

News from the Wyoming Department of Health

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New Primary Care Grant Program Taking Applications

Encouraging increased access to effective primary care in Wyoming communities is the goal of a new Wyoming Department of Health grant opportunity.

The Primary Care Support Grant Program is designed to help communities fulfill unmet healthcare needs by providing funds to new and existing Community Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics. The grants can be used for one-time start-up costs for new clinics, or to allow existing clinics to expand, initiate new services, or comply with quality criteria.

“We know that access to quality medical care is not as robust as we would like in several areas of Wyoming,” said Keri Wagner, program specialist in the Wyoming Department of Health’s Office of Rural Health. “It’s our hope that community leaders will consider this grant as a first step to open more doors to primary care providers and encourage local residents to help take care of their health.”

The Wyoming Primary Care Association will serve as a partner for the grant’s administration. Patrick Monahan, the association’s executive director, said “Based on our work to improve primary care in Wyoming, we know there are many communities that could benefit from this grant to increase access to healthcare for their residents.”

The grant program has \$1 million in state funds available; funds will be awarded to one or more applicants on a competitive basis. A 25 percent cash or in-kind community match is required, along with a letter of support from the respective county commission.

The request for proposals period will close on May 31. The grant application and guidance can be found online at <http://www.health.wyo.gov/rfhd/rural/PCSP.html>.

For more information, questions or technical assistance, please contact the Wyoming Primary Care Association at (307) 632-5743 ext. 11.

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