CHIPLEY, FL







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**Northwest Florida Community Hospital** 1360 Brickyard Road

Chipley, FL 32428

Hundreds of hospitals in rural communities across the country are barely hanging on and many have already closed, contributing to the growing rural healthcare crisis in the U.S. In fact, according to a recent report, more than 600 hospitals — nearly 30 percent of rural U.S. hospitals – are at risk of closing in the near future.

Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Hawaii, Kansas, Mississippi, New York, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas have the highest number of at-risk rural hospitals, according to the report.

This is why the recent announcement by UB Community Development, LLC (UBCD) of \$9 million in New Markets Tax Credit financing for the construction of a new surgical center on Northwest Florida Healthcare, Inc.'s existing campus in Chipley, Florida is the definition of a community-changing success story.

Northwest Florida Community Hospital is a 59-bed facility that houses a 25-bed critical access hospital, a 34-bed long-term care facility and health care clinics. They also have an Express Care Clinic, Family Health Care Clinic in Chipley and clinics in Graceville, Bonifay, Marianna and Vernon, Florida.

The current surgical facilities are at capacity, limiting the number of patients served. The project will add an additional 14,000-square-foot facility and offer inpatient and outpatient surgical services, giving patients better access to surgical care in Washington County and surrounding counties. The new facility will also employ approximately 29 employees.

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Northwest Florida Community Hospital Chipley, Florida

#### **Amount of New Markets Tax Credit Funds**

• \$9 Million

## **Community Profile**

Population: 3,599Poverty Rate: 22.3%

• Unemployment Rate: 4.80%

• Household Median Income: \$35,660

## **Project Highlights**

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the \$9 million NMTC allocation, Dudley Ventures serving as the investor, United Bank providing a \$6.5 million source loan and UBCD assisting the hospital in navigating the closing process, the goal was reached: funding a new surgery center in this rural community."

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## **About UB Community Development**

UB Community Development's strong history and experience in New Markets Tax Credit transactions, coupled with our passion for improving the communities around us, make UBCD Alabama's premier financial partner for economic and community development. Through our NMTC projects, Community Facilities Lending Program and Community Housing Capital Fund, UBCD is working with community development partners in the fields of healthcare, education, manufacturing, public works, affordable housing and more. For more information about UB Community Development, visit our website at www.UBCommunityDevelopment.com.

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