

TRANSFORMING PEDIATRIC CARE THROUGH STATE FUNDING



The only way we could afford this improvement was to obtain a state grant. We appreciate HMC's assistance with the application, compliance reports, and maintaining the project budget so we could make this a reality."

Mike Vestino

Executive Director of Support Services
Pomona Valley Hospital

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Goals

Transform Pediatric Care

Upgrade Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center's (PVHMC) Pediatric Acute Care Unit from an aging and crowded space in a non-compliant building into a new space that complies with California's 2030 seismic standard to be fully operational after an earthquake.

State Funding

Assist PVHMC in receiving the full maximum available \$15 million from the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA), which offers grant assistance through the Children's Hospital Program of 2018 to certain public or private nonprofit hospitals that provide pediatric services for children.

A Compelling Case

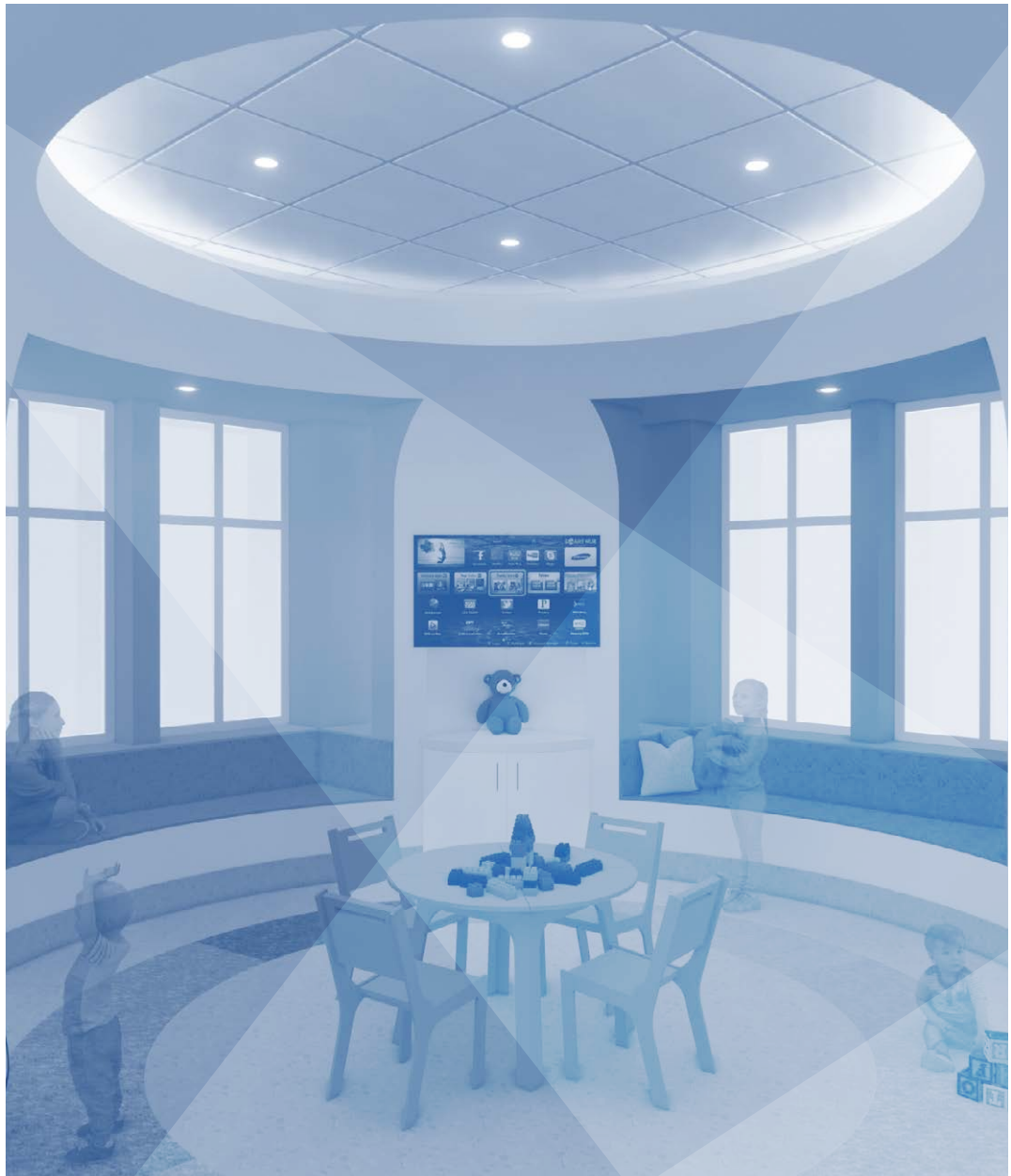
Create a compelling funding request to the CHFFA that identifies the need, the reasons it would be a great investment for the State of California and the Pomona community, a detailed design, and construction, equipment, and project management costs required to make it a reality, along with a project timeline.

