# Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Director's Office, Grants Management Unit

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# SFY24 Fund for a Healthy Nevada Annual Report

Wellness, Disability, Federally Qualified Health Center Incubator Project, Family Resource Centers, SafeVoice, and Public Health Districts This page has been intentionally left blank.

# Department of Health and Human Services Director's Office Grants Management Unit

The following Grants Management Unit's (GMU) State Fiscal Year 2024 (SFY24) Fund for a Healthy Nevada (FHN) Report is submitted in accordance with the following Nevada Revised Statute (NRS):

• Fund for a Healthy Nevada, <u>NRS 439.630 (m)</u> the Director shall transmit a report of all findings, recommendations and expenditures to the Governor, each regular session of the Legislature, the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and any other committees or commissions the Director deems appropriate.

# **Background Information and Overview**

The Fund for a Healthy Nevada (FHN) was created in 1999 under <u>NRS 439.620</u> and is governed by Chapter 439, Sections 620–630, to utilize 60% of tobacco settlement monies received or recovered by the State of Nevada. Originally, the statutes included specific allocations to defined service areas but were amended to give the FHN greater flexibility. The main goal of the FHN is to improve the health of Nevada residents through the support of programs, initiatives, and projects that address the State's most pressing health needs.

Since 2014, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is required to consider recommendations submitted by the Grants Management Advisory Committee (GMAC), the Nevada Commission on Aging (COA), and the Nevada Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities (CSPD), as stated in <u>NRS 439.630(6)</u>. All three advisory bodies must submit funding recommendations to the DHHS Director biennially. The Director must ensure that the money expended from the FHN is not used to supplant existing methods of funding available to the public; and consider how the funds may be used to maximize federal and other resources.

The GMAC SFY26-27 FHN funding recommendations were as follows:

- Fund Disability Awards to include Respite, Independent Living, and Positive Behavior Support;
- Fund the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Incubator Project with a focus on prenatal and maternal health;
- Fund Wellness and SafeVoice subgrants; and
- Fund Family Resource Centers (FRCs) to include an increase of funding if available.

The COA SFY26-27 FHN funding recommendations were as follows:

- Promote Social Inclusion and Engagement;
- Improve Access to Healthcare Services;
- Support economic security and advance housing options, continuing education for professionals; and
- Prioritize ethical hospice care and legal services.

The CSPD SFY26-27 FHN funding recommendations were as follows:

- Distribute the funds evenly among Respite, Independent Living, and Positive Behavior Supports to best serve people with disabilities in Nevada; and
- Consider requiring all FHN grant recipients of ADSD demonstrate how their services align with the goals and objectives described in the ADSD 2023-2028 Olmstead Plan.

The DHHS Grants Management Unit (GMU) conducts or partners with DHHS Divisions with Notice of Funding Opportunities to award subgrants in various categories and programs including: Disability, Wellness, the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Incubator Project, Family Resource Centers, SafeVoice, Public Health Districts, and \*Tobacco Prevention and Cessation.

# \*Tobacco Prevention and Cessation is not included in this report. FHN Tobacco reporting is provided by the Division of Public and Behavior Health.

Category	Awarded	Expended
Disability	\$1,455,568.00	\$1,2878,598.00
Wellness	\$961,193.00	\$925,846.00
FQHC Incubator	\$699,984.00	\$608,842.00
Family Resource Centers	\$1,482,260.00	\$1,429,151.00
SafeVoice	\$609,346.00	\$489,462.00
Public Health Districts	\$999,999.00	\$848,628.00

Fund for a Healthy Nevada (FHN) SFY24 Funding and Expenditures Included in Report

# <u>Wellness</u>

FHN wellness funds are appropriated to be used for any purpose authorized by the Legislature or the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for expenditure or allocation, in accordance with the provisions of <u>NRS 439.630</u>, to support health and wellness in Nevada. These FHN funds are allocated through grants, for expenditure for programs that improve the health and well-being of residents of the State of Nevada, including without limitation, programs that improve health and services for children and the health and well-being of persons with disabilities.

