



TEACHING HEALTH CENTER CAPITAL PROJECT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Southern Oregon faces a combination of converging challenges—an aging population, rising poverty, growing housing and cost of living pressures, behavioral health and substance use crises, and ongoing clinician shortages.

La Clinica's **Teaching Health Center** directly responds to these issues by addressing two urgent community needs:

1. Expanding the **health care workforce**
2. Strengthening **regional capacity for medical, dental, behavioral health, and** pharmacy services

This new **60,000 square foot facility** will serve as both a regional clinical hub and a comprehensive training site for future health care professionals.

COMMUNITY NEED

- Rural and frontier areas in Oregon average **0.71 primary care visits per capita**, compared to **1.19** in urban areas
- Only **15.9% of providers** practice in rural Oregon
- Some regions have **preventable hospitalization rates twice the state average (6.7 per 1,000)**
- Among behavioral health providers, **50% report inadequate capacity**, and **64% cite transportation barriers to timely care**

These shortages result in long wait times, limited access, and increased emergency department use for routine care. This project will directly address these issues through targeted workforce development and expanded access to care.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope: Construction of a 60,000 square foot health center and training facility located at 110 Lozier Lane, Medford, Oregon 97504.

Facility Features

- Medical, dental, and behavioral health clinics
- Community pharmacy
- Residency, fellowship, and internship training areas
- Classrooms and patient education areas
- Administrative offices and community meeting rooms

Construction Start: Fall 2026

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT

Southern Oregon faces a severe shortage of primary care and behavioral health providers. Research shows clinicians are more likely to remain in areas where they train. This facility will create a regional training pipeline to address provider shortages in the long term. At full capacity we will train 26 providers a year. This program will greatly improve clinical capacity, workforce retention, and interdisciplinary training in the region.

Annual Training Pipeline

Program	Annual Participants	Key Partners
Advanced Practitioner Residency	8	Rogue Community Health and Siskiyou Community Health
Behavioral Health Fellowships	4	Local primary health care community
Dental Internships	4	OHSU
Dental Hygienist Internship	4	Rogue Community College
Dental Assistant Internship	4	Rogue Community College
Pharmacy Technician Internship	2	Rogue Community College

HEALTH CARE ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

The Teaching Health Center will expand La Clinica's service capacity while increasing training for future clinicians. At full capacity this site will serve 9,000 patients a year.

Planned Annual Service Capacity

Service Area	Patients Served Per Year	Facility Components
Medical	9,000	30 exam rooms
Dental	4,000	16 operatories
Behavioral Health	1,500	Counseling and therapy spaces
Pharmacy	1,200	Community pharmacy

This expansion will strengthen preventive care, chronic disease management, and equitable access for underserved communities.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Capital Project

- Total Project Cost: **\$35 million**
- Construction Portion: **\$29.8 million**
- Projected Construction Output: **\$47.7 million** (multiplier of 1.6)
- Jobs Supported: **270 – 340 during construction**

Operations

- Annual Operating Budget: **\$22,168,459**
- Full Staffing (by Year 3): **126.8 FTEs, including 91.45 FTEs earning >\$60K**
- Annual Economic Impact: **\$64,288,531** (multiplier of 2.9)

ONGOING SUSTAINABILITY

Operations will be funded through service reimbursements, grants, and federal subsidies, ensuring long-term financial stability without additional capital requests.

LONG TERM COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- Increased access to care for rural and low-income residents
- Reduction in preventable hospitalizations and emergency visits
- Enhanced health outcomes through preventive and integrated care
- Steady pipeline of locally trained medical and behavioral health providers
- Sustainable regional economic growth via direct and indirect employment

The La Clinica Teaching Health Center will transform health care delivery and workforce development in Southern Oregon. By combining patient care and workforce training under one roof, the project will strengthen local capacity, expand access, and ensure a healthier, more resilient community for generations to come.