

429.3 MHC Healthcare, Flowing Wells Family Health Center

Location: 1323 W. Prince Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705.

Scope: Construct a 12,000 square foot building for the MHC Flowing Wells Family Health Center (FWFHC) which will provide: Full-range of Family Practice medical, diagnostic and treatment services; preventive medicine, vaccinations; treatment of minor injuries and wounds; disease management programs; and a variety of behavioral health services for children and adults, primarily in the 85705 zip code. (MHC Healthcare previously acquired the land for \$700,000.)

Benefits: The current health center facility is 5,306 square feet and was originally built in 1963. It has poor layout for proper patient flow, and doorways and bathrooms not within ADA standards. The age of the building creates frequent problems which interrupt the provision of healthcare. The proposed bond funding will enable MHC to construct a new 12,000 square foot building, add behavioral health services and expand service to an estimated 3,500 additional medical and behavioral health patients.

FWFHC is located in the 85705 zip code in a densely populated, low-income area. The majority of the population is composed of young families, with 58% of the population under 44 years of age and 26 percent under 20 years of age. The overall average income of the population served in the area is low, with 54% of the households having incomes below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Line. FWFHC provides services for all patients regardless of their ability to pay, offering eligibility assistance and a sliding fee scale. The new facility will be available to all residents of Pima County, thus increasing the amount, quality and scope of services for patients using a sliding-fee-scale, AHCCCS, Medicare, the Healthcare Marketplace, self-pay or private insurance.

The new facility will allow for an increase in the availability of same-day and walk-in appointments. Once FWFHC is fully staffed and meeting normal business hour demands for services, MHC will evaluate the capacity for extended and weekend hours. The expanded access and availability of medical and behavioral health services resulting from the new facility will benefit Pima County's residents and businesses by saving time and money as a result of diverting patients from more costly emergency rooms and by helping to improve the health and well-being of patients who will have improved access to healthcare.

Total Cost Estimate: \$3,000,000

Bond Funding Estimate: \$3,000,000

Other Funding Estimate: None identified at this time.

Total Cost Estimate by Major Task: \$85,000 for design, \$2,915,000 for construction

Implementation Periods: 1, 2

Project Schedule by Major Task: 3 months for design, 15 months for construction

Project Manager: MHC Healthcare

Operator: MHC Healthcare

Regional Benefits: The proposed MHC Flowing Wells Family Health Center will improve access and availability of medical and behavioral health services for adults and children, save money and improve health outcomes with the addition of behavioral health and expansion of healthcare services in the 85705 zip code.