#### **Distribution of Funds**

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) received funds to support Oral Health in Nevada. The Nevada Public Health Foundation also received FHN funds to support and provide technical assistance to DHHS and statewide minority health, equity and regulatory policy and planning, and to work with University of Nevada, Reno School of Social Work to identify and place master level students within public and private agencies for paid internships. Money Management International (MMI) was cross funded with FHN funds to provide food assistance to three (3) food pantries to provide food and reduce insecurity among elderly individuals in Southern Nevada, and to work with clients to become self-sufficient and financially solvent.

Adam's Place was cross funded with FHN funds to provide outreach, education, and expansion of peer support group services for children, teens, and families coping with a loss and grief among high-risk and disparate populations. T.U.L.I.P.S. received funds for mentorship, education, and support services for young women aged 13-21 in Southern Nevada.

In SFY24, eight (8) subrecipients were funded with FHN through Wellness grants, contracts, and agreements. The entities received a total of \$961,193.00.

All the subrecipients are required to submit reporting through various systems and databases including but not limited to, quarterly reports, internal database reports, Hunger Services Survey Summary Report, Food Distribution Reports, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Agency Name	Awarded	Expended
Money Management International	\$201,983.00	\$201,983.00
Adam's Place	\$100,161.00	\$92,796.00
T.U.L.I.P.S.	\$163,458.00	\$163,458.00
Churchill County Social Services	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Community Services Agency	\$30,781.00	\$26,823.00
Nevada Public Health Foundation, Inc.**	\$149,176.00	\$134,578.00
Nevada Public Health Foundation, Inc.	\$16,000.00	\$11,250.00
DPBH Oral Health	\$92,121.00	\$90,745.00
Social Entrepreneurs*	\$11,406.00	\$11,406.00
Nevada Public Health Foundation, Inc.**	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00
Nevada Public Health Foundation, Inc.	\$96,507.00	\$96,507.00
Nevada Public Health Foundation, Inc.	\$22,000.00	\$18,700.00

FHN – SFY24 Wellness Grants/Contracts Funding and Expenditure Totals

Nevada Public Health Foundation, Inc.	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
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\* Social Entrepreneurs expended \$16,817.00 of the awarded amount in SFY23.

\*\* Nevada Public Health Foundation went from work orders to service agreements in January 2024.

#### **Key Activities**

Nevada Public Health Foundation, Inc

- Held a conference in June 2024, in Las Vegas, for Domestic Violence: Impact and Intervention.
- Held The Force Awakens, an Aging and Disability Services Division conference, in April 2024.
- Issued scholarships to social work students who work within the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services as employees, interns, practicum students, volunteers or contractors to promote workforce development and retention.
- Offered public health and wellness training solutions pertinent to agency requirements; topics such as adverse childhood experiences, trauma-informed care, and healthy relationship are included.

#### DPBH Oral Health

• Conducted a statewide oral health assessment of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders; this screening provided evidence for planning targeted prevention efforts.

#### Adam's Place

- Held its first annual national conference on children's grief support groups in November 2023.
- Adam's Place held Camp Cope days: Day at the Farm, Family Fun Activity, Family Night at the Aviators Game, and Family Fun Day at the Discovery Museum.
- Offered monthly virtual Coffee and Coaching for Camp Cope Facilitators.

#### **Disability**

The FHN Disability Funds are aligned with the 2014 Integration Plan from the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division "...to adopt and implement a person-centered framework for the delivery of services." This was accomplished through grants and contracts to primarily fund three (3) types of disability programs: 1) Respite 2) Independent Living and 3) Positive Behavior Support.

• *Respite Care* is intended to alleviate 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* is an empirically validated, function-based approach to 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 repertoire resulting in an enhanced lifestyle and minimized problem behaviors.

# **Distribution of Funds**

In SFY24, eleven (11) subrecipients were funded with FHN through Disability grants, contracts, and agreements. The entities received a total of \$1,33,684.00

All subrecipients are required to submit reports through various systems including but not limited to quarterly reports, and monthly financial reporting.

