

Requestor: Health Department
Date: March 25, 2015

Future Pima County Bond Election Proposed Project

Project Name: North Public Health Clinic

Location: This bond project proposal replaces the current Health Department locations at 3550 N.1st Ave. The site for the new facility needs to be in the general vicinity of north of Grant, east of Interstate 10, south of the Rillito River and west of Campbell Avenue and be readily accessible by individuals with limited income and limited transportation.

Scope: Construction of a new 12,000 sq. ft. facility or purchase/remodel of an existing facility of similar size to replace the existing clinic. The current North Clinic has operated as a public health center since 1973 in a leased facility. The building is too small to support current service demands and is out of compliance with best practices for clinical facilities. Minimal modifications have been made to the building since it opened as a public health center, which leaves it essentially medically obsolete.

Benefits: Public health services in a new modern multi-service clinical facility or purchased/remodeled facility of approximately 12,000 square feet will serve an estimated 5,400 clients per year, which are currently served by our North Clinic location. In addition to the fact that it is financially preferable to own the facility rather than lease, the benefits and services to be delivered at this site include the following:

- Readily accessible disease prevention services, located proximate to the hard-to-reach populations served by these programs.
- Enhanced integration/coordination/resource sharing of clinical, public health nursing, disease investigation/surveillance, education and outreach resources.
- New and remodeled buildings replacing medically antiquated facilities to incorporation of new medical technology, as well as having a site that complies with current building codes for medical services.
- Mandated HIV/STD Programs including counseling and education to residents about sexually transmitted diseases and prevention measures; testing services, screening, evaluation, partner notification, treatment of infections; investigation of mandatory reports; needle exchange program.
- Well Woman Health Check (WWHC) services including breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services for low-income, uninsured, and underinsured women; case management, outreach, and education.
- Family Planning: Contraceptive counseling and supplies, reproductive health exams, cervical and breast cancer screening; evaluation and treatment of abnormal tests; diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases.
- Immunizations and related counseling services are provided to adults and children at this location. These services are provided to both insured and uninsured individuals.
- The addition of on-site nutrition assistance services (WIC), which cannot be currently accommodated in the existing space.

As public health evolves, other appropriate services may be added to this location to meet community needs.

Total Cost Estimate: \$4,000,000

Bond Funding: \$4,000,000

Other Funding: \$0

Total Cost Estimate by Major Task: \$850,000 for land acquisition, \$632,000 for planning and design, \$2,518,000 for construction.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: TBD

Project Schedule by Major Task: Land or building acquisition at 6 months, planning and design at 9 to 12 months, construction at 8 to 18 months.

Project Management Jurisdiction: Pima County Facilities Management

Operating Jurisdiction: Pima County Health Department

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: There should be no increase in the O&M budget of the existing North Clinic coming from the County's general fund as existing expenses will transfer to the new facility.

Regional Benefits: Clinical services provided at the North Health Clinic benefit all of Pima County.

Supervisor District of Project Location: District 3 or District 1 – Sharon Bronson or Ally Miller