

The Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida

SUMMER 2010 GRANTS

Organization: Baker County Health Department
Amount: \$95,790
Term: One (1) year
Area: Macclenny, Baker County, North Florida Region

Project Description:

The grant will allow for the expansion of health clinic hours from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm two Saturdays a month, in order to increase access to health-related services, particularly for the uninsured and underserved. It is anticipated that an additional 7,020 patient visits will be provided to 1,100 patients – 800 new patients and 300 existing patients – during the expanded hours. This would be a 20% increase in current number of patients treated via the clinic.

Organization: Bay County Health Department
Amount: \$100,000
Term: One (1) year
Area: Panama City, Bay County, North Florida Region

Project Description:

The grant will help Bay County Health Department purchase a mobile dental unit that will provide access to high-quality dental services (i.e., screenings, hygiene and specialty care) to approximately 3,000 uninsured and underserved children across Bay County each year who cannot regularly access these services due to a lack of providers, coverage and/or transportation.

Organization: Crescent of Hernando
Amount: \$100,000
Term: One (1) year
Area: Brooksville, Hernando County, West Coast Region

Project Description:

Crescent of Hernando is the only free clinic in Hernando County serving the medical needs of the uninsured. The clinic is currently open only on Saturdays and serves 2,000 patients, annually. The grant, which will cover salaries, equipment and operating costs (i.e., rent), will allow the clinic to expand its hours to two days per week, thus potentially doubling the number of people it can serve to 4,000, annually.

Organization: Dental Care Access Foundation
Amount: \$82,100
Term: Two (2) years
Area: Orlando, Orange/Osceola/Seminole Counties, Central Florida Region

Project Description:

The Dental Care Access Foundation will expand program services to Osceola County in partnership with Osceola Christian Ministries and the County Health Department. This would increase access to care for uninsured adults, children and elderly in the community by opening a volunteer clinic for access to emergency dental treatment and community dental events. Funds would also be used to continue to serve and increase access to emergency dental treatment in Orange and Seminole Counties. Over two years the group anticipates connecting approximately 2,500 patients with needed dental services.

Organization: Institute for Child and Family Health (ICFH)
Amount: \$99,242
Term: One (1) year
Area: Miami, Miami-Dade County, South Florida Region

Project Description:

ICFH is a pediatric mental and behavioral health clinic; it serves approximately 800 underserved children, annually. The grant will enable the Institute to hire an administrator and purchase health information technology (HIT) equipment to achieve the following goals: 1.) increase delivery efficiencies and expand access to approximately 400 more children, annually (a 50% increase); 2.) better track the health status of patients with the hopes of significantly improving health outcomes and quality of care; 3.) transform/elevate the Institute from a free-standing clinic to a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Look-a-like; and 4.) over the long-term, expand services to include more comprehensive medical/primary care procedures.

Organization: Lotus House Women's Shelter
Amount: \$100,000
Term: Two (2) years
Area: Miami, Miami-Dade County, South Florida Region

Project Description:

Located in Miami's Overtown neighborhood, Lotus House serves approximately 150 homeless women and their children, annually. These women and children are commonly the victims of domestic violence. The request is to construct and equip a free, on-site medical clinic. In partnership with University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Department of Community Service, volunteer physicians will provide free medical services 1.5 days per week, for roughly 15 to 20 residents. Approximately 2,080 patient visits will be provided over the life of the grant to roughly 300 women and children. The long term goal is to expand clinic access to all homeless women and children in Overtown.

Organization: St. Lucie County Health Access Network (SLCHAN)
Amount: \$100,000
Term: Two (2) years
Area: Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County, South Florida Region

Project Description:

SLCHAN, a coalition of the leading health and human services agencies serving St. Lucie County, is requesting funds to construct, equip and staff the county's first, and only, free clinic whose goal will be to serve the medical needs of the area's indigent, uninsured, underinsured and underserved. The clinic's design is based upon the highly successful Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) model. The grant will specifically support the salary of the clinic's medical director, an ARNP. The overall goal of the clinic is to serve a minimum of 3,000 patients over the life of the grant.

Organization: Volunteers in Medicine Clinic (VIM) Jacksonville
Amount: \$100,000
Term: One (1) year
Area: Jacksonville, Duval County, North Florida Region

Project Description:

The grant will increase access to quality, health-related services for low-income, working, uninsured families of Duval County. With the grant, the Clinic will expand access to free primary care diagnostic and treatment services, laboratory testing, eye examinations and glasses, nutritional counseling and diabetes education, and mammograms and ultrasound diagnostic procedures for female patients age 40 and older, as well as free (or extremely low-cost) prescription medications and referrals for secondary care to hospitals and specialists. The grant will help an additional 579 patients (a 13% increase), as well as impact the health outcomes of all 5,000 patients in terms of glucose/blood sugar, hypertension and cholesterol.