Find Viable New Space

Identify an existing shell space that would accommodate the new department and allow 15 total beds with nine fully private rooms, alleviating some difficulties in providing care and improving the patient experience.

Design the Solution

Create an aesthetically distinct pediatrics unit design in the hospital that is unique to the local healthcare marketplace.



Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center



Pomona Valley Hospital is creating an entirely new pediatrics care space and experience with largely single-occupancy patient rooms and a dynamic new environment, with all design and construction costs paid for by the State of California.

Pomona Valley Hospital and Medical Center's (PVHMC) aging and crowded Pediatric Acute Care Unit was housed in a non-compliant building and in need of an upgrade.

Since the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA) offers grant assistance through the Children's Hospital Program of 2018 to certain public or private nonprofit hospitals that provide pediatric services for children, HMC Architects worked with PVHMC to create a compelling CHFFA grant funding request.

The funding request identified the need for a modern new space in a compliant facility. We outlined why it would be a great investment for the State of California and the Pomona community. This included the detailed design, construction, equipment, and project management costs required to make it a reality and a timeline for accomplishing the goal.

The team identified an existing shell space that would accommodate the new department and allow 15 total beds with nine fully private rooms, alleviating some difficulties in providing care and improving the patient experience in the current space, which would not be available to provide care after 2030. The request was successful, and we received the maximum amount of \$15 million. PVHMC is now in construction on the project with zero cost to its capital budget.

PVHMC's pediatric mission is to improve the health of all children through high-quality care, using staff and physicians who are specially trained to provide comprehensive care for children from birth to 17 years of age in a welcoming, compassionate environment. Their physicians partner with pediatric subspecialists to deliver focused medical diagnoses and treatment, from pediatric cardiology to neurology, respiratory care, specialized surgical procedures, and more.

Project Information

CLIENT:
Pomona Valley Hospital
Medical Center

LOCATION:
Pomona, CA

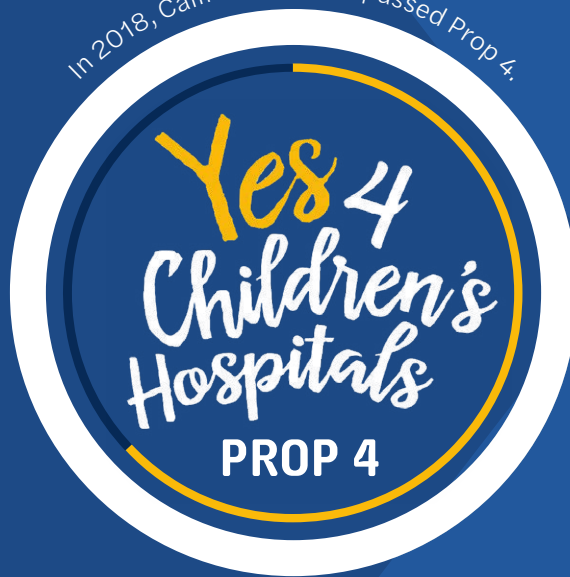
SIZE:
10,000 SF

COMPLETION:
10/2023

Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center

THE POWER OF COLLABORATION

In 2018, California voters passed Prop 4.



