

**Summary Report on the State Fiscal Year 2013 Community Health Grant Funds
From the Office of Rural Health and Community Care**

As part of the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2013 appropriations bill, the General Assembly awarded the Office of Rural Health and Community Care (ORHCC) \$5,407,473 in recurring funds for Community Health Grants. The purpose of the funds was fourfold: 1) to increase access to preventive and primary care services for uninsured or medically indigent patients in existing or new health center locations; 2) to establish community health center services in counties where no such services exist; 3) to create new services or augment existing primary care and preventive medical services provided; and 4) to increase capacity necessary to serve the uninsured by enhancing or replacing facilities, equipment, or technologies. These funds support safety-net organizations such as federally qualified health centers, health centers that meet the criteria for federally qualified health centers, state-designated rural health centers, free clinics, public health departments, school-based health centers, and other not-for-profit clinics that provide care to underserved populations.

The ORHCC continues to collaborate with representatives of key safety net providers including the Division of Public Health, Area Health Education Centers (AHEC), the NC Community Health Center Association, the NC Free Clinic Association, the NC Hospital Association, the NC Institute of Medicine, the NC School Community Health Alliance, and Care Share to determine how the Community Health Grant funds should be distributed. All Community Health Grant funding recommendations are reviewed by a committee comprised of representatives from these partner agencies and then forwarded to the ORHCC for the final funding decision.

The approximately \$5.4 million in available funds was divided into three pools: approximately \$1.7 million for on-going support to Year 2 and Year 3 projects with agreements

through December 31, 2012 (Table 1); approximately \$800,000 to fund Year 3 projects ending December 31, 2013 (Table 2 and Appendix A); and \$2.9 million for new program and Medical Access Plan (MAP) grants (Table 3 and Appendix B). The maximum grant awards for program continuation grants were \$125,000 for single organization grants and \$175,000 for joint organization grants. New program grants awarded in SFY 2013 were capped at \$150,000. Initial MAP grant awards are limited to \$50,000.

Year 2 and Year 3 continuation grant awards for Calendar Year (CY) 2012 spanned two state fiscal years – SFY 2012 for the period January - June 2012, and SFY 2013 for the period July - December 2012. Table 1 below summarizes the expenditure of SFY 2013 funds for these contracts. Additional details on these grant awards may be found in the SFY 2012 Community Health Grants Summary Report.

Table 1
CY 2012 Continuation Grant Payments by Type of Organization

Organization Type	Number	Total Awarded
2012 – Year 2 Continuation		
Federally qualified health centers & look-alikes	2	\$54,069
Free clinics	5	193,028
Other non-profit	1	44,502
Public health departments	1	29,607
School based/linked health centers	1	30,667
2012 – Year 3 Continuation		
Federally qualified health centers & look-alikes	6	\$313,438
Free clinics	11	546,356
Health Net/CCNC network	1	23,136
Hospitals	1	58,333
Other non-profit	2	113,001
Public health departments	5	169,236
State-designated rural health centers	2	99,032
Total	38	\$1,674,405

Continuation grant awards for CY 2013 requests were reviewed in two phases; continuation MAP grants were finalized in July 2012 while Year 3 program grants were reviewed by a multi-agency committee in November 2012. Fourteen continuation applications

were received and based on grantees' progress in meeting measurable performance objectives, recommended to receive a final year of funding. Grant awards totaled \$1,432,369, with roughly half of the funding allocation from SFY 2013 and the remainder from SFY 2014. Table 2 summarizes the continuation grant requests and awards by organizational type. All continuation applicants demonstrated progress in meeting their SFY 2012 Community Health Grant evaluation goals. The intent of the continuation grant funds was to maintain the increased access to care supported by their initial community health grant award made in SFY 2011.

