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Wisconsin's community health centers awarded \$16 million

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Progressive Community Health Centers Inc., Milwaukee, was awarded a \$5 million federal grant to build a \$10 million clinic to more than double the number of patients it sees at its existing clinic on 35th Street and Lisbon Avenue.

The grant is one of two for Milwaukee health centers — Healthcare for the Homeless of Milwaukee also received a \$348,853 grant — and part of more than \$16.1 million awarded to community health centers in Wisconsin this week under the Affordable Care Act.

Grantees estimate these awards will help them serve approximately 29,306 new patients.

"President Obama's health care law is making community health centers in Wisconsin stronger," Health and Human Services Secretary [Kathleen Sebelius](#) said in a statement. "For many Americans, community health centers are the major source of care that ranges from prevention to treatment of chronic diseases."

Funding totaling more than \$728 million across the United States will support renovation and construction projects, boosting health centers' ability to care for additional patients and creating jobs.

The awards are part of a series of capital investments that are made available to community health centers through the Affordable Care Act, which provides \$9.5 billion to expand services over five years and \$1.5 billion to support major construction and renovation projects at community health centers.

Since the beginning of 2009, employment at community health centers nationwide has increased by 15 percent. Community health centers are serving nearly 3 million additional patients today and will serve an additional 1.3 million additional new patients in the next two years.