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Capital Investment Grants Awarded to 15 Kansas Clinics

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TOPEKA – Fifteen community-based primary care clinics across the state will share \$500,000 in capital investment grants (CIG) distributed by the Community Care Network of Kansas.

The CIG program, which is funded by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, is an annual competitive process. Clinics are required to complete a detailed application and agree to match the grant amount dollar for dollar. In doing so, CIG recipients leverage the funds in a manner that supports the Kansas Legislature’s goal “to increase the capacity of community clinics so that more underserved Kansans have access to and receive quality healthcare services.”

Since 2008, when lawmakers first allocated CIG for state grantee clinics, the intent has been to enhance the infrastructure of the clinics. The number of patients receiving primary, dental and behavioral health services was growing rapidly – and legislators understood that regular investments in facilities, workforce and knowledge base were necessary.

“Infrastructure projects are vital for clinics and their ability to increase services as well as the number of patients served,” said Community Care CEO Denise Cyzman. “This program reinforces the state’s continued commitment to providing integrated care to Kansans, regardless of ability to pay.”

While all CIG award recipients will use funds to increase or improve underserved Kansans’ access to high-quality care, the types of projects to be funded are as varied as the communities in which they reside.

The First Care Clinic in Hays, for example, will use its grant to help pay for construction of a new building adjacent to its current location. The new 4,720 square-foot facility will house a pharmacy and an urgent care clinic with two medical exam rooms and a procedure room. First Care will be able to improve access to care for 3,000 patients.

Genesis Family Health will place new ultrasound systems in Garden City and Liberal to provide access to imaging services that many times are too expensive for low-income, uninsured residents. GraceMed Health Clinic will obtain a second backup natural gas generator to increase vaccine storage capacity and also ameliorate patient care disruption during power outages. The Rawlins County Dental Clinic will outfit its mobile clinic with necessary dental equipment, internet connectivity and software.

In all cases, CIG recipients must demonstrate increased access to care and the number of existing or new patients who will have improved access to care – and how. Additionally, applicants had to choose between two tiers of grant opportunities: Tier One mini grants of \$5,000 – \$19,999 or Tier Two major grants of \$20,000 – \$40,000.

State fiscal year 2022 recipients of capital investment grants include:

- Caritas Clinics, \$9,136, medical grade refrigerators, alarm/monitoring systems.
- Community Health Center in Cowley County, \$40,000, ADA-compliant restroom, expand reception work area.
- Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas, \$40,000, clinic renovation.
- First Care Clinic, \$40,000, new building construction.
- Genesis Family Health, \$34,250, ultrasound systems.
- GraceMed Health Clinic, \$19,850, backup generator.
- Health Ministries Clinic, \$40,000, renovation of check-in areas.
- HealthCore Clinic, \$20,862, communication system upgrade.
- Heartland Community Health Center, \$40,000, pediatric equipment, furniture.
- Konza Prairie Community Health & Dental Center, \$40,000, carpet, furniture, paint.
- PrairieStar Health Center, \$40,000, expansion that includes shelter space for emergencies.
- Rawlins County Dental Clinic, \$40,000, equip mobile dental clinic.
- Salina Family Healthcare Center, \$32,825, IT department space renovation.
- Swope Health, 23,077, panoramic x-ray machine.
- Vibrant Health, \$40,000, equip patient exam rooms, laboratory, reception area.

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About Community Care Clinic of Kansas: Community Care exists to achieve equitable access to high-quality, whole-person care for all Kansans, regardless of ability to pay. As the Primary Care Association (PCA) for Kansas, Community Care supports and strengthens its members through advocacy, education and communication. Community Care's diverse membership includes Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), and Look-Alikes (LALs), as well as public and private nonprofit Community-Based Primary Care Clinics (CBPCCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs).