

## Colorado Rural Mobile Health Project Project Update

<b>Name of Applicant:</b>	Bent County Nursing Service <i>Las Animas, Bent County</i>
<b>Organization and Project</b> Bent County Nursing is the public health nursing organization for Bent County.  BCNS has a mobile clinic service that started in May 2006. It serves communities in Baca, Bent, Cheyenne, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero and Prowers counties, offering screening, diagnosis, and basic primary care services, primarily to low-income, uninsured patients. They requested a grant for general operations.	
<b>Funding Status</b> BCNS was awarded a grant of \$43,397.30.  Two checks have been distributed, totaling \$23,400.	
<b>Update – March 2007</b>  Due to the snow in SE Colorado, several visits scheduled in December and January were delayed. Communities visited included Pritchard (Baca), McClave and Hasty (Bent), Sheridan Lake (Cheyenne), Eads (Kiowa), Granada (Prowers), Kim (Las Animas), and Manzanola (Otero).  Services included blood work, BP checks, dressing changes, women;’ and men’s health exams, and sport physicals. For uninsured, they offer screening for cardiovascular disease, cancer or pulmonary disease though the CCPD grant. They serve a lot of hypertensive patients, diabetic patients and patient’s with lipedemia problems.  They currently have 31 regular clients.  Challenges, other than the weather, include the increased price of gasoline.  A calendar of upcoming site visits was provided.	