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**Community Health Centers Receive Funding for Urgent Capital Improvement  
*Economic Stimulus Dollars to Help Local Colorado Communities***

DENVER— Colorado’s 15 Federally Qualified Community Health Centers (CHCs) have received economic stimulus funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) from the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). These one-time grants are intended to help CHCs address pressing capital improvement needs such as construction, repair, renovation, and equipment purchases, including health information technology systems, as well as to create employment opportunities in medically underserved communities. The use of these funds supports activities that will improve CHC effectiveness, quality of care, and patient outcomes.

Colorado CHCs provide a health care home to more than 500,000 of their community members – one in 10 people in the state. They employ more than 3,000 people in high-need communities.

Funding allocations were determined based on the patient information submitted by each CHC through the 2008 Uniform Data System (UDS). Across the country, each CHC with a qualifying application received the base amount of \$250,000 with an additional \$35 for every patient served, according to the UDS data, up to the award ceiling of \$2.5 million. Projects funded by these grants must be consistent with the Community Health Center Program’s mission: to provide comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services to medically underserved communities and vulnerable populations. The grants are for two years only, for the period ending June 30, 2011.

The awards made to Colorado’s CHCs are:

<b>Name of CHC</b>	<b>Headquartered in</b>	<b>CIP grant amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Clinica Family Health Services, Inc.	Lafayette	\$1,448,995	For efficiency renovation, in an environmentally sustainable way, of Pecos Clinic call center, pharmacy, financial screening, and areas used for behavioral and physical health group visits; and for upgrading equipment.
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless	Denver	\$680,255	For purchase of electronic health record, Stout Street Clinic renovation, and renovation of community resources/outreach space at 2111 Champa Street.
Denver Health’s Community Health Services	Denver	\$2,500,000	For expansion of Montbello Family Health Center and purchase of equipment.
Dove Creek Community Health Clinic	Dove Creek	\$300,785	For renovation to expand behavioral health services.
High Plains Community Health Center	Lamar	\$544,245	For building an adult health care center that will specialize in serving the needs of senior citizens, adults with chronic conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure, and veterans.

Metro Community Provider Network	Englewood	\$1,653,010	For purchase of health information technology, medical equipment, and dental equipment; and facility upgrade, including purchase of solar panels to reduce energy costs.
Mountain Family Health Centers	Glenwood Springs	\$554,290	For building new facility in Rifle.
Northwest Colorado Community Health Center	Craig	\$298,195	For expanding the number of exam rooms to be able to see more patients.
Peak Vista Community Health Centers	Colorado Springs	\$1,880,475	For purchase of health information technology, replacement of clinical and office equipment, and making repairs to two facilities.
Plains Medical Center, Inc.	Limon	\$546,730	For renovation of the Strasburg Clinic.
Pueblo Community Health Center	Pueblo	\$943,630	For purchase of equipment and furnishings at several Pueblo CHC locations, including a new medical clinic being built at Routt and Colorado Avenues
Salud Family Health Centers	Ft. Lupton	\$2,500,000	For building a new clinic in Fort Morgan – more than twice the size of current facility.
Sunrise Community Health, Inc.	Greeley	\$1,124,615	For expanding electronic health record system to enable local family medicine residency training program, community behavioral health agencies, and Sunrise's dental services to join this shared database.
Uncompahgre Medical Center	Norwood	\$317,060	For construction of dental and administration areas, including doubling square footage for dental services and space to expand health information technology hardware.
Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc.	Alamosa	\$1,576,360	For purchase of health information technology equipment to support implementation of an electronic health record for 14 medical clinics, six dental clinics, and related services; and renovation of clinics in two high-poverty service areas.

CHCs must continue to comply with the usual reporting requirements of the Federally Qualified Health Center program, in addition to specific ARRA reporting requirements.

These federal dollars are essential to the continued work of CHCs in Colorado's communities. Demand for CHC services is growing at the same time that CHCs are losing an estimated \$6.35 million in state funding. Colorado CHCs are facing financial challenges as demand for services is increasing as low- and middle-income Coloradans lose their jobs and health insurance. In 2008, CHCs cared for nearly 18,000 more patients than in 2007.

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*For information about the ARRA grants for the Health Center Program, please visit the Web site of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/recovery/>.*

*The Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN) is the collective voice for Colorado's 15 Community Health Centers (CHCs) and their patients. CHCs provide a health care home to more than 500,000 of their community members - one in 10 people in Colorado - from 55 of the state's 64 counties. Without CHCs, hundreds of thousands of Colorado's low-income families and individuals would have no regular source of health care. CCHN's mission is to increase access to high quality health care for people in need in Colorado. For more information about CCHN, please visit [www.cchn.org](http://www.cchn.org).*

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