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North County Health Services receives \$1 million

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SAN MARCOS — North County Health Services received a nearly \$1 million grant to expand its healthcare services. The San Marcos based nonprofit was among 164 community health centers across the country to receive a New Access Point Grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration and Bureau of Primary Health Care.

The \$983,333 grant was among the largest and is was given to bring primary care services to new areas where it is most needed.

The nonprofit plans to use the grant to expand services in Perris in neighboring Riverside County, where the agency found that about half of the city's residents are living below the federal poverty level and nearly 30 percent do not have health insurance.

The nonprofit, which opened in 1971, serves nearly 60,000 North County residents annually at 10 community health centers in Carlsbad, Encinitas, Oceanside, San Marcos and Ramona, along with two mobile clinics.

The community health center plans to expand into the Perris area by the end of the year.

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The nonprofit's services include pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, dental care, radiology, pharmacy and transportation along with community health outreach, prevention and disease management.

For more information, visit www.nchs-health.org or call (760) 736-6767.

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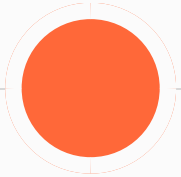
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