

CDFIS: EXPANDING HEALTHCARE OPTIONS

Bringing Quality Healthcare Closer to Home

CDFIs help expand access to healthcare by financing the development, expansion, and modernization of medical facilities in underserved communities. Traditional lenders often view projects in low-income or rural areas as too risky, leaving gaps in access to primary care, dental services, behavioral health treatment, and specialty care. CDFIs step in with flexible, patient capital to support federally qualified health centers, community clinics, rural hospitals, and mobile health providers. Their investments help fund facility construction, equipment purchases, and operational capacity, enabling providers to reach patients who might otherwise face long travel distances, limited provider availability, or cost barriers.

Access to quality healthcare is foundational to community wellbeing and economic stability. The following stories illustrate how CDFIs finance new clinics, integrated health campuses, and behavioral health expansions in areas where medical services are limited or at risk. From preserving no-cost care in Maine, to building full-service health centers in Chicago and Flint, to expanding rural clinics in California and Nevada, these projects strengthen local healthcare infrastructure, create permanent jobs, and ensure that families can receive care close to home.

Annual Impact

- Over \$500 million in CDFI financing to expand healthcare facilities, support providers, and expand access to home care.

OASIS FREE CLINICS

EXPANDING ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES

Midcoast Maine

CDFI: GENESIS COMMUNITY LOAN FUND

When Oasis Free Clinics faced displacement from its building, a 2024 loan from the Genesis Community Loan Fund, a certified CDFI, allowed the organization to purchase a new property rather than shut down or leave the community. The investment ensured continuity of no-cost medical and dental care for uninsured adults in the Brunswick, Maine area.

The expanded site added treatment and administrative space, improved transit access, and positioned Oasis to grow medical, dental, vision, and mental health services while hiring staff and engaging volunteer providers to meet rising community need.

