

Health Center Initiative

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Founding

- Created in 2004 by Horizon Blue Cross
 Blue Shield of New Jersey
- Independent corporate foundation funded solely by Horizon BCBSNJ



<u>Mission</u>

 The Foundation promotes health, wellbeing, and quality of life in New Jersey's communities



<u>Goals</u>

 Improve the health of New Jersey residents by promoting quality health care programs, prevention and wellness, and increasing access to primary health care

 Enhance arts and cultural opportunities for New Jersey residents



<u>Grants</u>
424 totaling \$16.6 million
Health Center - 36 totaling \$4.7 million (29% of total dollars)



Trends affecting New Jersey's health centers

- 1.3 million uninsured
- Recession causing greater demand
- Hospital closures
- Aging population
- Chronic conditions
- Undocumented patients
- Health centers operate on limited or no margins
- Health centers are resource poor
- Shortage of primary care physicians and nurses



<u>Goals</u>

- Increase access to health care services for uninsured and underserved individuals
- Provide resources to enhance health center operations
- Expand services to health center patients



<u>Funding</u>

\$5 million, five-year program
Two rounds of grants – 2006, 2008
Grant range \$25,000 to \$100,000 annually
Grants of one to three years
Maximum award \$500,000 distributed over 5 years



<u>Eligible</u>

 501(c)3 Federally Qualified Health Centers

501(c)3 Independent health centers (e.g. Volunteers in Medicine)



Funding Categories

- Grant funds may be used for one, or a combination, of the following:
- New staff positions
- Staff development
- Development of a specialty provider network
- Mental health and substance abuse services
- Purchase of office equipment (e.g., computers)



Funding Categories

- Grant funds may be used for one, or a combination, of the following:
- Purchase of medical equipment (e.g., X-ray machines)
- Renovations (e.g., construction of an additional examination room)
- Community outreach and marketing
- Medication and lab fees
- Translation services
- Oral health and wellness programs



Ad Campaign to Launch RFP
Print ads for newspapers
RFP posted on Foundation website
Web banners
Press announcement
Direct mail to all qualifying health centers



Is your Health Center in need? We can help.

We've committed \$5 million for New Jersey health centers to expand access to care for the uninsured. For more information, and to apply for a grant please visit www.HorizonBlue.com/foundation/hci





(Request for proposals deadline: September 26, 2008)

The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey

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Is your Health Center in need? We can help.

The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey is committed to expanding access to health care for New Jersey's 1.3 million uninsured residents. New Jersey health centers are providing quality care to the uninsured. That's why we have a \$5 million, five-year grant program to support independent and Federally Qualified Health Centers.

The Foundation has issued another Request for Proposals. For more information, and to apply for a health center grant, please visit:www.HorizonBlue.com/foundation/hci

RFP application deadline: September 26, 2008



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Proposal Review Committee
Independent, volunteer committee
Eleven members
Knowledge of health care issues facing New Jersey



Committee Responsibilities

- Conference call
- Review six proposals
- Provide written review and rating form for each
- Participate in meeting to discuss all proposals
- Make funding recommendation to Foundation Board



<u>Grantees</u>

- Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative in Hackensack, Bergen County
- CAMcare Health Corp in Camden, Camden County
- Cape Volunteers in Medicine/Volunteers in Medicine of Cape May County in Cape May Court House, Cape May County
- Community Health Care in Bridgeton, Cumberland County
- Henry J. Austin Health Center in Trenton, Mercer County
- Horizon Health Center in Jersey City, Hudson County
- I Beseech Thee Community Development Corporation in Freehold, Monmouth County
- Jewish Renaissance Medical Center in Perth Amboy, Middlesex County
- Metropolitan Family Health Network in Jersey City, Hudson County
- Monmouth Family Health Center in Long Branch, Monmouth County



Grantees

- Neighborhood Health Services Corporation in Plainfield, Union County
- Newark Community Health Centers in Newark, Essex County
- North Hudson Community Action Corporation in West New York, Hudson County
- Paterson Community Health in Paterson, Passaic County
- Providence Medical Clinic in Neptune City, Monmouth County
- Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers in Hammonton, Atlantic County
- United States Catholic Conference/St. Luke's Catholic Medical Services in Camden, Camden County
- Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey Community Health Center in Asbury Park, Monmouth County
- Volunteers in Health/Parker Family Health Center in Red Bank, Monmouth County
- Zufall Health Center in Dover, Morris County



For more information:

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