



## News Release

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### *Axis Community Health Receives \$1.3 Million in Recovery Act Funding*

Pleasanton, Calif. -- Axis Community Health, provider of medical, mental health, substance abuse counseling and health education services to the community, announces that it has been designated a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) New Access Point and has been awarded a \$1.3 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant.

Axis is one of 126 community health centers nationwide that were identified as recipients of \$155 million in New Access Point grants, which will help provide health services to a total of 750,000 Americans and create 5,500 jobs.

In California, Axis is among 12 community clinics to receive New Access Point grants. It is projected that the funding will enable the clinics to provide 80,890 additional Californians with medical care and create 600 new jobs.

“This is huge for us,” says Axis Community Health CEO Sue Compton. “We have attempted to obtain federal funding in the past, but were disqualified because previous priorities were on clinics that were located in rural and border areas.”

The infusion of these funds comes at an especially critical time for community clinics. In these difficult economic times, as more and more Tri-Valley residents face job losses and health insurance, they are turning to us for their medical care. Our clinics are bursting and we have a one month waiting list for most of our services. Because we are the only provider of primary care medical services in eastern Alameda County and the Tri-Valley area, more than 200 new residents are turning to us each month now for their medical care.”

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Over the next 24 months, Axis Community Health expects to serve an additional 4,000 patients and provide 21,000 more medical visits each year. This will also increase its capacity to provide mental health counseling (250 new clients, 6,000 more visits) and substance abuse services (500 clients, 15,000 visits). The current staff of 110 will be increased to approximately 175.

“This funding supports the additional staff and will allow us to increase our hours substantially,” Compton adds. “Although details will not be finalized for some time, we anticipate that our clinics will be open six-seven days a week and at least five evenings a week. Additional hours will be available in our behavioral health services as well.

“As exciting as this is, this makes our need for a new clinic facility yet more urgent—we are currently completing construction on a new women’s clinic and we recently opened a new behavioral health site, which is especially fortuitous, given our ability to now expand our capacity. However, even with these new sites, we now need far more space.”

#### About Axis Community Health

Axis Community Health offers medical, mental health, substance abuse counseling and health education services to residents of the Tri-Valley. Founded in 1972 as a licensed nonprofit organization, Axis serves 14,000 community members annually through direct services and school- and community-based education, prevention and treatment programs. The agency operates three facilities in Pleasanton and one in Livermore and is supported by local, state and federal funding, foundation grants, client revenues and community donations. Detailed information is available at [www.axishealth.org](http://www.axishealth.org).

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**Additional information on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is available at [www.hhs.gov/recovery](http://www.hhs.gov/recovery).**