

Project Summary *(Brief project overview)*

PROJECT TITLE (Do not exceed 60 characters and spaces.)	The CHSI CRC – STEP Program
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ORGANIZATION	Community Health Systems – Moreno Valley Family Health
TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT FUNDED	\$6,000
PRIORITY AREA (see FORM 2)	Primary Prevention and Screening
RELATIONSHIP TO COLORECTAL CANCER	Average Risk Population Screening

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Community Health Systems, Inc. (CHSI) is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3), Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that provides primary and preventative medical, dental, and optometric care, community outreach programs, and health education services to a predominantly semi-, and rural, low-income, culturally diverse and medically underserved population in Southern California's Inland Empire region (San Bernardino, Riverside, and North San Diego counties). Established in 1984 from the roots of its Bloomington Community Health Center in San Bernardino County, CHSI has grown to include five Community Health Centers. Services are offered to the neediest in each community. Since its inception, the agency has provided uninterrupted service and grown from an average of 1,900 patients in 1984 to greater than 27,000 patients in 2013.

The mission of CHSI is to improve the health and well-being of the indigent population in medically underserved communities by providing a dignified setting to allow those who could not otherwise afford such services, access to affordable quality health care by skilled and caring providers and staff.

The CHSI CRC – STEP Program (Screening, Training, Education, and Prevention) will provide critical safety-net services such as colorectal screenings to uninsured, underserved, and low-income patients at its Moreno Valley Family Health Center (MVFHC). With funding from the California Colorectal Cancer Coalition (C4), CHSI will be able to provide much needed high-sensitivity, Immunochemical Fecal Occult Blood Tests (iFOBT) to its at-risk populations for colorectal cancer, provide the necessary screening and appropriate referral(s) to specialists, and maintain the continuity of care. CHSI chose the iFOBT test as the results are nearest to that of a colonoscopy, and it eliminates the food and medication restrictions of the older, guaiac-based tests which cause a high rate of false positive tests. CHSI will also be able to increase its outreach efforts to new patients and in-reach efforts to existing primary care patients. The program will serve as a model for enhancing colorectal cancer screening services within the family practice setting.