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### **Pacific Hospital Preservation & Development Authority Announces \$15,000 Grant**

**SEATTLE, November 20, 2008** – The Pacific Hospital Preservation & Development Authority (PHPDA) Governing Council today announced a grant for \$15,000 to King County Project Access (KCPA). KCPA works with local community clinics, specialists and hospitals to coordinate donated specialty care for low-income, uninsured King County residents. The Capacity Building grant is to help the program develop a sustainable fund development plan as well as a staffing and infrastructure plan. In March 2008 KCPA also received a grant of \$100,000 from the PHPDA.

KCPA links more than 130 physicians and other health care providers in providing specialty care for the low income, uninsured in King County. Based on the principal of sharing the load of caring for the uninsured across a broad section of the provider community, providers commit to seeing a discrete number of uninsured each year. In 2007 more than 1000 patients were referred to KCPA for specialty care.

“We believe the work of King County Project Access is a vital component for health care access,” explains Rosemary B. Aragon, Executive Director of the PHPDA. “They are providing a local model for what needs to happen nationwide in improving health care access for low-income uninsured patients. We hope this grant will help sustain this successful model into the future.”

The Pacific Hospital Preservation & Development Authority partners with community organizations to improve access to health care services in Seattle/King County. In 1981 the City of Seattle chartered the Pacific Hospital Preservation and Development Authority, placing in its trust the Pacific Hospital and its surrounding campus, a historic Seattle Landmark. The PHPDA leases out the property and lease revenues are used to support health care access and culturally appropriate care in King County. In 2008 other grants were awarded to Pacific Medical Centers for both specialty care services and interpreter services.

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