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## School-Based Health Centers Get Funding Boost

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Three organizations that run school-based health centers in southern New England have won grants to offer more services to children who have no other medical care.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced \$14 million in grants nationwide Thursday, including to one recipient in Massachusetts and two in Connecticut.

The money helps the centers expand, add equipment, improve their electronic records or take other steps to serve more school-aged children. Those centers provide health screening and preventive care programs, plus services to help children with chronic illnesses stay in school.

The Connecticut awards are \$430,000 for Community Health Center in Middletown and \$101,600 for Windham Community Memorial Hospital and Hatch Hospital Corp.'s work in Willimantic.

In western Massachusetts, Hilltown Community Health Centers of Worthington is getting almost \$25,000.

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