



# Minority Health Initiative Fact Sheet

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## ➤ **What**

The Nebraska Legislature appropriates funds to implement minority health initiatives (MHI) in counties with minority populations greater than five percent in the first and third Congressional Districts as determined by the most recent federal decennial census. The current state appropriation bill funding be used to address, but not be limited to diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity, asthma and infant mortality.

## ➤ **Who**

The MHI projects enable 18 of the local health departments to reduce health disparities and increase access to preventive and chronic disease management for minority populations, such as African Americans, American Indians, Asian/Pacific Islanders, Hispanics, and refugees and immigrants. Work with local partners is encouraged to gain the benefits of synergy.

## ➤ **Funding**

Nebraska's state appropriation bill awards \$1.55 million per year on a per capita basis by county in Congressional Districts 1 and 3. In 2010, 44 of Nebraska's 93 counties qualified. The 2020 US Census shows that 83 counties now qualify.

Congressional District 2 receives pass-through funds of \$1.37 million to community-based health organizations funded by federal program 330 and are distributed monthly. Charles Drew Health Center and One World Community Health Center are the current recipients.

## ➤ **Activities**

Local health departments serving qualified counties have conducted minority health needs assessments and developed a work plan to address their specific community needs. The Compass assessment tool from We in the World is being used to establish the level of health equity of internal staff and partners. Projects address and provide culturally appropriate services to the minority populations in their service area.



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