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Nonprofit health center awarded two grants

Blue Shield of California Foundation is awarding the Santa Cruz Community Health Centers \$15,000 in unrestricted funds.

"Our continued investment in the Santa Cruz Community Health Centers reinforces our confidence in their ability to respond to new challenges while continuing to provide high-quality care to low-income residents in Santa Cruz County," said Peter Long, president and CEO of Blue Shield of California Foundation.

Another grant for \$42,000 is being awarded by the Community Foundation Santa Cruz County to expand access to high-quality health care for low-income residents, particularly in the Live Oak neighborhood where the East Cliff Family Health Center has opened.

Santa Cruz Community Health Centers' services are funded in part by a grant from The California Wellness Foundation.

Leslie Conner, executive director of the Santa Cruz Community Health Centers, said she was grateful for the support, "especially during this critical time of expansion."