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**Central City Concern receives \$8.95 million grant from
Recovery Act dollars to relocate
12th Avenue Recovery Center**

Portland, Oregon - Central City Concern has received a grant of \$8,950,000 of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act dollars to create a permanent home for integrated behavioral health services at the corner of Northwest Burnside and Broadway. Central City Concern Executive Director, Ed Blackburn attended an event in Washington D.C. today where President Barack Obama made the announcement. The President announced nearly \$600 million to 85 community health centers nationwide for construction and improvement projects as well as operational efficiencies. Central City Concern is the only Oregon recipient.

“We understand there were more than 600 applicants and we are privileged to be among the recipients,” said Ed Blackburn. “I admire the President’s drive to create more jobs in our area and I was impressed with his grasp of the important role that federally qualified health centers play in caring for our country’s most vulnerable citizens.”

“It is a testament to Central City Concern’s excellent and critically important work that it has been given the opportunity to expand its footprint in our downtown region,” said Congressman David Wu. “During the White House announcement event today, I was proud to represent the only community health center in the Northwest to receive grant funding. The transformation of this site from a community eyesore into a health clinic will help the many vulnerable and underserved people in the downtown area. This project also will benefit the



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entire Portland area by stimulating the local economy through the creation of over 100 construction-related jobs.”

“Congratulations to Central City Concern,” said Senator Jeff Merkley. “I’ve walked through their apartments, visited the health clinic, spoken with staff and met the people who because of Central City Concern, have turned their lives around. Today’s announcement yields a bonus beyond creating jobs and constructing buildings. Today’s good news means Central City Concern can expand their work rebuilding lives and restoring families.”

The grant, administered through Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), will provide funding for a new, two-story building to replace an abandoned fast food restaurant which has become a community eyesore on the foreclosed corner property. The building will utilize green building practices and is designed to accommodate vertical expansion in the future. CCC estimates that construction of the new facility will take approximately two years. Upon completion, it will serve the behavioral health needs of approximately 500 clients at 12th Avenue Recovery Center, expand primary care services at Old Town Clinic and maximize integration of behavioral-primary care. It is anticipated that the project will help CCC serve an additional 1,350 patients per year. The new building will adjoin CCC’s Old Town Clinic, a federally-qualified health center serving homeless and very low income individuals. Currently, 12th Avenue Recovery Center clients receive care in a building with a lease that expires in 2011

The construction project is projected to generate 111 jobs in the Portland area. "For years, Central City Concern has played a major role in helping people find work, housing and the social services they need to get their lives back on track. With this grant, even more people will



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be helped, which in turn, will improve the livability of downtown Portland for everyone," said Mike Kuykendall, Vice President of Downtown Services, Portland Business Alliance.

Central City Concern provides pathways to self-sufficiency through active intervention in poverty and homelessness. The agency operates more than 1,400 units of affordable housing and provides health, recovery and employment services to more than 13,000 individuals in the Portland metro area every year.

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QUICK FACTS

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009	\$8,950,000
Total Project Cost	\$12,543,000
Construction-Related Jobs Created	111
Location	NW Burnside & Broadway Adjacent to CCC's Old Town Clinic
Status	Purchase & Sale Agreement with Property Owner
Building Specs	Two-story, new construction using green design principles.
Building Purpose	Clinic to serve 500 existing clients at 12 th Avenue Recovery Center (currently at leased location) and a projected additional 1,350 clients through expanded services at Old Town Clinic
Grant administered by	Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
# of previous development projects by CCC	16