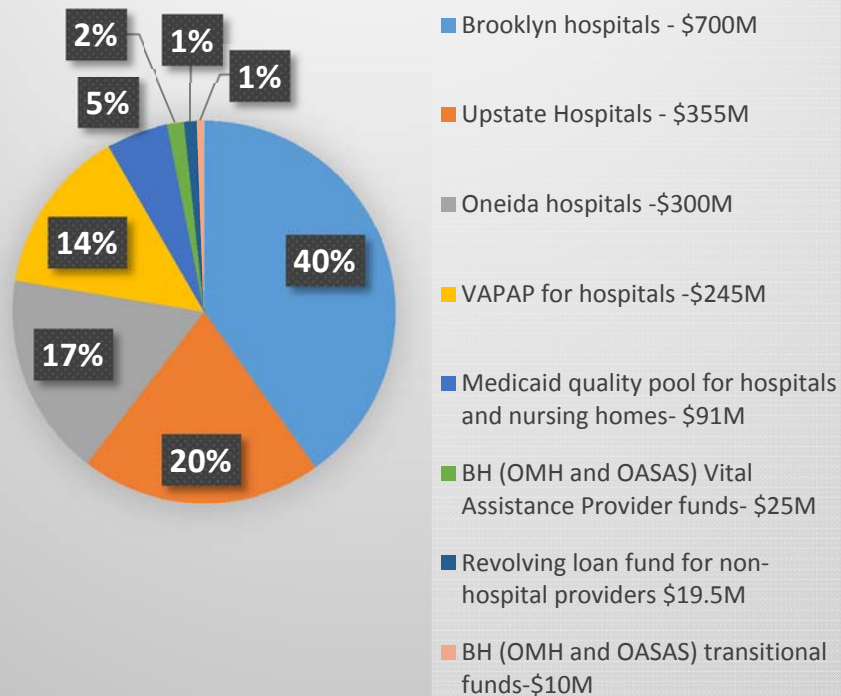


# Federally Qualified Health Centers: THE HEART OF HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

## Invest in Community-Based Providers to Support Transformation Efforts

The SFY 2015-16 budget allocated less than 4% of the nearly \$1.7 billion in new healthcare funding to non-hospital community-based health care providers, including FQHCs.



Despite New York's stated priority to transform the health care system by providing access to high-quality, coordinated care through the integration of primary care and other community-based care, there has not been an equitable investment in the community-based health care sector to support this work. The State should make the following investments:

### Allocate \$49M of the proposed Health Care Facility Transformation Funding to Community Health Care Providers

- A minimum of \$49M, or 25% of the \$195M for Health Care Facility Funding, should be allocated solely to community health care providers to ensure that they have equitable access to this funding.

### Create an \$88.5M Essential Community Health Care Provider Fund for Community Health Care Providers

- Last year's budget included a \$355M "Essential Health Care Provider" pool available only to hospitals.
- An \$88.5M funding pool, or 25% of \$355M, should be made available solely for community health care providers to support their capital and working capital needs in furtherance of health care transformation.

### Add \$20M to the Community Health Care Revolving Capital Fund

- An additional \$20M should be added to the Fund help address the enormous demand for capital in the community-based health care sector.