

Colorado Rural Health Care

GRANT PROGRAM



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\$2 MILLION IN GRANTS TO SUPPORT RURAL HEALTH CARE **Grants part of six-year, \$7.5 million program funded by** **UnitedHealthcare**

DENVER (June 14, 2011) - Today the Colorado Rural Health Care Grant Council awarded \$2.035 million in its fourth round of grant funding to strengthen health care delivery in rural communities. The Council awarded 54 grants ranging from \$8,000 to \$50,000 to physical, mental and oral health care providers in 42 counties (see attached list of grantees).

The Colorado Rural Health Care Grant Program was established in August 2007 and funded with \$7.5 million from UnitedHealthcare. The grants are being distributed over six years.

Grantees annually include Certified Rural Health Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, public health departments, public and private health clinics, oral health clinics and mental health clinics. The grants will support various health initiatives, including health information technology, construction and remodeling projects, equipment, and staff training.

This year, several of the grants will go toward expanding the use of health information technology to improve coordination between hospitals and physician practices. For example, Chaffee People's Clinic



in Salida and Buena Vista will use a \$50,000 grant to increase its capacity to provide primary care. By implementing a health information technology project that includes an electronic medical records component, the grant will improve access to care for the uninsured residents of Chaffee County.

“As we continue toward our goal of providing access to high quality, affordable health care to all Coloradans, it is critical that we support our rural communities,” Gov. John Hickenlooper said. “These investments will have a significant impact on care and on people’s lives from Julesburg to Durango.”

“UnitedHealthcare is committed to investing in a healthier Colorado and expanding quality health care services to rural communities throughout the state,” said Beth Soberg, president and CEO, UnitedHealthcare of Colorado. “By supporting community organizations serving rural Colorado, together we are able to address the critical needs of the underserved population and help improve the health care delivery system statewide.”

The Colorado Rural Health Care Grant Council is co-chaired by UnitedHealthcare’s Vice President of Health Care Strategies, Dr. Jacqueline Stiff, and the Director of the Colorado Primary Care Office, Mr. Stephen Holloway. The board includes health care consumers, rural health care providers, and representatives from the Governor’s Office, Division of Insurance at the Department of Regulatory Agencies, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, and Department of Local Affairs.

The Colorado Rural Health Center, Colorado’s non-profit state office of rural health, administers the grant program.

About UnitedHealthcare

UnitedHealthcare is dedicated to helping people nationwide live healthier lives by simplifying the health care experience, meeting consumer health and wellness needs, and sustaining trusted relationships with care providers. The company offers the full spectrum of health benefit programs for individuals, employers and Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, and contracts



directly with more than 650,000 physicians and care professionals and 5,000 hospitals nationwide. UnitedHealthcare serves more than 37 million people and is one of the businesses of UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH), a diversified Fortune 50 health and well-being company.

About The Colorado Rural Health Center

CRHC was founded in 1991 as Colorado's nonprofit State Office of Rural Health. CRHC works with Federal, state and local partners to offer services and resources to rural healthcare providers, facilities and communities. CRHC has a diverse and inclusive statewide constituency of over 3,500 people and organizations. For more on the Colorado Rural Health Center call 303-832-7493 or visit www.coruralhealth.org.

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2011 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Facility	City	County	Grant Award
Alternatives, Beliefs & Choices Counseling Center	Fort Morgan	Morgan	\$39,464.89
Aspen Hope Center	Aspen	Pitkin	\$20,073.00
Basin Clinic	Naturita	Montrose	\$49,855.00
Burlington Family Dentistry	Burlington	Kit Carson	\$50,000.00
Chaffee People's Clinic	Salida	Chaffee	\$50,000.00
Clear Creek County Public and Environmental Health	Georgetown	Clear Creek	\$24,515.00
Community Health Clinic	Dove Creek	Dolores	\$17,409.00
Craig Mental Health Center	Craig	Moffat	\$8,000.00
Cripple Creek Victor Mountain Health Center	Cripple Creek	Teller	\$50,000.00
Custer County Medical Center	Westcliffe	Custer	\$44,364.00
Eastern Plains Medical Clinic of Calhan	Calhan	El Paso	\$50,000.00
Family Medical Clinic	Estes Park	Larimer	\$44,700.00
Gilpin County Public Health Agency	Black Hawk	Gilpin	\$26,457.00
Gordon Clinic	Hugo	Lincoln	\$37,187.75
Gunnison Valley Family Physicians	Gunnison	Gunnison	\$33,212.81
Haxtun Family Medicine Center	Haxtun	Phillips	\$36,381.33
High Plains Community Health Center	Lamar	Prowers	\$50,000.00
InspirationField	La Junta	Otero	\$50,000.00
La Jara Medical Clinic	La Jara	Conejos	\$24,782.00
Lake City Area Medical Center	Lake City	Hinsdale	\$49,976.22
Prowers Medical Group – Las Animas Family Practice	Las Animas	Bent	\$45,958.28
Meeker Family Health Center	Meeker	Rio Blanco	\$23,188.00
Mineral County Public Health Dental Program	Creede	Mineral	\$13,000.00
Mountain Family Health Centers – Glenwood Springs	Glenwood Springs	Garfield	\$48,862.00
Mountain Medical Center, LLC	Ridgway	Ouray	\$44,616.00
Mountain Medical Center, PC	Buena Vista	Chaffee	\$35,893.43
Mountain Resource Center	Conifer	Jefferson	\$14,300.00

Mt. San Rafael Clinic	Trinidad	Las Animas	\$50,000.00
Needlerock Family Health Clinic	Crawford	Delta	\$50,000.00
North Vista Medical Center	Firestone	Weld	\$50,000.00
Northeast Colorado Health Department	Fort Morgan	Morgan	\$46,718.52
Northwest Colorado Community Health Center	Craig	Moffat	\$17,000.00
Olathe Medical Clinic	Olathe	Montrose	\$49,075.00
Ouray Family Medicine	Ouray	Ouray	\$33,240.00
Parke Health Center	Burlington	Kit Carson	\$19,466.64
Physician Services Clinic	Alamosa	Alamosa	\$49,266.00
Plains Medical Center	Limon	Lincoln	\$33,495.00
Preventive Family Dental Hygiene	Burlington	Kit Carson	\$24,058.02
Rio Grande Hospital Rural Health Clinic	Del Norte	Rio Grande	\$43,500.00
Rural Communities Resource Center	Yuma	Yuma	\$25,990.00
Saguache County Clinic	Saguache	Saguache	\$49,935.00
Salud Family Health Centers	Fort Morgan	Morgan	\$50,000.00
San Juan Basin Health Department	Durango	La Plata	\$49,998.00
San Luis Valley Community Mental Health Center	Alamosa	Alamosa	\$28,500.00
Silverton Clinic	Silverton	San Juan	\$50,000.00
South Park Medical Care	Fairplay	Park	\$37,850.00
South Routt Medical Center	Oak Creek	Routt	\$49,459.74
Southeast Colorado Physicians Clinic	Springfield	Baca	\$14,688.90
Southwest Memorial Primary Care	Cortez	Montezuma	\$49,200.00
Spanish Peaks Mental Health - Trinidad	Trinidad	Las Animas	\$40,625.00
Spanish Peaks Mental Health - Walsenberg	Walsenberg	Huerfano	\$46,869.00
Summit Community Care Clinic	Frisco	Summit	\$44,000.00
The Midwife	Del Norte	Rio Grande	\$12,095.00
Valley Medical Clinic	Julesburg	Sedgwick	\$38,074.00
		TOTAL	\$2,035,299.53