinston Community Health Center, Inc.	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	8,844	Multi-Sites Population
24. Metropolitan Community Health Services, Inc.	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care, Behavioral Health	\$ 150,000	1,409	One-Site Population
25. Mt. Olive Family Medicine Center, Inc.	Rural Health Center	Primary Care	\$ 128,880	12,057	One-Site Population

Organization Name (Year 3 Grantee)	Organization Type	Service Offered	Award Amount	Total Patients Served	Patient Served Population
26. Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc.	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	308	Sub-Population
27. Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County, d.b.a. Cabarrus Health Alliance	Health Department	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	314	Sub-Population
28. Robeson County Health Department	Health Department	Primary Care, Maternal Care	\$ 150,000	1,775	Sub-Population
29. School Health Alliance for Forsyth County	School Based and School-Linked Health Center	School Based Health	\$ 150,000	2,003	Multi-Sites Population
30. St. Luke's Hospital, Inc. d.b.a. Foothills Medical Associates	Hospital (CAH)	Primary Care	\$ 148,575	1,281	One-Site Population
31. Surry County Health and Nutrition Center	Health Department	Primary Care	\$128,880	940	One-Site Population
32. The C.W. Williams Community Health Center	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care	\$150,000	7,892	One-Site Population
33. Wake County Health and Human Services	Health Department	Dental Care	\$ 150,000	888	Sub-Population
34. Wake Forest University Health Sciences	Hospital-Owned Primary Care Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	567	Multi-Sites Population
35. Wayne Health Foundation d.b.a. WATCH	Free and Charitable Clinic	Primary Care	\$ 150,000	1,770	Multi-Sites Population
36. Western NC Community Health Services	FQHC (and FQHC look-alike)	Primary Care	\$ 130,305	14,704	Multi-Sites Population
37. Wilkes County Health Department	Health Department, FQHC	Primary Care, School Based Health	\$ 150,000	3,541	One-Site Population
Totals for Year 3 Grantees:			\$5,138,996	110,662	