Table 2
CY 2013 Continuation Grant Requests and Awards by Type of Organization

Organization	Grant Requests		Grant Awards			
	Number	\$ Allowed	Number	SFY 2013 Funds	SFY 2014 Funds	Total Awarded
Federally qualified health centers & look-alikes	2	\$310,105	2	\$115,592	\$115,593	\$231,185
Free clinics	5	617,811	5	303,906	303,905	607,811
Hospitals	2	100,000	2	79,803	0	79,803
Other non-profit	1	175,000	1	87,500	87,500	175,000
Public health departments	3	215,922	3	157,220	57,961	215,181
School based/linked health centers	1	125,000	1	61,694	61,695	123,389
Total	14	\$1,543,838	14	\$805,715	\$626,654	\$1,432,369

The request for applications (RFA) announcing the new grant cycle was published in July 2012 with applications due at the end of August. Sixty-nine applications with requests of approximately \$8.1 million were received. These grants were reviewed by a multi-agency committee consisting of representatives from the ORHCC, the Department of Public Health, the NC Community Health Center Association, the NC Free Clinic Association, AHEC, Care Share Health Alliance, the NC School Community Health Alliance and the NC Institute of Medicine. Approximately \$2.9 million of SFY 2013 funding was awarded through 28 grants with fund dispersal beginning October 2012. Table 3 summarizes the new grant requests and awards by organizational type.

Table 3
New Grant Requests and Awards by Type of Organization SFY 2013

Organization	Grant Requests		Grant Requests	
	Number	\$ Requested	Number	\$ Awarded
Federally qualified health centers & look-alikes	19	\$2,499,317	10	\$1,073,507
Free clinics	22	2,534,159	5	540,680
Health Net/CCNC network	1	150,000	1	150,000
Hospitals	7	671,746	2	182,960
Other non-profit	5	632,730	2	183,750
Public health departments	6	686,536	2	174,375
State-designated rural health centers	5	408,114	2	38,114
School based/linked health centers	4	540,951	4	539,951
Total	69	\$8,123,553	28	\$2,883,337

The fifteen organizations that received the continuation grants are summarized in Appendix A. The 26 organizations receiving new grants are summarized in Appendix B (two organizations received both a program grant and a MAP grant).

The \$5.4 million in recurring funds awarded in grants in SFY 2012-2013 will positively affect the care provided to the uninsured and medically indigent residents of North Carolina. Continued support and recurring funding for the Community Health Grant program will strengthen North Carolina's health care safety net and support the process of ensuring that all of the state's approximately 1.5 million uninsured residents have access to an affordable and appropriate medical care home.

Appendix A
SFY 2012-2013 Community Health Center CONTINUATION Grant Recipients by County

Grantee Name (Type)	Funding	Project Related Patients	Project Overview
Cleveland County Cleveland County Health Department (HD)	\$115,922	541	Maintain increased capacity at diabetes clinic
Davidson County Davidson Medical Ministries Clinic (FC)	\$175,000	1,515	Continue increased hours of operation <u>PARTNERS</u> : Davidson County Health Department
Durham County Lincoln Community Health Center (FQHC)	\$134,915	1,037	Maintain increased hours of operation and outreach to homeless patients <u>PARTNERS</u> : Housing for New Hope
Iredell County Health Reach Community Clinic (FC)	\$95,818	945	Maintain increased hours of operation
Martin County Martin-Tyrrell-Washington Health District (HD)	\$49,999	441	Continue the MAP program
Montgomery County First Health Family Care Center Troy (H)	\$39,900	213	Continue the MAP program
Montgomery County Community Health Center/Robeson Health Care Corporation (FQHC)	\$96,270	829	Maintain increased access to care
Nash County Tar River Mission Clinic (FC)	\$118,033	400	Continue expanded hours of operation <u>PARTNERS</u> : Nash County Health Department
New Hanover County Wilmington Health Access for Teens (SBHC)	\$123,389	2,100	Maintain expanded provider staffing

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Polk County			
Polk County Community Health & Wellness Center (O)	\$175,000	2,965	Continue expanded hours of operation and diabetes education program PARTNERS: Springs Health Center; Saluda Medical Center
Richmond County			
First Health Richmond Family Medicine (H)	\$39,903	155	Continue the MAP program
Rutherford County			
Community Clinic of Rutherford County (FC)	\$115,000	3,905	Continue expanded hours of operation, evening clinics, and diabetes management program
Surry County			
Tri-County Health Resource Center (FC)	\$103,960	1,750	Maintain additional week day and evening hours
Tyrrell County			
<i>See Martin-Tyrrell-Washington Health District listed under Martin County</i>			
Washington County			
<i>See Martin-Tyrrell-Washington Health District listed under Martin County</i>			
Yancey County			
Toe River Health Dept (HD)	\$49,260	260	Continue the MAP program

