



# Hawai'i Primary Care Association FUNDING FOR HEALTH CENTERS

Federal health center funding is essential to ensure access for the uninsured. It also pays for the infrastructure that enables health centers to provide high quality care, comply with program requirements, maintain adequate administrative structures, and support board functions.

**PLEASE:**

- ❖ Support a \$248 Million increase in the Health Center appropriation for FY2009. Our Senators have signed the Stabenow-Bond letter. Members of the House are asked to sign the Pallone-Deal letter.
- ❖ Reauthorize the Federal Health Centers Program (S. 901/H.R. 1343)

## HEALTH CENTER FUNDING NEEDS IN HAWAI'I

### Pending Hawai'i Applications

New Access Point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ West Hawai'i Community Health Center – New site in fast-growing, underserved Waikoloa. Requesting \$420,000.</li> </ul>
Expanded Medical Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bay Clinic, Inc. – Additional services are needed for the large, underserved population of East Hawai'i. Requesting \$600,000.</li> </ul>
Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bay Clinic, Inc. – Increased capacity to provide mental health services is greatly needed by the high risk population served by Bay Clinic. Requesting \$150,000</li> </ul>
Dental Dental services for underserved populations are in especially short supply throughout rural Hawai'i.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Community Clinic of Maui is requesting \$248,557 to start providing dental care.</li> <li>▪ Hāmākua Health Center is requesting \$250,000 to start providing dental care.</li> <li>▪ Waī'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center is requesting \$250,000 to expand pediatric dental services at its growing campus.</li> <li>▪ Waimānalo Health Center is requesting \$250,000 to start providing dental care.</li> </ul>

### On-Going Needs

Base adjustments for existing health centers and for HPCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increased costs,</li> <li>▪ Increased numbers of patients,</li> <li>▪ Increased numbers of uninsured adults,</li> <li>▪ Increasingly complex patients needs,</li> <li>▪ Increased focus on quality and outcomes for both CHCs and HPCA,</li> <li>▪ Increased costs, members, and responsibilities (for HPCA).</li> </ul>
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### Future Needs

CHC Growth	<p>The CHC model is the ideal fit for Hawai'i's growing health care access needs. Community health centers are nonprofit corporations providing a stable infrastructure that ensures health care quality and access. They offer comprehensive primary and preventive services and bring advantages in funding and workforce (including 330 grants, FTCA, and NHSC) that are unavailable to any other provider. To expand adequately to meet growing needs Hawai'i's CHCs need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adequate and dependable operating funds;</li> <li>○ Access to capital for facilities and equipment;</li> <li>○ Funding and support for improved health information technology;</li> <li>○ Support for workforce development, recruitment, and retention.</li> </ul>
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