In 2012, the County Health Services Agency was awarded a federal capital grant in the amount of $2,448,000 through the U.S. Health & Human Services - Health Resources and Services Administration as part of the Affordable Care Act (Obama Care) to expand health care services to residents of Watsonville.

The awarded grant funded a building renovation of an existing County-owned, 5,000 sq. ft. building at 1442 Freedom Blvd. to house an outpatient medical clinic that will provide integrated health services including primary medical care, dental care, behavioral health care, onsite pharmacy services and case management. This Clinic will not be a residential facility or a homeless shelter.

The Clinic will have 5 medical exam rooms, 4 dental chairs, a small lab, a pharmacy dispensary, counseling space, and a group education/meeting room.

As required by the Federal grant, the Clinic will provide medical care to any individual seeking the services, including those who are uninsured or have Medi-Cal, and for those who might be homeless or at risk of homelessness. A sliding scale fee would be applied based on the patient’s income level.

An estimated 1,700 adults and children will be served, providing over 3,400 integrated primary care visits per year.

Dientes Community Dental Clinic will partner in the project to provide up to 4,000 dental care visits to adults and children per year.

The Clinic is scheduled to open in July 2015