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Farmworker Justice awarded grant from the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation to enhance skin cancer prevention for migrant farmworkers in California and Florida

Washington, DC- Farmworker Justice has been awarded a two-year grant from the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation *Specialty Care for Vulnerable Populations® Initiative* to implement a community mobilization project that will promote community integration and reduce the impact of skin cancer among farmworkers and their families in Homestead, Florida and North San Diego County, California.

The project, *Unidos Eliminando Barreras para la Prevencion de Cancer de la Piel* (United Eliminating Barriers to Skin Cancer Prevention), aims to increase cross-sector capacity to mobilize around skin cancer prevention, detection, treatment, and care with approaches that are sustainable in farmworker communities.

Farmworkers – people who labor on our farms and ranches – and their family members face more substantial health challenges than other groups and suffer poorer average health. Their working and living conditions expose them to long hours of ultra-violet radiation and skin irritants, putting them at a higher risk of developing skin cancer.

“We are very pleased that the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation is providing this support to help address issues relating to skin cancer in farmworkers who represent a medically underserved population that is at risk for both environmental and occupational health problems” said Bruce Goldstein, Farmworker Justice President. “In addition to providing access to skin cancer detection services, resulting in earlier detection of skin cancer and appropriate skin cancer treatment, this project will develop effective approaches and strategies to inform national private and public sector decision makers to better respond to this important public health issue.”

Farmworker Justice is pleased announce our community partners for the project are California-based [Vista Community Clinic](#) and the [Farmworker Association of Florida](#).

Read full press release from Bristol –Myers Squibb Foundation [here](#)

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