



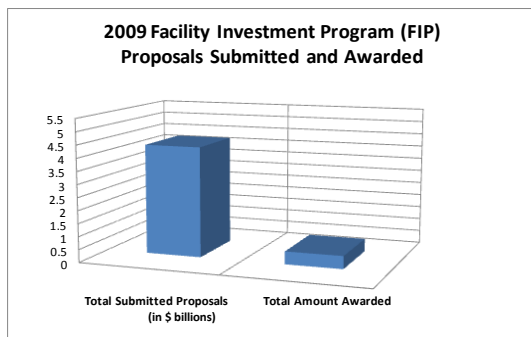
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
Community Health Centers

## Investing in America's Health and Creating Jobs

*Community Health Centers: A Proven Investment for Better Health and Economic Security*

### **Background**

The investments in community health centers made under the **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)** have proved to be among the most effective and timely made by the legislation, creating meaningful jobs in health care delivery and construction while expanding access to high-quality, affordable health care in a time of greatly increased demand.



The most recent competition for ARRA health center funds was known as the **Facility Investment Program (FIP)**, competitively awarded one-time grants for major capital improvement projects. Demand for these awards has far exceeded the available resources. In fact more than **600 proposals were submitted**, representing more than **\$4.3 billion** in proposed projects. Because of funding limitations, **only 85** of these proposals were approved, for awards totaling **\$509 million**.

Directing additional resources to health centers in the form of additional FIP awards is a **fast, effective** way to generate meaningful employment – and expand access to care – in low-income and medically underserved communities. We estimate that these resources would generate more than 25,000 direct jobs. **In the forthcoming jobs bill, NACHC Requests that Congress include an additional \$2 billion for facility investments in health centers.**

### **Draft Bill Language:**

*“For an additional amount for “Health Resources and Services”, \$2,000,000,000, which shall be available for grants for construction, renovation and equipment, and for the acquisition of health information technology systems, for health centers receiving operating grants under section 330 of the PHS Act, notwithstanding the limitation in section 330(e)(3)”*

### **Draft Report Language:**

“The Conference Agreement includes \$2,000,000,000 for grants for construction, renovation, equipment, and for the acquisition of health information technology at community health centers. The conferees are aware that health centers have demonstrated a need for capital improvement resources. Additionally, the conferees note that several hundred applications were submitted for the most recent competition for these funds made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and that more than 80 percent of these applications were not able to be funded. The conferees expect that HRSA will use these funds to approve additional qualified, yet unfunded, applications for facility improvement.”

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