Abbreviations

CCNC = Community Care of North Carolina
 HD = Health department
 SBHC = School based health center
 O = Other

FQHC = Federally qualified health center
 RHC = Rural health clinic
 FC = Free clinic
 H = Hospital

**Appendix B
SFY 2012-2013 Community Health Center NEW Grant Recipients by County**

Grantee Name / Type	Funding	Project – Related Patients	Project Overview
Alamance County Piedmont Health Services (FQHC)	\$150,000	731	Open clinic in Snow Hill serving both the community and local school
Ashe County Ashe Memorial Hospital (H)	\$182,960	5,486	Increase access to care by increasing provider time at clinic and health department; support the MAP program at Mountain Family Care Center
Beaufort County Metropolitan Community Health Services (FQHC)	\$37,500	600	Support the MAP program
Bladen County Blader Healthcare (RHC)	\$31,500	100	Support the MAP program
Cabarrus County Community Free Clinic (FC)	\$115,741	200	Add two full clinic days each week and support the implementation of an EHR
Cumberland County Stedman Wade Health Services (FQHC)	\$147,945	644	Increase clinic hours and hire additional staff
Durham County Healing with CAARE (O)	\$150,000	882	Increase clinic days by employing an additional nurse practitioner
Lincoln Community Health Center (FQHC)	\$77,607	40,943	Increase number of providers seeing patients during evening clinics and add an advice nurse
Henderson County Henderson County Free Medical Clinic (FC)	\$87,439	957	Increase access to primary care, preventive services, and decrease ED use through alternative medical home model and case management services
Hyde County Ocracoke Health Center (RHC)	\$6,614	1,322	Make necessary physical plant repairs and updates
Grantee Name / Type	Funding	Project –	Project Overview

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Johnston County					
Comm Well Health (FQHC)	\$150,000		1,000		Provide Ob/Gyn and pediatric services to uninsured and Medicaid patients in northwestern Johnston County
Martin County					
<i>See Metropolitan Community Health Services listed under Beaufort County</i>					
Mitchell County					
Center for Rural Health Innovation (SBHC)	\$89,951		797		Use telemedicine network to expand access to primary care to uninsured students at Mayland Community College and expand hours of available care for uninsured K-5 students in Mitchell and Yancey
New Hanover County					
Cape Fear HealthNet	\$150,000		613		Increase medical home slots and increase FNP availability
Wilmington Health Access for Teens (SBHC)	\$150,000		500		Support operations of recently opened SBHC at Laney High School
Pender County					
Pender Alliance for Teen Health (SBHC)	\$150,000		290		Open one school based health center in western Pender County and prepare to open a second later in 2013
Polk County					
Polk County Community Health & Wellness Center (O)	\$33,750		175		Operate the MAP program
Robeson County					
Robeson County Health Care Corporation (FQHC)	\$149,991		8,951		Support for renovation and equipment replacement at five clinics
Robeson County Health Department (HD)	\$150,000		500		Support provision of adult primary care services to uninsured and Medicaid patients
Rockingham County					
Triad Adult & Pediatric Medicine (FQHC-L)	\$148,578		905		Establish primary care delivery site within public housing community and implement the MAP program

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Rowan County Cabarrus Community Health Centers (FQHC)	\$61,886	650	Assist in the up-fit of a new satellite clinic in China Grove
Rutherford County Community Clinic of Rutherford County (FC)	\$37,500	250	Operate the MAP program
Surry County Surry County Health & Nutrition Center (HD)	\$24,375	175	Operate the MAP program
Transylvania County Blue Ridge Community Health Services (FQHC)	\$150,000	1,000	Support the opening of a new access point – Brevard Health Center
Wake County Shepherd's Care Medical Clinic (FC)	\$150,000	547	Support four additional clinic days per week
Watauga County Community Care Clinic of Watauga County (FC)	\$150,000	938	Support the employment of an additional mid-level provider
Wayne County Wayne Initiative for School Health (SBHC)	\$150,000	3,919	Employ an additional nurse practitioner and related support staff
Yancey County <i>See Center for Rural Health Innovation listed under Mitchell County</i>			