Agency Name	Awarded	Expended
Amplify Life	\$58,190.00	\$58,190.00
Board of Regents, NSHE c/o UNLV	\$122,884.00	\$111,006.00
Churchill County Social Services	\$115,000.00	\$93.800.00
Dignity Health dba St Rose Dominican	\$90,000.00	\$89,536.00
Lyon County Human Services	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00
Lyon County Human Services	\$54,494.00	\$53,175.00
Neighbor Network of Northern NV	\$105,000.00	\$105,000.00
Neighbor Network of Northern NV	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
Nevada Rural Counties RSVP	\$130,000.00	\$130,000.00
Nevada Rural Counties RSVP	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
UNR	\$197,116.00	\$186,891.00

# FHN - SFY24 Disability Grants/Contracts Funding and Expenditure Totals

# Key Activities

Amplify Life

- Held 2024 Camp Lotsafun for adults, ages 18 or older, with disabilities.
- Offered short programs for client gatherings, visits to new places, and fun focusing on social interactions and recreational activities to promote a comfortable and safe community.

• Provided Café Canteen work training program for adults with disabilities to teach participants hands on skills tailored to their needs and abilities which gives them instruction, knowledge, and experience to better enable them to enter the workforce.

#### Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Program

- Provided transportation services utilizing RSVP vans in Carson City and 14 rural counties.
- Offered a Friends Day Out for persons living with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, and the Senior Companion Program to provide emotional support, socialization, and human contact for homebound elders.

#### Dignity Health St. Rose Dominican

- Broke ground on a new Neighborhood Hospital in the Centennial Hills community.
- Offered classes for wellness, support groups, mental health, and healthy aging.

# Federally Qualified Health Center Incubator Project

The Nevada Department of Health and Human Service (DHHS) administers the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Incubator Project, which is intended to create or enhance existing FQHC programs and services. DHHS, with approval from the 2017 Nevada Legislature, utilized allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Nevada (FHN) to initiate projects under a new FQHC Incubator Project. Since then, the FQHC Incubator Project has continued to focus on increasing access to health care among different target populations. To be eligible for funding, applicants must be an existing Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC's) and FQHC Look-Alikes, as defined by the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), headquartered in Nevada; and Certified Behavioral Health Centers (CCBHCs), as defined by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

FQHCs are community-based organizations that provide comprehensive primary care and preventative care, including oral, mental, and behavioral health services to persons of all ages, regardless of their ability to pay or health insurance status. These organizations must qualify for funding under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS). FQHC organizations primarily serve the most vulnerable Nevadans; more than two-thirds of FQHC patients are uninsured, underinsured or utilizing Medicaid, and more than 95% live below 200% of the federal poverty level.

#### **Distribution of Funds**

Utilizing a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) process, DHHS procured, evaluated, and funded proposals from various FQHCs with a total of five FQHCs awarded.

Agency Name	Awarded	Expended
Nevada Health Centers	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
Northern Nevada HOPES	\$159,989.00	\$75,038.00
Community Health Alliance	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
Hope Christian Health Center	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
Southern Nevada Health District	\$150,000.00	\$143,804.00

# FHN – FQHC Incubator SFY24 Funding and Expenditure Totals

# **Overview of Funded FQHC Incubator Projects**

# Nevada Health Centers (NVHC)

NVHC's first of two project goals in FY24 was developing a cardiology service line at the Martin Luther King Health Center to serve Southern Nevada's uninsured, and underinsured patients in Clark County's Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs). The goal of this service line is increasing the number of individuals who have access to specialty care, comprehensive cardiovascular evaluation, and continuity of care for diagnosing, managing, and preventing cardiovascular diseases.

The second project goal was expanding the Mobile Service Line for NVHC's Medical and Dental Van based in Reno and Elko, Nevada, to serve geographically isolated patients in MUAs and frontier communities.

