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Congresswoman Matsui Announces Nearly a Million Dollars for Sacramento County Health Care for the Homeless Program

SACRAMENTO, CA – Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-05) today announced that Sacramento County’s Department of Health and Human Services has received a continuation of their \$962,901 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The grant will support the county’s Health Care for the Homeless Program (HCH), which provides primary medical care for low income, uninsured, and underinsured residents in the Sacramento region.

“I am pleased that this funding will allow the county to continue providing critical health care services to our neediest residents,” said Congresswoman Matsui. “Ensuring that all of our region’s residents receive the health care services they need is a top priority, and this funding is a large step toward this goal. It is essential that we continue to provide proper health care in tandem with other support services in order to help homeless individuals get back on their feet.”

Sacramento County provides primary medical care at its main site and at the Mercy Loaves and Fishes Clinic, in partnership with Dignity Health Care. The population served is culturally diverse, low income, largely medically indigent with a variety of health, behavioral health, and social needs. The County is also a partner in the Interim Care Program (ICP), a collaboration of the four local hospital systems, the County, the Salvation Army, and The Effort, Inc., a local federally qualified health center. This program provides shelter and case management services to homeless residents of Sacramento County who have been discharged from a local hospital and require a stable environment for recuperations. This program will continue to be supported in part by this grant.

“Sacramento County is pleased we were successful in the grant application, allowing us to continue providing critical safety net health care services to the needy in our community,” said Ann Edwards, Chief Deputy County Executive with the County of Sacramento. “We greatly appreciate the support of our partners and Congresswoman Matsui.”

The HHS grant is a competitive grant that the County of Sacramento is required to apply for annually. They have received the funding regularly since 2001. Congresswoman Matsui submitted a letter of support for the county’s application, which can be viewed [here](#) .

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