



# 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 (Nebraska State Statute 71-1628.07). The statute directs funding be used to address, but not be limited to diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity, asthma and infant mortality.

## ➤ **Who**

The MHI projects enable organizations to better address the goal of advancing health equity, reducing health disparities and increasing access to preventive and chronic disease management for minority populations, such as African Americans, American Indians, Asian/Pacific Islanders, Hispanics, and refugees and immigrants. Partnerships are encouraged to further gain the benefits of synergy. When a network of partners submits an application, each partner identifies how they are involved and support the project.

## ➤ **Funding**

Nebraska's MHI funding is approved every two years through the legislative state appropriations bill. Approximately \$3.1 million is allocated on a per capita basis by county. In 2017, 44 of Nebraska's 93 counties qualified. Applicants must be registered with the Nebraska Secretary of State to do business in Nebraska and have a history of serving minorities in Nebraska.

## ➤ **Activities**

Funded projects demonstrate cultural competence, use evidence-based practice models and Results Based Accountability in their design. A sample of current project efforts:

Diabetes Education Empowerment Program (DEEP)  
Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME)  
Community Health Worker  
Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP)  
Know Your Numbers

Road-to-Health  
Ask Me 3  
Balance Life with Diabetes  
Prevent Diabetes STAT  
Eat Smart-Being Active (ESBA)

### Reference(s):

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/MHI2015.aspx>. Website retrieved April 10, 2018.