

Improving Access to Care Across Hendry County

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Grant Overview



Federal rural health funding administered by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to expand sustainable access to care in rural communities.

\$209 Million

Allocated to Florida from the
Federal Government

**Applications
Opened**

April 21, 2026

\$25 Million

Statewide Initiative 1 Funding
for Rural & Satellite Clinics

Submitted

June 17, 2026

\$6.4 Million

SW Super Region Year 1
Allocation

**Implementation
Period**

Four Years (Cohort 1)

Lee Health LaBelle Rural Access Model



EXISTING

Family Medicine & OB/GYN

Established LaBelle services continue as the clinical foundation of the model.

NEW · PRIMARY

Walk-In Convenient Care & Lab

Adds LaBelle LCC walk-in services and outpatient point-of-care laboratory.

NEW · PILOT

OnMed CareStations

Expanded access to telehealth enabled care through community-based kiosk deployment

NEW · PILOT

Social Care Coordination

Closed-loop referral platform to connect patients to community social services.

Partners: Hendry County · Glades County · United Way of Lee, Hendry & Glades · Florida State University

What Our Project Included



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- **Labelle Facility Build Out**
 - Digital X-ray, EKG, point-of-care laboratory equipment
 - HVAC upgrade (MERV-13)
 - Furniture and signage
 - Vending pharmacy infrastructure
 - Epic, HIE, ENS, and telehealth technology
 - Medical and clinical supplies
 - Public safety hardware and facility improvements
 - Consumable medical supplies (Years 1–5)
 - **OnMed CareStations**
 - **Social Care Coordination**
 - **Workforce**
 - RHTP Program Manager
 - LaBelle LCC Practice Supervisor
 - 2.5 FTE Customer Service Representatives (CSRs)

Grant Award

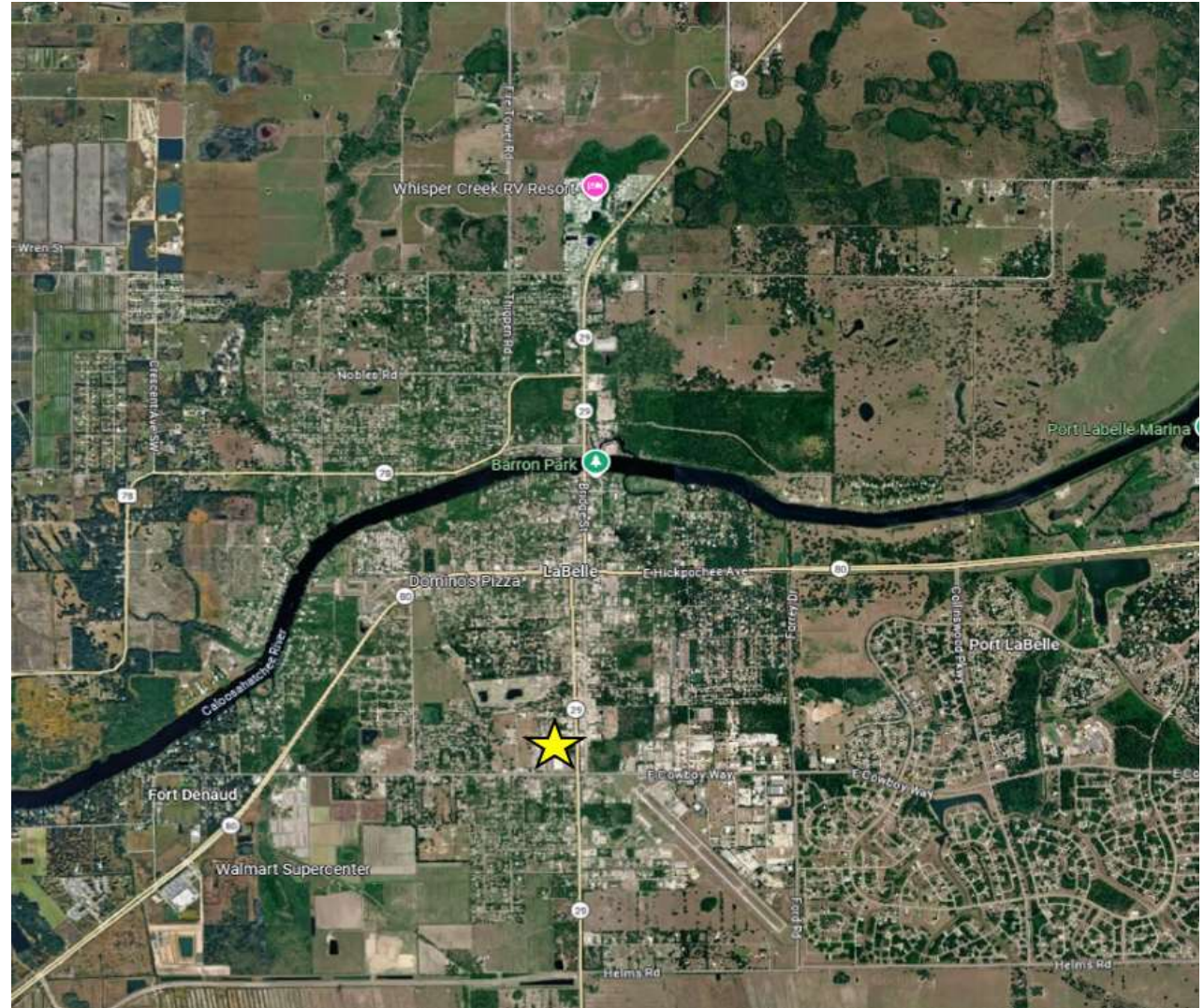


\$2.4 Million

Total Year 1 Submission

\$1.95 Million

Total Year 1 Award



Key Commitments, Milestones, Next Steps



Thank you!

Questions?

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