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A \$230,832 grant awarded to Perkins County Health Services is covering the cost for installation of new windows, new doors, and new lighting around the nurses station.

According to Chief Financial Officer Tiffany Weber, who applied for the grant that was awarded July 2010, the grant is funded through the Nebraska Energy office and distributed by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.

“The doors and windows are very outdated and leak cold air badly,” said PCHS Administrator Pam Holm. “If you have ever been a patient here you realize that the bed next to the window is cold. With the building being 42 years old, something had to be done for efficiency purposes. This grant will help us pay to update some of the outdated building.”

Mike Smith Construction is the general contractor on the project that began the first week in September. All American Glass and Screen of Colorado is in charge of window installation.

The energy office was able to fund 96 of the 121 applications received using the \$8.8 million in funds available.

Weber said PCHS has also received a grant that includes funding for medical terminology training for 10 front office staff.

She is also pursuing grants for an automated pharmacy dispensing system.