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East Palo Alto clinic wins \$1.78M grant, one of six nationwide

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East Palo Alto's Ravenswood Family Health Center said late Wednesday it's one of just six community health centers in the nation to win a major federal grant to provide disease prevention services for the chronically ill in economically depressed areas.

The three-year \$1.778 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration includes more than \$380,000 in its first year to help the community center help poor nearby residents deal with chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma and heart disease, Ravenswood officials said.

The winners emerged from a field of 231 applicants for grants from HRSA's Bureau of Health Professions, according to Ravenswood, due to its patient mix and its success in meeting their needs.

Almost half of the residents in its service area are poor, according to federal standards, "despite its proximity to the most affluent Silicon Valley communities," the clinic said. Local rates of chronic diseases are far higher for Ravenswood patients than for San Mateo County residents as a whole. For example, nearly 14 percent of poor residents in the nearby community have diabetes, compared to just over 8 percent in the broader population.

More than 2,300 of Ravenswood's approximately 10,000 patients have chronic diseases.



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