- YES 67%
- NO 33%

Prop 4 authorized \$1.5B in bonds, to be repaid from state's General Fund, to fund grants for construction, expansion, renovation, and equipping of qualifying children's hospitals.



\$1.5B TOTAL

PVHMC approached HMC Architects for assistance in applying for CHFFA grant funding of up to \$15M for hospitals with pediatrics specialty service lines.

PVHMC was one of the few projects to be awarded the full \$15 million.



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The project is under construction and is expected to be complete in the fall/winter of 2023.



“From a design perspective, we proposed something a little bold in terms of colors and materials for this space, which was different from the campus aesthetic but worked within it. Hospital leadership embraced these ideas as a celebration of the spirit of childhood, and we appreciate their support of the vision to make this space feel special and exuberant.”

Sergio Lechuga

Director of Interior Design
HMC Architects



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Our vision as an architectural practice goes beyond design to help our clients make things happen, which includes assisting with obtaining funding when we can. Without this grant, there would be no project.”

Kirk Rose

Healthcare Practice Leader
HMC Architects

The CHFFA was established as California’s vehicle for providing financial assistance to public and nonprofit healthcare providers through loans, grants, and tax-exempt bonds. On November 6, 2018, California voters passed Proposition 4, which enabled California to issue an additional \$1.5 billion in general obligation bonds to fund the Children’s Hospital Program of 2018 under Health and Safety Code Sections 1179.81-1179.102.

Eight private nonprofit Children’s Hospitals are each eligible for \$135 million; five University of California Children’s Hospitals are each eligible for \$54 million; and public or private nonprofit hospitals that provide pediatric services for children entitled to California Children’s Services (CCS) are eligible for \$150 million in total. The authority awarded \$149,222,382.43 in grant funding to 15 eligible hospitals in two funding rounds.

HMC has worked with Pomona Valley Hospital since the late 1960s when the firm designed its Surgery and Emergency Building, which HMC is currently seismically upgrading. Over the years, the hospital experienced increased demand in its inpatient pediatrics service line, which is currently housed in an antiquated wing of that same HMC-designed 1971 building. After 2030, that building, consisting of upwards of two to seven child patients per room, will not be seismically compliant.

PVHMC approached HMC and asked for assistance in applying for CHFFA grant funding, which was available up to \$15 million per award for hospitals with pediatrics specialty service lines, like Pomona Valley Hospital.



Together, the hospital and HMC identified a shell space in a more modern building on campus which would allow 15 total beds, consisting of nine fully private and three semi-private patient rooms that would accommodate sibling admissions and full parent/guardian rooming. These would be built with full support services, including nearby nursing stations and telemedicine capability. Single occupancy rooms are desirable, especially to control the spread of communicable illness. Still, some double occupancy rooms are preferred for pediatric patients who are less infectious and benefit from social contact with a “roommate.” The telemedicine program will connect Pomona Valley pediatricians with pediatric sub-specialty providers.

HMC sketched a design and estimated project costs for design, construction, and equipment. Pomona Valley Hospital met the CHFFA eligibility requirement of being a public or private nonprofit hospital. It demonstrated the community’s need for pediatric acute care services that only PVHMC could provide.

The PVHMC grant application was successful, and the hospital was one of only a handful in all of California that was awarded the full \$15 million, which will cover the complete cost of the project, including all design, permit fees, project management, and construction.

PVHMC then authorized HMC to embark on an exciting design process. The HMC solution is aesthetically distinct from other spaces in the hospital, and will be an attractive pediatrics unit unique to the local healthcare marketplace. As the project has gone through design and permitting, HMC has assisted the hospital in providing the required CHFFA documentation, such as status reports, backup cost data, and CEQA exemption. The project is under construction and expected to be complete in the fall/winter of 2023, when PVHMC will relocate patients from the antiquated patient unit to the new one. ●

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