

FY16 Promise Zone Benefits from Partnering Agencies

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Health Resources and Services Administration

Programs with PZ Benefits:
Health Centers

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Website: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/programopportunities/index.html>

Benefit Type: Program Assistance

Eligible Communities: Urban and Rural

Eligible Applicants: Public or nonprofit private entities, including tribal, faith-based and community-based organizations.

Funding Availability: At this time, a New Access Point (NAP) funding opportunity has not yet been announced for FY 2016. Future NAP funding opportunities will be announced on the HRSA Grants Web site at <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants>.

Benefits to Promise Zone: Resources for the delivery of primary health care services to underserved communities.

Program Description: Community-based, patient-governed organizations that deliver comprehensive, high-quality preventive and primary health care to patients regardless of their ability to pay.

Health Center Program Fundamentals:

- **Located in or serve a high need community** (designated Medically Underserved Areas or Populations). Find Medically Underserved Areas or Populations by going to: <http://muafind.hrsa.gov/>
- **Governed by a community board** composed of a majority (51% or more) of health center patients who represent the population served
- **Provide comprehensive primary health care and supportive services** (education, translation and transportation, etc.)
- **Provide services to all** with fees adjusted based on ability to pay
- **Meet other performance and accountability requirements** regarding administrative, clinical, and financial operations

Types of Health Centers:

- **Health Center Program grantees** are public and private non-profit health care organizations that meet certain criteria under the Medicare and Medicaid Programs (respectively, Sections 1861(aa)(4) and 1905(l)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act and receive funds under the Health Center Program (Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act).
- **Health Center Program look-alikes** are health centers that operate and provide services consistent with all statutory, regulatory, and policy requirements that apply to health center grantees, although they do not receive grant funding under Section 330.

Some health centers also receive specific funding to focus on certain special populations including individuals experiencing homelessness, agricultural and seasonal farmworkers, and residents of public housing to include:

- Healthcare for the homeless
- Migrant health centers
- Public housing primary care programs

Funding Opportunities: Open funding opportunities for public and private non-profit health care organizations can be found at: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/programopportunities/fundingopportunities/default.aspx>