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RAHALL ANNOUNCES \$128,000 FOR RURAL HEALTH CARE IN MCDOWELL COUNTY

WASHINGTON, DC -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) announced that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded \$128,251 to the Tug River Health Association of Gary, West Virginia for a rural health outreach demonstration project.

"McDowell County has been economically depressed and medically undeserved for years, and this grant represents a significant step toward improving access to health care and the quality of care for the residents here," said Rahall.

This grant will support many efforts to expand and enhance local health care. Special projects will be tailored for each age group, and health education programs will be expanded. Case managers will conduct a door-to-door survey to identify those individuals not in care and link them with available public health service programs in the area. Furthermore, a program will be implemented to assist residents in overcoming barriers to obtaining necessary care.

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FROM : BUREAU OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE
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TO : DHHS CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON OFFICE
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1. PROGRAM ID & PUBLIC LAW NUMBER:
RH-93-912 -PUBLIC LAW 102-170
2. GRANT NUMBER: CS000137-01-0
3. NAME AND ADDRESS OF GRANTEE:
TUG RIVER HEALTH ASSOCIATION, INC.
P.O. BOX 507
U.S. ROUTE 103
GARY, WY 24836
4. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: 03
5. AMOUNT OF GRANT: \$128,251
6. TYPE OF GRANT APPLICATIONS:
NEW
7. PROJECT PERIOD: 09/30/93 - 09/29/94
8. BUDGET PERIOD : 09/30/93 - 09/29/94
9. NAME OF PROJECT DIRECTOR:
JOHNSON, CHARLES III
10. TITLE OF PROJECT:
RURAL HEALTH OUTREACH DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM
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PROJECT ABSTRACT

The Tug River Health Association, Welch Emergency Hospital and Big Creek People In Action, are non-profit public health and social service entities located in McDowell County, West Virginia. These entities are proposing the development of a community outreach and health demonstration project to satisfy the unmet need of a district in the County.

McDowell County has been an area of economic depression and health professions shortage for many years. The County continues to experience a high level of unemployment, health professions shortage, poor health status rankings, and behavioral risk prevalences. These areas are further discussed within the application.

The area of focus for the activity is the Big Creek District. The District is populated with 7,366 residents. The composition of the population is 53% females and 47% males, 92.4% white and 7.6% non-white. The age distribution of the population is: 0-14, 25%, 15-21, 11%, 22-44, 32%, 45-64, 18% and 65 and above, 14%.

This Project will be targeted to each life cycle. However, the more intense focus will be upon;

- (1) improving the health and well-being of children and adolescents (0-14) to provide a fairer start in life,
- (2) improving the adolescent pregnancy rate and increasing family planning services,
- (3) improving the prenatal health care and delivery services to females in the child bearing years, to improve birth outcomes,
- (4) assuring that the geriatric (65 and above) population receives necessary support to overcome the barriers in obtaining regular health maintenance care,
- (5) to improve upon the overall health and well-being of the residents by direct health education interventions, and
- (6) to identify qualitatively the health needs of this population, to pursue long-term funding for the development of a service delivery program in the district.

The basic concept of this activity is the out station of case managers. The case managers' basic functions will be to;

- (1) conduct a door-to-door survey to identify those individuals not in care, and link the same with available public health service programs in the County,
- (2) provide direct individual and family health education interventions,
- (3) organize community education services, and
- (4) assist residents in overcoming barriers to obtaining necessary care.