

SOCIAL AND VOLUNTARY SERVICES COMMISSION FUNDING REQUEST

Legal Name of Agency: Variety Care Foundation

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Amount of Funding Request: \$15,000

*****Please note that agency project funding will be on a reimbursement basis. Payment will be made as invoices with appropriate documentation are provided.**

In what year was your Agency incorporated: 2009

Are you associated with a national organization: No

Number of volunteers: 30 (Members of Board of Directors and Variety Care Foundation Board; no volunteer health care providers)

How many hours do volunteers donate: _____

How much money do volunteers save the agency: _____

Has your Agency applied for SVSC funds before: Yes

Year 2013 Amount \$25,000 Purpose Assist with start-up costs associated with Longfellow Middle School school-based health center

Year 2012 Amount \$20,000 Purpose Start-up costs for Health for Friends Women and Children's Center

Year 2011 Amount \$10,000 Purpose Increase Dental Clinic hours

Year 2010 Amount \$11,000 Purpose Support Additional Medical Assistant

Year 2009 Amount \$10,000 Purpose Support Mid-Level Practitioner

Financial Information from the last fiscal year:

Percent of the budget which was spent on fund-raising:	2%
Percent of budget spent on programs (patient services):	83%
Percent of budget spent on administrative expenses:	12%
Percent of budget spent on facilities:	3%

Percentage of Organizational funding:

Religious Organizations	_____
Civic Clubs	_____
Corporate Donors	_____
Endowment/Interest Income	_____
<u>Fees for services/products</u>	65%
(Patient fees and Insurance)	
<u>Government Grants</u>	13%
(Federal grants for operations)	
<u>Government Contracts</u>	12%
Individual Donors	_____
Private Foundations	_____
Special Events (based on net earnings)	_____
<u>United Way, Donations and Grants</u>	10%
Other	_____

Overall Mission of Agency

Please provide a one page narrative in 10 or 12 point type describing the mission of your agency. List the client population (income, age, geographic location – percentage of City of Norman residents) and describe all programs and services offered currently by your agency. Include any duplication of services in our area and the percentage increase or decrease projected in staff numbers over previous year.

Specific project for which funding is being requested

Please provide a one page narrative in 10 or 12 point type describing the project for which funds are requested including programs, staff positions, salaries, equipment, office supplies and other expenses. Please address what similar services are available through other local agencies, why this program is unique, how many will benefit and why it would be appropriate for City of Norman funds to be used to support this program.

Financial Information

Please provide a description of internal financial evaluation procedures, control processes and performance review procedure including the percentage increase or decrease of total budget over previous fiscal year budget. Attach previous year budget summary and projected budget to include in kind contributions and budget assumptions. An independent audit (not an internal audit) is required for any organization that has assets, an annual budget or annual income of \$100,000 or more. For an organization below the \$100,000 level, if no audit is available, so state and provide a signed financial statement (signature of the Board Treasurer or the organizations' chief financial officer) for the most recent fiscal year.

Required Attachments to this application:

Narrative describing Overall Mission of Agency

Narrative describing Specific Project for which Funding is being requested

Financial Information as previously outlined

Budget summary and projected budget

Copy of most recent Audit

Copy of IRS tax exempt status letter or your application for tax exempt status

List of current board members including names and professions

List of current staff members and their position titles

Variety Care Norman Health Centers
Mission: Making quality health care affordable and accessible

Variety Care is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), and Oklahoma's largest Community Health Center (CHC), serving approximately 63,000 Oklahomans of all ages in 2013. Variety Care is the result of a 2008 merger between Variety Health Center, established in 1932 by the Junior League in the Walnut Grove neighborhood in Oklahoma City, and Oklahoma Community Health Services, started in 1972 by a group of southeast Oklahoma City residents concerned by the lack of access to health care for women and children.. On June 1, 2013, Health for Friends, founded in Norman in 1985 as a "free clinic" by Kathy Heiple, RN, who recognized the inability of uninsured Norman residents to access the health care system, affiliated with Variety Care, becoming Variety Care Norman Health Centers. This includes Norman Family Practice at 317 East Himes and Norman Pediatrics, 1124 North Porter, and in 2015, will include Longfellow Middle School Wellness Center, Norman's first school-based health clinic. The Variety Care Foundation was established in 2009 for the purpose of raising philanthropic support and public awareness for Variety Care's mission to make quality health care affordable and accessible and leveraging federal grant dollars with additional donations and grants. The Variety Care Foundation established the Norman Health for Friends Chapter of the Foundation at the time of the 2013 affiliation. All money raised in Norman, including, if awarded, this grant from the City of Norman Social and Voluntary Services Commission, is restricted to Norman and used only to support Variety Care - Norman programs and patients.

