CAT wins grant for primary care, counseling

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The Center for Addiction Treatment in Cincinnati’s West End has received a $500,000 grant from the SL Gimbel Foundation.

CAT will use the grant to help cover the one-year cost of providing primary care services for 1,200 patients and mental health counseling for 520 patients.

It’s the largest grant for patient care operations ever received by CAT, the Queen City’s longest-serving addiction treatment center.

The SL Gimbel Foundation grant is intended to be used to improve health outcomes for patients in early sobriety and in recovery from drug or alcohol addiction at CAT’s Monarch Primary Care Clinic and its Mental Health Counseling Center.

“The timing of this funding is critical to CAT’s expansion into primary care and mental health counseling,” CAT CEO Sandra Kuehn said.

“This funding will strengthen our efforts to help a population that is underserved in primary care and mental health, and often encounters medical prejudice when seeking such care.”

The SL Gimbel Foundation is a partner of the Orange County Community Foundation, a California-based philanthropic organization that provides grants to individuals, families and businesses to fund a wide range of causes.

CAT, a nonprofit center at 830 Ezzard Charles Drive, has been treating addicts since 1970.

It offers short-term residential and intensive outpatient services, medication-assisted treatment, counseling, a continuing care program and a comprehensive family education program.

CAT is supported by the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, the city of Cincinnati and the United Way of Greater Cincinnati. It also receives federal funding and welcomes private donations.

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