

BCH Services

Primary Care Center | Heart Center | Surgical Center
Inpatient Services | Emergency Department
Laboratory | Physical Therapy | Diabetes Education
Imaging (CT, MRI, Nuclear Medicine, X-ray,
Bone Density, Ultrasound, 3D Mammography)

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Statewide Healthcare
Facility Transformation
Program Award, 2017-22



Reaction to Award from State Representatives

This funding will help ensure that all New Yorkers have access to high quality health care, especially individuals and families who live in rural communities. Investing in medical facilities and programs is something everyone can support in our ongoing effort to make New York a healthier place to live.

—NYS Senator Patrick Gallivan

I am thrilled that Bertrand Chaffee Hospital, which serves people in the northern region in my district, also will receive major state funding to upgrade and strengthen their services!

—NYS Senator Catharine Young

Keeping healthcare local is important to our rural communities. Bertrand Chaffee Hospital is a great hospital with wonderful staff that cares for countless patients daily. I've worked hard in Albany to secure \$11.3 million in grant funding so Bertrand Chaffee Hospital is able to purchase new imaging equipment, further primary and specialist services and build on information technology. Investing in quality healthcare is important.

—NYS Assemblyman David DiPietro

Transforming Local Healthcare

NYS Award Invests in Imaging Equipment and Expands Access to Specialty Services

In July 2017, New York State announced that Bertrand Chaffee Hospital would receive \$11.3 million to invest in imaging technology, information technology and primary care and specialist offices. This award is the largest in Bertrand Chaffee Hospital's history.

"We've created a dynamic set of offerings with our inpatient and outpatient medical services," said Teresa Donohue, CFO. "What we have aligns Bertrand Chaffee Hospital with the goal of New York State: to ensure that the healthcare system can meet the needs of current and future generations of New Yorkers."

"The larger question is, what does this award mean for the future of healthcare in our community?" said BCH CEO Nils Gunnersen. "We took a strategic approach to design our application and outlined projects that are a direct, proactive response to community health needs." He continued, "Improved access to healthcare leads to better health outcomes, and that's our ultimate goal for our community. Keeping healthcare local is the essence of keeping our patients healthy."

"BCH is a vital community resource, providing much-needed health service, and is a leading economic engine for our region," said Gary Eppolito, president of the BCH board of directors. "With this award we can accelerate the progress we have made to improve health services for our neighbors."

This \$11.3 million award was included in New York State's announcement of \$44.6 million in projects for Western New York, part of \$491 million in investment statewide.

3D Mammography

Bertrand Chaffee Hospital added 3D mammography, also called digital tomosynthesis, to its Imaging Department services in October 2017.

"The actual '3-D' part of the mammography is a software upgrade," said Lisa Smith, Imaging Department Manager. "There was an intensive period where the software was installed and tested and our staff received training on the new protocol."

Bertrand Chaffee Hospital converted to a digital mammography system in 2012, with significant support from community donations and a grant from the Springville-Griffith Community Education Foundation.

Digital mammography involves a two-dimensional image that is reviewed by a radiologist for masses or signs of unusual growths. With 3D mammography, a series of images are taken to create a three-dimensional picture that has more detail and definition.

"Our investment in digital mammography was a significant one, and we made it with the knowledge that we would be able to convert to 3D imaging in the future," said Teresa Donohue, CFO. "This continues our work to keep up with the latest technologies that we see a need in the community for."

3D mammography appointments are available weekdays from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and extended hours from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.



Healthcare Investment Drives the Local Economy

According to the Healthcare Association of New York State, Bertrand Chaffee Hospital has an economic impact of about \$47 million each year. That's an important part of keeping the local economy healthy and attracting new families and businesses to the region.



A Special Thanks

Initiatives like this are a team effort. We wish to thank the BCH board of directors for its guidance and leadership; the department managers and staff who have helped to shape the details of our projects; the area's elected officials for their advocacy; and mostly, our patients and their families.

Stay Up-to-Date

Bertrand Chaffee Hospital will post regular updates on our projects and progress on our web site. Our hope is to keep our patients, employees, and the greater community informed about where we are in the process of investing in our facility and expanding access to essential healthcare services. Visit bertrandchaffee.com/statewide.

Project Elements

- ♦ 3D Mammography - completed Oct. 2017
- ♦ Nuclear Medicine Camera - in progress
- ♦ IT - Electronic Health Record
- ♦ MRI - Equipment and Housing
- ♦ Medical Arts Building - primary care and specialty services

