

BACKGROUND

Act 10 of 2013 established the Community-Based Health Care Program in the Department of Health to increase access to health care for the uninsured, underinsured and underserved populations in the commonwealth. The goals of the program include:

- Expanding and improving health care access and service;
- Reducing unnecessary utilization of emergency room services; and
- Encouraging collaborative relationships among community-based health care clinics, hospitals and other health care providers.

WHO DOES THE PROGRAM HELP?

Community-based health care providers and the uninsured, underinsured and underserved populations of the Commonwealth who are served.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR GRANTS?

The department posts a request for applications (RFA) once every two years to provide funding for proposed health care projects in five categories:

- **Category 1:** Development of a new community-based health care clinic
- **Category 2:** Expansion of primary care services at an existing community-based health care clinic
- **Category 3:** Addition or expansion of prenatal, obstetric, postpartum or newborn care services at an existing health care clinic
- **Category 4:** Development of an alternative health care delivery system to reduce utilization of emergency room services
- **Category 5:** Development of collaborative relationships to enhance transitions of care and to develop referral mechanisms between health clinics and hospitals and specialty clinics

Potential applicants:

- Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or FQHC-Look Alike
- Certified Rural Health Center
- Hospital Health Clinic
- Free Health Clinic
- Nurse Managed Health Care Clinic



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Project site locations must be in a **currently** designated Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area, Medically Underserved Area/Population or the applicant must demonstrate the project will serve 30% low-income clients (Medicaid, sliding fee, no-pay).

RESOURCES FOR MORE INFORMATION

[Community-Based Health Care Program](#)
Bureau of Health Planning 717.772.5298

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