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# Tri-City doles out \$300,000

## Largest chunk of grant money goes to two community clinic networks

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North County Health Services. The two community clinic networks received a total of \$60,000 to continue a computer project that automatically transfers "unassigned" patients without insurance who pass through the hospital's emergency department to the clinics for continuing care.

John Lundblad, a member of the hospital's Community Outreach Committee, said the program, which has been in operation for two years, has decreased the number of patients who use Tri-City's emergency room as their primary health care outlet.

Other large awards for col-

laborative efforts among nonprofit groups went to Fraternity House Inc. and North County Health Services, which received a total of \$30,000 for a program that would provide 18,600 meals to residents disabled by AIDS. A \$20,000 grant went to North County Community Services to help pay for winter homeless shelters in Vista and Oceanside.

Lundblad, who also works in the Oceanside's Neighborhood Services Department, noted that Tri-City's community grant program is more generous than those offered

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by North County cities.

"Once again you are surpassing all of the North County cities in your generosity to the organizations that serve the poor and the needy," Lundblad said.

Though hospital directors supported the grant awards unanimously, they could not agree on whether to modify the contract of Chief Executive Officer Larry Anderson. The board ultimately tabled a vote that would have amended Anderson's contract to require a two-thirds vote,

instead of a simple majority, to fire the CEO without cause.

A simple majority recently voted to oust Anderson, but that vote was rescinded only a few days later.

Several board members expressed concern that an employment contract for one of Anderson's subordinate executives was contingent upon him remaining employed.

The board voted 4-1, with Director Ron Mitchell opposed, to table the matter until more information was available on how Anderson's contract affects other members of his executive team.