

**INITIAL REPORT**  
**CALIFORNIA HEALTH ACCESS MODEL PROGRAM**  
**December 24, 2013**

**Overview**

On June 28, 2012 the Governor signed into law Assembly Bill 1467, thereby establishing the California Health Access Model Program and codifying it under Government Code section 15438.10 (the “Statute”). CHAMP regulations were approved by the Office of Administrative Law, effective February 7, 2013.

The California Health Access Model Program (“CHAMP”) allows the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (the “Authority”) to, in its first phase, award grants to one or more demonstration projects up to a combined total of \$1.5 million. The purpose of the demonstration project phase is to support innovative methods to deliver health care services more effectively and improve access and health outcomes for vulnerable populations and communities by bringing services, including preventive services, to individuals where they live or congregate.

If the evaluation of the completed demonstration project(s) indicates it is warranted, CHAMP will launch a second phase to support additional grants up to a combined total of \$5 million so other California communities can implement the same improved ways of delivering services.

The Authority has nearly completed the first phase through solicitation of letters of interest and then through an invitation to submit a grant application for a demonstration grant. A more detailed discussion of each of these processes follows. This initial phase of the grant program will be completed once the Authority board makes a formal award for the demonstration grant which is expected in late January 2014.

**Letters of Interest**

Over 900 possible interested parties were informed via email of the opportunity to submit a letter of interest to participate in the initial phase of CHAMP, which intends to fund one or more demonstration projects, up to a combined total of \$1.5 million. Recipients included California’s health care related associations, foundations, colleges, clinics, counties and the Authority’s electronic distribution list. Several associations passed along the notice to their members in newsletters and emails. [California Healthline](#), a widely read publication of the California Healthcare Foundation, published it, too.

Twenty entities submitted letters of interest in mid-April, 2013. Staff reviewed the letters of interest for applicant and project eligibility based on the criteria in the regulations. Twelve

letters of interest were deemed to be from eligible entities and for eligible projects. Those twelve eligible entities were invited to submit full grant applications.

### **Grant Applications**

All twelve eligible entities submitted a full grant application in mid-August 2013. Two of twelve that had similar projects teamed up together to submit a single collaborative project. Applications were submitted by:

- Alliance Medical Center, Healdsburg
- Children's Dental Health Clinic, Long Beach
- CHOC Children's at Mission Hospital, Orange
- Health Improvement Partnership of Santa Cruz County, Scotts Valley
- LifeLong Medical Care, Berkeley, in collaboration with Council of Community Clinics, San Diego
- San Francisco Health Plan, San Francisco
- Santa Rosa Community Health Centers, Santa Rosa
- St. John's Well Child and Family Center, Los Angeles
- The Children's Partnership, Santa Monica
- University of California San Francisco, San Francisco
- University of the Pacific, Stockton

Applications were evaluated according to criteria and scoring defined in the regulations. The Authority's staff is currently in the process of finalizing a recommendation for a single grant of approximately \$1.5 million for consideration by the Authority's board at the January 30, 2014 meeting. Once the grant is awarded, the Authority will be able to supplement this report with a detailed description of the selected demonstration project.