

Federal money will expand Tustin clinic

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The **Orange County Rescue Mission's** health clinic is one of 12 across California that will share \$15.6 million in federal money to expand services.

The rescue mission's **Hurt Family Health Clinic** in Tustin (pictured at left) offers medical, dental and vision care for adults and children. For information on cost and appointments, click [here](#).

Jim Palmer, president of the nonprofit, said he expects the clinic to receive roughly \$1.2 million over the next two years from the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**.

"Right now we're able to provide minimal dental to adults and children. This will allow us to have a full-time dentist on the team," Palmer said. "This helps to divert that population of homeless individuals and families from having to go to the ER. Instead, they can come right to this clinic."

The clinic provides about 10,000 medical appointments a year to more than 4,000 patients. Low-income people who are not homeless may also visit the clinic.

Statewide, the grants are expected to serve nearly 81,000 people and create 600 jobs, according to elected officials.

Palmer said the federal dollars are tied to raising private money for services.

"This is allowing us to move to the next level, but we can't forget to thank everyone that's provided the private resources. If people's perception was, 'Wow, there's all this money from the federal government, they're not going to need support,' we absolutely do."