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## **West Orange Healthcare District Announces Grant Opportunities for Not for Profits to Improve Health in West Orange**

- The Fall 2013 Supplemental Grant round applications will be accepted from October 1<sup>st</sup> - November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- Grants up to \$100,000 will be made this cycle to qualified local not for profits
- Go to the District's website [www.wohd1949.org](http://www.wohd1949.org) for guidelines and application

**ORLANDO, Fla.; October, 1, 2013** – The West Orange Healthcare District (WOHD) announced today that it will begin to accept applications for a competitive grant round that will award grants of up to \$100,000 to local not for profits who aim to improve healthcare in West Orange County. The Fall 2013 Supplemental Grant round will accept applications from October 1<sup>st</sup> - November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

“The District is excited to have the opportunity to make a significant impact on the health and well being of the citizens of West Orange County,” said Tim Keating, chairman of the board of directors for the West Orange Healthcare District. “We know the needs are great in West Orange County and the members of our Board realize the responsibility we have to support organizations that are making a difference.”

“We encourage organizations of all sizes to review our application and decide if their purpose aligns with our criteria,” continued Keating.

Generally, awards of up to \$100,000 will be made. However, higher amounts may be approved for programs of special interest to the Board. Only programs whose primary purpose is to improve, preserve or provide health services to residents of the District can be funded. Interested organizations should first request a copy of the full grant announcement or view it at the District's website. If the organization believes that it, and its program, meet the eligibility requirements it may complete an application. Applicants should follow the instructions for preparation and delivery of applications to the District. The District Board reserves the right to accept or reject grant applications.

The WOHD is an independent special healthcare district created by an Act of the 1949 Florida Legislature. The Governor of Florida appoints the 16 members of the District Board. Since the beginning, the purpose of the District has been to improve access to healthcare services for residents of West Orange County.

In March 2012 the District Board sold all of the District's facilities, operations and assets, including Health Central, an affiliate of Orlando Health. Under the provisions of the sales agreement, Orlando Health has agreed to pay the West Orange Healthcare District \$181 million plus interest over 15 years. The proceeds from this sale will be used to award grants that will

improve and preserve the health of District residents.

For more information and to review the grant guidelines and application please visit <http://www.wohd1949.org/grants.php> or call the District office at 407.296.1812.

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