



Washington State Health Care Authority will suspend Community Clinic grants effective January 1, 2011

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OLYMPIA – In a budget-saving move that will set aside about \$5.3 million during the remainder of the current fiscal year, the state Health Care Authority will suspend state grants to community health clinics beginning January 1, 2011.

The grants – part of a state program that has supported Community Health Services since 1985 – will be suspended until the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2011. They could be amended through a supplemental budget.

The grants are normally distributed to the 36 organizations that make up Community Health Services. Together, those organizations sponsor 214 clinic sites around the state (*see list at bottom of this release*). The grants are for primary medical and dental care and migrant services and are awarded to the clinics based on the number of sliding-fee patients served.

The clinics range from urban to rural and tribal settings and serve uninsured and underinsured residents who are not eligible for other programs. The grants help fund sliding-fee scale patients, who represent about a third of the 900,000 Washington residents who visit the clinics in the course of a year.

In Washington, as in many states, the community clinics date back to 1965, helping provide access to medical care for the nation's most vulnerable populations. They have a variety of funding sources, including federal, state, local, and private funders.

The annual budget for the grant program runs to about \$11 million, with 95 percent of the funds going to direct patient care. Twenty-five of the 36 organizations are Federally Qualified Health Centers.

(See list of current grant awards on Page 2)

Initial Awards Summary for Fiscal Year 2011

	Dental	Medical	Migrant	Total
Clallam Bay Medical Clinic	\$37,264	\$30,690	\$0	\$67,954
Columbia Basin Health Association	\$237,138	\$164,387	\$228,291	\$629,816
Columbia Valley Community Health	\$111,874	\$166,282	\$121,842	\$399,998
Community Health Association/Spokane	\$324,238	\$243,469	\$1,219	\$568,926
Community Health Care	\$154,445	\$159,046	\$2,680	\$316,171
Community Health Center La Clinica	\$94,320	\$175,931	\$154,394	\$424,645
Community Health Center of Snohomish County	\$210,633	\$190,920	\$973	\$402,526
Community Health of Central Washington	\$0	\$51,536	\$0	\$51,536
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	\$37,500	\$0	\$0	\$37,500
Country Doctor Community Health Centers	\$76,495	\$200,568	\$0	\$277,063
Cowlitz Family Health Center	\$119,282	\$97,366	\$3,098	\$219,746
Family Health Centers	\$84,190	\$101,578	\$74,903	\$260,671
HealthPoint	\$274,836	\$426,441	\$0	\$701,277
Interfaith Community Health Center	\$61,610	\$50,847	\$0	\$112,457
International Community Health Services	\$157,424	\$73,935	\$0	\$231,359
Jefferson Healthcare	\$39,424	\$51,365	\$0	\$90,789
Makah Tribe	\$46,875	\$44,817	\$0	\$91,692
Mattawa Community Medical Clinic	\$0	\$37,409	\$5,247	\$42,656
Moses Lake Community Health	\$152,713	\$167,833	\$150,764	\$471,310
N.E. Washington Health Programs	\$78,470	\$48,435	\$0	\$126,905
Neighborcare Health	\$509,069	\$290,849	\$1,640	\$801,558
Olympic Community Action Programs	\$81,049	\$0	\$0	\$81,049
Peninsula Community Health Services	\$54,935	\$105,981	\$265	\$161,181
Pioneer Square Clinic	\$45,929	\$56,016	\$0	\$101,945
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	\$53,757	\$48,436	\$0	\$102,193
Providence Health & Services	\$38,050	\$42,750	\$0	\$80,800
Public Hospital District #1 - Mason County	\$43,176	\$0	\$0	\$43,176
Sea Mar Community Health Center	\$703,641	\$595,840	\$71,868	\$1,371,349
Seattle Indian Health Board	\$91,798	\$72,384	\$0	\$164,182
Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe	\$39,425	\$33,274	\$0	\$72,699
Skagit Valley Hospital/Camano Community Health Clinic	\$0	\$32,584	\$0	\$32,584
The N.A.T.I.V.E. Project	\$31,963	\$54,121	\$0	\$86,084
Valley View Health Center	\$76,495	\$70,833	\$2,887	\$150,215
Whidbey General Hospital	\$0	\$47,401	\$0	\$47,401
Yakima Neighborhood Health	\$142,502	\$79,620	\$51,047	\$273,169
Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic	\$563,847	\$402,838	\$619,538	\$1,586,223
Awards Total for Fiscal Year 2011 Count:	\$4,774,367	\$4,415,782	\$1,490,656	\$10,680,805