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Needs Assessments Priorities
and
Funds for a Healthy Nevada Recommendations
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Needs Assessments

- Every biennium, Nevada DHHS conducts a statewide needs assessment to inform future funding priority areas for consideration by the GMAC.
- The goal of the assessment is to identify priority needs across Nevada, including regions and communities, with a focus on special and underserved populations to provide data to DHHS and GMAC. The data is utilized to identify funding investment decisions.
- In lieu of a 2024 DHHS needs assessment, priorities were identified from alternative assessments for reporting.



2023 Renown Health Community Health Needs Assessment

- In the 2023 Community Health Needs Assessment completed by Renown Health, the following were indicated as priority health needs for their service area:
 - Access to Healthcare
 - *Lack of transportation, doctor affordability, availability of specialty services, and geographic isolation.*
 - Mental Health
 - *Lack of mental health providers, lack of and need for comprehensive and accessible mental health services.*
 - Maternal and Child Health
 - *Increased infant mortality and access to prenatal care.*
- This needs assessment primarily covered the service area of Washoe County.





2022 Southern Nevada Community Health Needs Assessment

- In the 2022 Southern Nevada Community Health Needs Assessment completed by Intermountain Health, the following were indicated as priority health needs:
 - Improve Mental Health
 - *Lack of general mental health support, substance abuse disorder, suicide, crisis care, etc.*
 - Improve Chronic and Avoidable Health Outcomes
 - *Obesity, diabetes, cancer, heart disease, etc.*
 - Address and Invest in Social Determinants of Health
 - *Affordability of transportation, affordability of housing, etc.*
- This needs assessment primarily covered the service area of Clark County.





2022 Nevada State Health Needs Assessment

- In the 2022 Nevada State Health Needs Assessment prepared by Larson Institute for Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), the following regional health priorities by county/region were concluded:

	Clark County	Washoe County	Quad County	Northern Nevada Counties	Southern Nevada Counties
1	Access to Care	Mental Health	Access to Care	Substance Use	Mental Health
2	Mental Health	Physical Activity/ Nutrition; Weight Management	Mental Health	Mental Health	Heart Disease
3	Substance Use	Chronic Disease Screenings	Nutrition	Chronic Diseases	Aging Populations





Funds for a Healthy Nevada (FHN)

- Also referred to as Tobacco Settlement Dollars.
- FHN funds a variety of programs across Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).
- The biennial budget is approved through the legislative process.
- Allocation determination is decided by the Director of DHHS. Recommendations provided by the GMAC assist in the decision making process.



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- Disability Grants and Projects:
 - **Respite Care** is intended to alleviate caregiver stress by providing temporary relief for the primary caregiver of a person or persons with disabilities of any age.
 - **Independent Living** provides direct services to individuals with disabilities such as adaptive resources, life skills training, transportation, and transitional housing.
 - **Positive Behavior Support** includes developing and employing a plan of support for individuals whose disability is accompanied by a problem behavior and focuses on educative strategies to expand the individual's behavior, resulting in an enhanced lifestyle and minimized problem behaviors.
- Funds are distributed through a Notice of Funding Opportunity.





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- Wellness:
 - **The Wellness category** is awarded by the Director. The awards are generally pilot projects or to assist in emergent circumstances.
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs):
 - **The FQHC Incubator Project** provides DHHS the opportunity to support FQHC projects and workforce development needs that cannot be funded through traditional funding sources.
- Funds are distributed through a Notice of Funding Opportunity.





FHN Funds

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- SafeVoice:
 - **SafeVoice** funds are provided to the Department of Public Safety Dispatch Center to support the activities associated with the SafeVoice hotline. The hotline is used to report threats to safety or wellbeing of students.
- Family Resource Centers (FRCs)
 - **FRCs** are a network of community providers, providing services in each county throughout Nevada. These centers are funded using a formula based on county population, county population under 18 years of age, and county poverty rates. FRCs collaborate with local and state agencies and organizations to help individuals and families access needed services and support.





GMU Recommendations for SFY26 & SFY27

- Continue funding Disability Awards to include Respite, Independent Living, and Positive Behavior Support via NOFOs.
- Continue funding FQHC Incubators through NOFOs.
- Continue funding for Wellness and SafeVoice subgrants.
- Increase and continue funding for Family Resource Centers (FRCs).
 - GMU is recommending increasing the funding available to the FRCs if additional funds are available.





GMU Recommendations for SFY26 and SFY27

- The GMU will receive any recommendations provided by the GMAC related to FHN funding priorities at the June 5, 2024 GMAC meeting. These recommendations will be communicated to the Director of DHHS.
- The recommendations will be taken into consideration, along with the recommendations of the Commission on Aging and the Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities.
- Recommendations will be included in the GMU 2024 Annual Report due to the Director by June 30, 2024. This report will help guide the budgeting process for SFY26 and SFY27.





Questions?

