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Senator Bond Secures \$1,000,000 For NEW Crider Health Center Clinic

Crider Health Center is part of a funding package announced by U. S. Senator Kit Bond on June 26, 2008.

Crider Health Center Warrenton will receive \$1M towards the construction a new medical facility that will provide primary health care, pediatric care, dental, and mental health services. The funds will partially defray the approximately \$3M capitol costs. "This facility will become the health care home for those in the community without insurance, the underinsured and those individuals seeking high quality medical care under one roof," said Dr. Karl Wilson, President/CEO.

This new center will provide top-notch health care to this community," said Bond. "Community health centers like Crider are vital to ensuring that all Missouri families receive quality care, regardless of their ability to pay."

This is not the first time Senator Bond has assisted Crider Health Center. Last year he supported Criders' application to become a Federally Qualified Health Center and most recently he has supported their application for the Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit Program.

This funding is linked to the Fiscal Year 2009 Labor-Health and Human Services Spending Bill. Although the bill has passed the full Senate Appropriations Committee, the bill must be passed by the full Senate and reconciled with the House of Representative's version before the bill is signed into law (it is anticipated after the Presidential election). Senator Bond stated in his press release that \$8.5M in federal funds has been secured for crucial health and education needs in Missouri. "This funding will mean better health and education in Missouri communities and through these projects I am able to ensure Missouri taxpayers get their fair share of federal dollars to help Missouri communities meet their critical needs."

Crider Health Center is also planning to expand its current medical facility in Wentzville by an additional 25,000 square feet to ensure comprehensive integrated medical services- primary health care, pediatric care, dental, and mental health services. Both new health center centers are currently being planned and will be constructed over the next two years.