As an FQHC and Community Health Center, Variety Care offers comprehensive primary medical care and other health services to Oklahomans of all ages, and to all residents regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. Documentation of legal residency is not required; only verification of address. Variety Care - Norman's services continue to include family medicine, pediatrics, dental and oral health care, behavioral health, and prescription assistance. Unique among Variety Care sites is Norman's continued commitment to providing quality medical care, at no cost, to individuals and families who are homeless, and our use of United Way funds to reduce the minimum co-pay from \$25 to \$10 for our patients in greatest need. In 2013, Variety Care Norman, with the larger of two facilities (317 E. Himes) closed for major renovations and remodeling for five months, saw XXXXX patients, mainly comprised of the uninsured working poor, or and children of the working poor. Almost 90% of our patients live at or below the Federal Poverty Level..Of our patients who are insured, the largest percentage are covered by SoonerCare (Oklahoma's Medicaid program). For the uninsured, a sliding fee scale based on income and size of household, is used.

Community health centers like Variety Care are established in designated medically underserved areas, which includes much of Norman. Although over 90% of our patients continue to be Norman residents, we also see patients from the surrounding area including Moore (especially after the most recent tornado season), Noble, Newcastle, Blanchard, and Purcell. The Little Axe Health Center, approximately 17 miles from Norman, is the closest agency offering similar health care services.

Having at least one site open continuously throughout year offering uninterrupted care to our patients – a first, we believe, since Health for Friends was first established in 1985 - both Variety Care – Norman locations are open full-time, 8:00am to 5:00pm, and seeing established patients and welcoming new ones. Norman Family Practice has two full-time medical providers (one MD, one PA-C) and a third part- time provider (MD). Norman Pediatrics has two fulltime providers (one pediatrician and one NP-C). Our Norman dentist sees patients two days a week at a Variety Care dental clinic and our Norman dental hygienist sees patients three days a week, both temporarily seeing patients at a Variety Care dental practice on NW 10th until a permanent dental clinic in Norman is established. Norman Variety Care also has a full-time Certified Application Specialist to assist Variety Care patients as well as the general public the new health insurance exchange created by the Affordable Care Act. The Variety Care Foundation also created the "Health for Friends" chapter of the Variety Care Foundation in Norman staffed by a development director.

Project Description

Providing Access to Ancillary and Specialist Referrals for Children's Unmet Health Needs

Many low-income adults living in Oklahoma remain uninsured due to the State of Oklahoma's decision not to expand the state's Medicaid, or SoonerCare, coverage. Most of Oklahoma's children, however, who would otherwise be uninsured, do have health insurance through SoonerCare. These children who qualify for SoonerCare benefits, from infants through 18 years of age, are girls and boys living in poverty. In Oklahoma, large numbers of children who qualify for SoonerCare live in single-parent households; are being raised by grandparents or adult relatives other than their parent; kids whose parent or parents may be incarcerated; and children who themselves may have physical or mental disabilities or whose parents or guardians may have disabilities. There are also children in Oklahoma who are not on SoonerCare because they while they may themselves be legal residents, their parents are not documented and are reluctant or fearful of applying for any type of state or Federal assistance for their children. Variety Care, as a community health center and Federally Qualified Health Center, accepts all patients in need of care and has an exceptional reputation for delivering pediatric and adolescent health care. All five of Norman's medical providers see children with most of our pediatric patients being seen at Norman Pediatrics, which re-opened as a fulltime health center in June of 2014 after housing Norman Family Practice for several months during the Himes Street remodeling.

If approved, this grant from the City of Norman's Social and Voluntary Services Commission would be used to help cover the costs of medical, dental and behavioral health care for children whose household income places them at the lowest end of Variety Care's sliding fee scale, and services for children who receive SoonerCare, but are in need of services not covered by SoonerCare, but determined by the provider to be essential to the child's health. Good health, after all, is not just the absence of disease or infirmity, but a state of physical, mental and social wellbeing (World Health Organization).

Examples of these unmet needs may include but are not limited to:

- Eye examinations and eyeglasses for uninsured children; replacement eyeglasses for SoonerCare children who have reached the limit on replacement (one pair every 12 months)
- Orthopedic referrals
- Severe needs for orthodontic care
- ADHD drug costs (monthly costs can run from \$115 to \$200 per month)

Procedures for accessing this fund would be similar to those developed for Variety Care Foundation's Patient Assistance Fund, which is also funded with individual donations and grants. A provider would make a recommendation for an expenditure to the Norman Health Centers Practice Administrator, who would make a determination based on available resources.