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Federal appropriation benefits Teton Valley Hospital

Almost one year from the date that federal earmark HR 2764 was approved by Congress, Teton Valley Hospital has acquired medical equipment that has been on-hold until HRSA (Health Resources and Service Administration) funds were received. With the transfer of \$236,367 in grant monies, capital purchases include a Central Cardiac Monitoring System (CCMS), mobile x-ray unit, and collateral equipment for the hospital's PACS (Picture Archiving and Communications System). Additional top-priority capital purchases are being reviewed by medical staff, administration and department directors.

"The jewel of the appropriation is the CCMS. By replacing our previous system, we now have increased ability to monitor our patients' cardiopulmonary functions in practically all areas of patient care whether the patient is in the ER, Recovery, or staying with us as an inpatient," says Deb Taylor, Director of Nursing.

The new mobile x-ray unit makes it possible to perform a variety of x-rays in the ER or patient's room, reducing the need to move patients from one room to another. It also helps decrease wait time for patients when the main x-ray suite is busy.

The addition of screens and laptops for the hospital's PACS will permit speedy access to patients' medical imaging results. Medical staff will be able to obtain clear x-ray, ultrasound, fluoroscopic, MRI and CT Scan images in the ER, OR, doctor's office or central nurses' station.

"We understand that our community relies on Teton Valley Hospital for reliable emergency and primary care," notes Floyd Bounds, CEO. "As we move through tough financial challenges, it's important that our ability to provide essential patient care remains our number one priority."

The Omnibus Appropriations Bill that included HR 2764 was signed into law December 26, 2007 with strong support from Congressman Mike Simpson and Senator Larry Craig. Several rural Idaho hospitals also received funding support for capital expenditures.

For further information about Teton Valley Hospital, please visit www.tvhcare.org or contact hospital spokesperson Ann Loyola at (208) 354-6301.
