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# Legislators secure \$200K grant for Capstone

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MONTGOMERY — Gov. Kay Ivey called Senate Majority Leader Greg Reed, R-Jasper, Friday morning to inform him that the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) has awarded a \$200,000 grant to Capstone Rural Health Center in Walker County.

The funds will go toward the construction of a new, 9,600-square foot primary care clinic that will replace Capstone's existing modular facility.

"I deeply appreciate Sen. Reed and Rep. Tim Wadsworth for working with us to secure this grant from ADECA," said Dr. David Jones, Capstone's CEO. "The process of applying for state and federal grants can be daunting, and Sen. Reed's office has always been available to answer any questions we have had."

"Dr. Jones and his staff do a terrific job of providing quality medical care for Walker County and the entire west Alabama region," Reed said. "I was so pleased to hear from the governor this morning that Capstone has been approved for the grant, which will help fund the construction of a beautiful new primary care facility here in Walker County."

The mission of Capstone Health Center is to provide affordable primary, preventive, and wellness services in Walker County, especially for lower-income residents.

As a federally-qualified health center, Capstone's services are offered to the public, regardless of its patients' abilities to pay. Indeed, over 80 percent of Capstone's patients make at or below the federal income poverty level.

"Rural healthcare is so important to quality of life, and I'm proud to help with funding for this new facility in Walker County," Ivey said. "Sen. Reed and Rep. Wadsworth worked hard with ADECA and my office to secure this important grant; these fine legislators deserve much of the credit."

Capstone's new facility will provide both primary care and mental health treatment, with space for oral health and pharmacy services in the future, too. The grant is part of an economic development project at the Appalachia Regional Commission, a federal-state partnership designed to foster economic growth in the 13 Appalachian states.

