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Uvalde's CHDI receives \$3 million federal grant

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded over \$9 million in grants for Centro-Med health centers in San Antonio, including over \$3 million for Community Health Development Inc. (CHDI) in Uvalde and over \$2 million for Vida Y Salud Health Systems in Crystal City.

These providers have a long history in their community and have been recognized by HHS before for funding. This latest round is further recognition of the work

these health centers do on behalf of those they serve.

"For 33 years, CHDI has strived to improve the health status of its patients and ensure access to quality, affordable health care in a comprehensive manner. CHDI is the health care home of over one-third of the population of Uvalde, Real, Edwards and parts of Zavala counties with a budget that supports approximately 100 full-time employees, including doctors and dentists," said Rachel

Gonzales-Hanson, CEO of CHDI. "This federal grant is an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to ensure access to health care for those with limited resources."

"Community health clinics provide affordable, quality healthcare to many vulnerable and underserved communities in Texas," U.S. Rep. Will Hurd said in support of the grants. "I am pleased to see continued investment and support

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for the deserving providers in my district that serve many of those who are most at risk."

"We are very excited to

know that Vida Y Salud Health Systems Inc. has been awarded its continuation grant award for fiscal year 2016-17," added Nora Tellez, CEO of Vida Y Salud Health Systems.

"It will allow us to continue providing quality medical, dental, integrated behavioral health and ancillary services to meet our community's needs."