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Hello –

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the e-mail from the Taxpayer's Association along with the article on Ventura's ACE program from the Ventura County Star.

The federal funds that were awarded to Ventura County were part of a \$180 Million grant program from the California Department of Health Services as part of a Federal 1115 waiver program. Basically, these funds were part of a 3-year demonstration project to determine whether innovative approaches can be found to "extend coverage" (including preventative and hospital care) to the working poor that do not qualify for other public programs. The program is only designed to last 3 years and the counties that were awarded funds must have a sustainability plan and other financing sources in place to continue the program beyond the 3 year grant cycle.

Seventeen counties applied for the funds and only ten were awarded grants. The entities that were awarded were those that were able to meet eligibility criteria that would have been very difficult for Santa Barbara County to meet, given its "hybrid" model of a private/public partnership for providing care. That is, the model that the grant funds were targeted to was one of a large county health system that had a core of County or Public Hospitals and a large county-run system of preventative, primary, and specialty care. In fact, all of the granted counties were very large and all had at least one or more County or Public hospital. In fact, since there was not enough grant money to go around, many of the counties did not receive their full grant request and some of the largest counties that run hospitals were not awarded anything at all. The following is a summary of the awarded agencies:

Alameda County Health Care Services Agency  
Contra Costa Health Services  
Kern Medical Center  
Los Angeles County Department of Health Services  
Orange County  
San Diego County Health & Human Services Agency  
San Francisco Department of Public Health  
San Mateo County  
Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System  
Ventura County Health Care Agency

Please let me know if you need additional information on this initiative or have additional questions.

Thank you,  
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