



BOND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, Inc.

May 11, 2011

Candice Wilson
Director, Health and Human Services
LCBCC
918 Railroad Avenue
Tallahassee Florida, 32310

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

As per our discussion, this letter is generated to request that the Leon County Board of County Commissioners provide a Letter of Commitment for cash matching funds in the amount of \$132,180 from the Bond Community Health Center's (BCHC) 2011/2012 Women and Children's Health contract (\$245,588) to be utilized for the State Department of Health (DOH) "Expanding Access to Primary Care" grant opportunity. As you are aware, BCHC has applied for and has been awarded this funding for the past two, three year grant cycles (six years). We are respectfully requesting that we are allowed to continue the use matching funds from county funding. Currently we utilize \$109,027 from these funds to match a 3 year State grant that expires on June 30, 2011. The letter should state that "upon ratification and approval of 2011/2012 continued Primary Care and or Women and Children's Health Program funding, the LCBCC will provide matching funds to The Agency for Health Care Administration on behalf of the Bond Community Health Center, Inc. AHCA, in partnership with the State DOH is requiring a letter be submitted from local government that provides matching funds and commits to begin the process of submitting payment to ACHA within 120 days of the execution of the applicant's contract, which if awarded will be July 1, 2011. BCHC intends on submitting a grant application in the amount of \$600,000 under the State's "Expanding Access to Primary Care (FQHC's)" grant program to add two additional medical providers and support staff to address the growth of uninsured citizens to the center and the community resulting from high unemployment rates and the economic downturn. This request of \$132,180 represents a required 22.03% match of the total grant request. ACHA also requires a State dollar for dollar match of 22.03%, appropriated through general revenue, which is then utilized to draw down 55.94% of Federal Medicaid funding.

Although this funding opportunity will be very competitive, if awarded, these funds will leverage the county funding and bring in an additional \$335,640 of federal funding to the community. It is important to note that this is a request for the county to utilize existing funds to match potential funding, which will of course be utilized to serve uninsured Leon County residents. The center has seen a significant increase in volume and currently serves over 13,000 patients and records over 32,000 visits annually, primarily women and children visits. Thanking You in Advance!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.R. Richards", is written over a large, light-colored scribble or watermark.

J.R. Richards, MPA, CEO