

Grant Template:

Purpose of the Project:

To link health services currently available in Webb County to the residents in the rural communities in an effort to improve outreach and service delivery. This would be accomplished through the services of a fulltime outreach coordinator and promotoras from the region.

Overview of Services available through your agency for the residents in the outlying counties:

The Webb County Indigent Health Care Services department provides basic health care services, such as physician services, lab/x-ray services, prescription medications, inpatient hospital services, and outpatient hospital services as required under Chapter 61 of the Health & Safety Code to eligible county residents.

Since October 2013, Webb County, in conjunction with DSHS Health Services Region 11's began providing immunizations (mainly influenza vaccine) to county residents. Webb County has held and/or assisted in over twenty (20) immunization clinics that have provided immunizations to approximately 1,000 residents in the rural areas of Webb County.

In an effort to further increase health care access available to residents, Webb County is in the process of hiring a County Nurse and becoming a provider under the Texas Vaccines for Children and Adult Safety Net Programs (TVFC/ASN). We are planning to implement the following services: blood pressure monitoring, blood sugar screening, pregnancy testing, health care education, and counseling to rural area residents.

If awarded this grant, Webb County would continue and enhance these services, and purchase additional equipment, such as glucose monitoring equipment and pregnancy tests as well as hiring additional nursing staff, support staff (administrative tech / medical office assistant), as well as purchasing the software and hardware needed to properly maintain appropriate medical records.

Though the services provided are available to all Webb County residents, the focus would be on increasing access to county residents who reside outside the corporate city limits of Laredo, Texas. The services would be available at a low to no cost to encourage residents to receive preventive care.

Other information regarding the population you serve to include in the grant:

The population served by our office is comprised of both rural and non-rural residents of Webb County who are un-insured or under insured.