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OPCA Receives \$300,000 Cambia Health Foundation Grant To Address COVID-19 Needs
Oregon one of four community health center associations to receive funding

Portland, OR – The Oregon Primary Care Association (OPCA) has received a \$300,000 Cambia Health Foundation grant to address immediate impacts of COVID-19, help combat emerging health and safety issues, and play a vital role in the state’s recovery.

OPCA is one of four community health center associations, including the [Washington Association for Community Health](#), the [Association for Utah Community Health](#), and the [Idaho Primary Care Association](#) to receive a combined \$1 million in grant funding as part of [Cambia Health Foundation](#)’s Community Health Center Crisis Response and Recovery Initiative.

“Oregon’s health centers have stepped up to meet the needs of the communities they serve to care for patients in response to the COVID-19 crisis, and in doing so, face huge financial losses,” said Joan Watson-Patko, OPCA’s Executive Director. “Oregon health centers remain committed to keeping their doors open and to providing care to people who may otherwise not have access to services and those hardest hit during economic downturns. Funding through the Cambia Health Foundation will support efforts to decrease COVID-19 related health disparities, aid in prevention and testing, support the financial viability of health centers to ensure access for all in need of care, and assist health centers throughout recovery of this public health crisis.”

[Cambia Health Foundation announced philanthropic investments of more than \\$3 million](#) to meet critical and emerging needs fueled by COVID-19. As the pandemic continues, these new investments focus on meeting the urgent needs of underserved communities and frontline providers while strengthening the infrastructure of the entire health care system for future resilience.

About Oregon’s CHCs

Oregon’s community health centers deliver integrated medical, dental and behavioral health services to many of the state’s most vulnerable communities through over 200 locations statewide. Over 430,000 Oregonians receive their care at a community health center, including one in four people on the Oregon Health Plan. Over 73% of patients live below the poverty line, and 94% live at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Over 75% of community health centers have clinic sites serving rural communities, 30% of Oregon’s community health centers are federally recognized as Health Care for the Homeless locations, and 33% are designated as Migrant Health Centers. Find out more about [Oregon’s CHCs here](#).

About OPCA

OPCA is a non-profit membership association of Oregon’s 33 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), including one FQHC Look-Alike. The organization’s mission is to lead the transformation of primary care to achieve health equity for all.

OPCA believes all people, in Oregon and beyond, should have the chance to lead their healthiest lives and have access to equitable health care. Oregon Primary Care Association supports a network of community health centers that deliver exceptional health care to people in urban, rural and frontier communities who may otherwise not have access to services. By helping health centers apply innovative

approaches to health care delivery and system challenges, OPCA is transforming primary care in Oregon and beyond. Follow us on Twitter [@OregonPCA](#) or on [Facebook](#)

About Cambia Health Foundation

Cambia Health Foundation is the corporate foundation of Cambia Health Solutions, a total health solutions company dedicated to making health care more person-focused and economically sustainable. Founded in 2007, the foundation has funded almost \$70 million in grants to advance patient- and family-centered care for all. Cambia Health Foundation strategically invests in philanthropy to change the way people experience health care from birth to natural completion of life. Learn more at www.cambiahealthfoundation.org and follow on Twitter [@CambiaHealthFdn](#)