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### **Pacific Hospital Preservation & Development Authority Announces \$100,000 Grant**

**SEATTLE, March 31, 2008** – The Pacific Hospital Preservation & Development Authority (PHPDA) Board of Directors today announced a grant for \$100,000 to King County Project Access. King County Project Access works with local community clinics, specialists and hospitals to coordinate donated specialty care for low-income residents. More than 130 physicians and other health care providers currently participate. 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. This grant will help assure that more than 800 patients have access to specialty care.”

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 2007 other grants were awarded to Pacific Medical Centers for both specialty care services and interpreter services.

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