

Colorado Rural Mobile Health Project Project Summary

Name of Applicant:

Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc.
Alamosa, Alamosa County

Organization and Project

Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. is a private, non-profit 501(c) (3) Community/Migrant health Center (C/MCH) serving 18 counties in southern Colorado since 1976, including a Farmworker Health Service Program (FWHS) that provides vouchers to patients in areas of the state that do not house C/MHCs. Valley wide provides services in three distinct rural regions of the state (Arkansas Valley-AV, San Luis Valley-SLV, and the Southwest Corner) through 14 primary health and six oral healthcare sites.

Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. (Valley-Wide) proposes to purchase a Mobile health Clinic unit to help expand and improve comprehensive healthcare services to vulnerable populations (described below), who are not currently linked to the traditional healthcare system.

Target populations will include clients of the homeless shelter, corrections residents, senior citizen center, agricultural warehouse workers and farm laborers, residents of low-income housing units and head start sites. Services will focus on those at highest risk including the uninsured, underinsured, low-income, and medically underserved, with a particular emphasis for those in remote areas and/or with transportation barriers in Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache.

Funding Status

VWHS was awarded \$250,000 for the purchase of the mobile unit, which is priced at \$350,000.

A check for \$250,000 was distributed within 30 days of the purchase of the unit.

Update – June 2007

VWHS will be conducting the final inspection in the factory on 5/1. The unit will then be driven to Alamosa for delivery on 5/5.

The mobile unit was finally delivered on June 3rd.