

Colorado Rural Health Care

GRANT PROGRAM



FINAL REPORT TEMPLATE

This form must be signed and returned with the Grant Report Narrative. Please complete and return this report by June 30, 2010. No further grant requests from your organization can be considered until this report has been completed and returned.

Name of organization reporting: Peak Vista Community Health Centers

Dates covered by this grant: from 7-1-09 to 6/30/10

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Amount of Grant: \$50,000

Purpose of Grant: To purchase clinical equipment and fund IT/EHR Infrastructure in the proposed renovation of the Mountain Health Center, a school-based clinic in Cripple Creek, CO.

I. NARRATIVE (maximum of 3 pages, exclusive of photographs and testimonials)

A. Results/Outcomes

1. Please describe the progress made toward the stated goals and objectives related to this specific grant.

During the 2009-10 Colorado Rural Health Care grant cycle, Peak Vista Community Health Centers and Cripple Creek Victor School District (CCV) received \$50,000 for clinical equipment and IT/EHR Infrastructure for the Mountain Health Center (MHC). The school-based clinic is temporarily located in a small office space shared with the school nurse with the expectation it would have a new permanent home by the start of the 2009-2010 school year. Unfortunately, unexpected changes and fundraising have caused this project to be put on hold until August 2011. We have returned the grant monies because the revised timeline made it impossible for us to fulfill the grant on time.

Construction of the new MHC is scheduled for August 2011 so they are open for business by the second semester. The initial proposal was to purchase a modular unit to be located on school grounds. Further discussions have led to a better plan to build a site connected to the school building while also allowing the clinic to have a private entrance. This change resulted in an improved setting and reduction of other infrastructure costs associated with the modular, like building an access road. Once these changes were finalized, the CCV School District determined the project could not begin until all the required funds were raised. Peak Vista and CCV are diligently working to raise these funds by the targeted start date of August 2011.

The proposed 2,569 sq. ft. addition will provide dedicated, customized space for MHC, expanding the current services offered. The new space will have three exam rooms and room for health education classes, behavioral health groups or individual visits. A separate entrance will encourage the older students to utilize the clinic. The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile will continue to provide dental visits until a second phase expansion for onsite dental services. With all services housed together, we can provide comprehensive and coordinated care not currently possible.

Preparation and plans for the project have begun, and fundraising has commenced. Direct contributions to the construction project include the use of CCV land adjoining the Cresson gym, and the City waived sewer and tap fees. A private consultant provided \$30,000 in-kind services for the architectural drawings.

2. What difference did this grant make in your community or neighborhood and for the population you are serving?

MHC is staffed by a Physician Assistant and a Medical Assistant, employees of Peak Vista, and by the School Nurse. As they are consistently filling appointments, we will expand operating hours from two to three days next school year.

Despite its cramped space, the clinic has made a difference in the community, providing primary medical care to students and their siblings, ages 0-21. During this current school year (2009-10), 343 unduplicated patients have been treated in 557 visits. Over 50% have no health insurance, 30% are on Medicaid, and 51% live below the poverty level. Almost 30% of the children are eligible but not enrolled in CHP+. The Care Mobile has made 8 visits since May 2009, providing 129 dental visits. Two

contracted mental health professionals and Pikes Peak Behavioral Health provided 584 various behavioral health counseling sessions, including those for individuals, families, and groups. The mental health needs have been much greater than anticipated with approximately 75% of the patients accessing behavioral health services.

- 3. Describe collaborations, if any, related to the work funded by this grant and how it impacted your efforts.

Preliminary planning and implementation funding for school-based clinics came from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and a three-year operating grant was received from The Colorado Trust. MHC also has substantial support within the community, including the Teller County Health Department, the City of Cripple Creek, and the Community of Caring at the Aspen Mine Center. Here, 27 different social service agencies have formed a "one stop shop" to address issues, ranging from commodities distribution to job searches to domestic violence prevention.

CCV has also enlisted various fiscal partnerships: Pikes Peak Rotary Club gave \$30,000 towards dental care, the Anglo Gold Mining Company donated \$2,500 and \$750 came from the City for the prescription fund.

B. Photographs and Testimonials

- 1. Please provide any photographs or testimonials that demonstrate the impact the project has had on the community.

See attachment 1 for a copy of the floor plans for the new MHC.

- 2. Please provide an example of a success story that demonstrates the benefit of the project to your community.

At a recent event at Cresson Elementary, Peak Vista Outreach staff attended to encourage use of MHC. They were surprised to find that the majority of parents and students they talked to already used MHC or our clinic in Divide. This is also evidence by the need to add an additional day at the clinic during the next school year.

C. Future Plans

- 1. What are the plans for sustaining the impact of the use of these funds?

Because this funding was for one time equipment costs, no additional funding will be needed to sustain. The long term maintenance will be part of our clinic's operating budget. We will apply next year for grant funding to purchase this equipment and IT installation, as we were not able to complete the project by the end of this grant term.

- 2. What plans do you have to communicate your outcomes and lessons learned with others?

We share our collected data through Colorado's SNIMS (Safety Net and Monitoring System). We also use the data internally for assessment of how school based health centers are doing and for improving the process for creation of new centers.

- 3. If you have identified areas where increased collaboration between organizations or sectors would lead to increased positive outcomes for your constituents, briefly describe your ideas.

Peak Vista will continue to collaborate with CCV school district to make this project a success. The community has been great supporters of the clinic and we will continue to build on this during the construction of the new site.

D. Other Comments

- 1. Please share with us any recommendations you have for our grant making or reporting process.

CRHC staff has been very helpful through this grant process. The process and is very user friendly and the staff is always available to answer questions. We do not have any recommendations for change at this time.

II. FINANCIALS

- 1. Please provide income and expenditure information compared to the approved budget for that project or program. If there are any major variances, please explain.

See Attachment 2 for final budget information. The budget is the same as our originally submitted project budget. Costs so far have not altered but we were unable to expend any of the funding. The grant funding has been returned with this report in the form of a check.

