



# 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 directs funding be used to address, but not be limited to diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity, asthma and infant mortality.

Nebraska State Statute 71-1628.07 and the state appropriation bill provide \$220,000 to support the MHI activities in satellite offices in Congressional Districts 2 and 3.

## ➤ **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, 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 for MHI on a per capita basis by county in Congressional Districts 1 and 3. In 2010, 44 out 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 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 need assessments and developed a work plan to address their specific community needs. The Compass assessment tool from Pathways to Population Health Equity is being used to establish the level of health equity for internal staff and partners. Projects address and provide culturally appropriate services to the minority populations in their service area.