



Central Valley Health Network

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Central Valley Health Centers Awarded Grants through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Funding Expands Health Care Access to Low-Income and Medically Underserved Population

SACRAMENTO, Calif., December 10, 2009—The Central Valley Health Network (CVHN), a consortium of 13 Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) corporations serving low-income and medically underserved families, announced that its health center members have received almost \$40 million in total funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act).

In the latest round of Recovery Act funding, the Obama Administration is making available \$508.5 million to health centers nationwide in Facility Investment Program (FIP) grants to expand their capacities to serve an additional 500,000 patients. The government is also providing grants to health centers and health centered-controlled networks for Electronic Health Records (EHR) and other Health Information Technology (HIT) systems, and is rolling out a demonstration initiative, administered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, to promote the “medical home” model of care.

“Together, these three initiatives – funding for construction, technology and a medical home demonstration project – won’t just save more money, and create more jobs, they’ll give more people the peace of mind of knowing that health care will be there for them and their families when they need it,” said President Obama. “Ultimately, that’s what health reform is really about.”

Eighty-five health centers nationwide—11 in California—were selected to receive funding in this latest grant cycle. Among them were CVHN members Golden Valley Health Centers and Clinica Sierra Vista.

“Community health centers provide comprehensive, quality health care to people who have the least access to care,” said David Quackenbush, CEO, CVHN. “These funds will make it possible for community health centers in the Central Valley and nationwide to serve more patients and help strengthen the health care safety net.”

Community health centers offer preventative and primary care services to patients regardless of ability to pay. These services are provided at more than 7,500 sites nationwide to more than 17 million patients annually. Currently, 38 percent of those served by health centers have no health insurance.

Total Recovery Act Funding for CVHN Community Health Centers

	Funding for New Access Point	Funding for Increased Demand	Funding for Capital Improvements	Total
Total	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ 8,714,482.00	\$ 29,518,450.00	\$ 39,532,932.00

About the Central Valley Health Network

The Central Valley Health Network (CVHN) is a consortium of 13 Federally Qualified Health Center corporations that provide comprehensive preventative primary care services to low-income and medically underserved families throughout the Central Valley of California. CVHN supports consortium members with technical assistance, advocacy, program development and administration and training. Currently, CVHN members serve more than 600,000 patients annually across 128 clinic sites in 21 counties for a total of 2.5 million patient visits yearly.

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