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El Camino Hospital earmarks \$4.9M in grants

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The **El Camino Hospital** District board of directors on Monday announced \$4.9 million in grants to be funded from district's tax receipts.

The Mountain View-based hospital's board also approved a contingency fund of approximately \$200,000 for additional projects and sponsorships.

In addition, the board approved a further \$265,000 in community benefit grants and sponsorships from non-hospital district funds to be spent in the area served by the newly-acquired El Camino Hospital Los Gatos.

"In the history of our hospital district, there's never been a greater need for us to reach out to underserved populations," said Wes Alles, chairman of the El Camino Hospital board. "With state and local funding for social and health services being cut drastically, agencies and non-profit organizations are struggling to meet ever-increasing needs. We feel a strong commitment to support and expand initiatives that reach those who otherwise might not have access to care."

The hospital's community benefit grants include a significant partnership with Santa Clara Valley Medical Center to support new services at its Sunnyvale Clinic, including adult primary care, dental services, pharmacy, lab and radiology services. This \$1.2 million investment is the largest grant for 2010.

The following organizations were approved as 2010 grant recipients:

- **Santa Clara Valley Medical Center** to develop a model to provide integrated primary care, dental and behavioral health services, and ancillary services for underserved and low-income people in Sunnyvale.
- **Santa Clara County Children's Health Initiative (Healthy Kids)** to provide comprehensive health insurance for children in low-income families otherwise unable to access affordable coverage.
- **Mobile Adolescent Health Services Program** to support a safety net of primary and preventive care services as well as social and educational programs for homeless and uninsured adolescents at the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District.
- **RotaCare Clinic** to support primary and specialty health care for the uninsured and to enhance mental health services.
- **Mountain View/Whisman School District** to support two fulltime school nurses and an aide.
- **Sunnyvale School District** to support two fulltime school nurses and an aide.
- **Cupertino Union School District** to support a full-time nurse and needed medical supplies and equipment.
- **Campbell Union School District** to support a new full-time school nurse.
- **MayView Community Health Center** to fund primary care medical staff and vaccines for low income and uninsured families and individuals.
- **Healthy Workers Program** to provide first-year funding for an employer-based health insurance program offering an affordable, comprehensive health plan for small businesses and uninsured Santa Clara County residents through Santa Clara Family Health Plan.
- **Community Services Agency** to increase capacity to offer intensive case management for Mountain View seniors with chronic diseases.
- **Sunnyvale Community Services** to provide funding for medical supplies and medication for low-income families and seniors and the disabled.
- **West Valley Community Services** to staff "Raising a Healthy Eater," a program offering low income parents and children the resources to learn about and practice healthy eating habits, and to support the Food Pantry.
- **Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC)** to expand the Teen Talk group program and counseling services for at-risk children and adolescents.
- **Columbia Neighborhood Center** to enhance mental health resources for low income elementary school children in the Sunnyvale School District.
- **RoadRunners Program** to provide reliable transportation services for medical and other essential appointments for underserved and senior residents of the community.
- **Medical Respite (Hospital Council of Northern and Central California)** to collaborate with other local hospitals on post-discharge medical care and social services for homeless individuals.
- **New Directions (Hospital Council of Northern and Central California)** to support Emergency Department intensive case management for under- or uninsured patients who are frequent users of hospital emergency departments.