# **Key Activities**

- Cardiologist hired through contract Heart Vascular Centers of America, Inc.
- Medical supplies and equipment, vaccines and over-the-counter medications purchased for use in the Mobile Service Line based out of Reno and Elko, Nevada to account for increased locations and populations served.
- Examinations, well-child/adolescent care, acute care, immunizations, prescriptions and lab testing expanded to the following locations: Stagecoach, Lockwood, Fernley, and Silver Springs.
- Mobile services provided 3 days per week in various locations throughout Northern Nevada.

# Northern Nevada HOPES

Northern Nevada HOPES used the Incubator Project funding in FY24 to initiate recruitment, hiring, and training of twelve staff members and establish technological infrastructure to support the operation of a new FQHC location in Reno, Nevada. Staff positions included a Training and Development Specialist, Mail/Supply Clerk, Insurance Biller, Behavioral Health Primary Care Integration Therapist, Behavioral Health Director, and Director of Clinical Services. These positions, among others, would lend to serving patients in need of medical and behavioral health DHHS DO GMU

services in the Washoe County area. In addition to staffing the new FQHC, a Learning Management System (LMS) and phone system would be installed.

# **Key Activities**

- A Training and Development Specialist was hired in January of 2024, and began work on creating and implementing a local, regional and national recruitment strategy for "hard to hire" positions that included plans by specialty. Additionally, work began on a bid request for the Learning Management System (LMS) to be utilized by newly hired staff.
- A Prior Authorization Specialist was hired in May of 2024, and began to assist in establishing policies and procedures for prior authorizations and billing.
- Recruitment efforts and interviews continued from January through June of 2024.
- The LMS software system and phone system were installed in June 2024.

# Community Health Alliance (CHA)

CHA initiated an intensive and systematic implementation of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program plan. The project was based in Washoe County, the service area for services provided by CHA. The goal of this project was to assess community, and stakeholder needs and assess CHA capacity to establish the MAT program, with the assistance of a newly hired CHA Master of Public Health Intern (MPH) Program Specialist position.

#### **Key Activities**

- MPH Program specialist was hired to assess need for and capacity of a MAT program; identified a MAT model of care to serve as a guide for the development of the CHA program; needs assessments (external and internal) completed, and discussions with MAT community providers held to obtain feedback.
- A Director of Behavioral Health was hired to then work with CHA medical staff to develop a structure for MAT service delivery, identify potential funding sources, staffing pattern, training, and policies and procedures.
- Completed a model of care selection, developed the CHA MAT program structure, and initiated a training plan.

# Hope Christian Health Center (HCHC)

HCHC utilized Incubator Project funding in FY24 to establish a Community Health Worker (CHW) program focused on identifying and analyzing social determinants of health experienced by their patient population.

# **Key Activities**

• Three full-time Community Health Workers were hired by August 2023 and began establishing relationships with local organizations that provide access to healthy food, transportation, DHHS DO GMU

diaper/formula assistance, educational opportunities, etc., to connect patients in need with those resources (uninsured, underinsured, Sliding Fee Scale patients).

• Additionally, a Chronic Disease Case Manager and Care Gap Specialist were hired in March 2024 to expand services to those with chronic and pre-existing conditions and to ensure all aspects of necessary care were being addressed for each patient.

#### Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD)

SNHD used the Incubator Project funding in FY24 to design and implement an integrated Behavioral Health model into FQHC workflows and processes and bring on a Behavioral Health Manager to design and manage these implementation plans and this first year of service.

#### **Key Activities**

- A Behavioral Health Manager was hired and began work on assessing the existing integrated care model integrating behavioral health and mental health services into all FQHC programs and services.
- The Behavioral Health Manager consulted with other service operations managers and behavioral health staff on best practices on incorporating collaborative practices in pre-visit planning and creating opportunities to expand warm handoffs during patient visits.

# Family Resource Centers

Family Resource Centers (FRCs) were created by the State Legislature in 1995 <u>NRS 430A</u>, as facilities within at-risk communities where families could obtain an assessment of their eligibility for social services and receive direct services or referrals to other social services agencies to meet the needs of their families. For 29 years, FRCs of Nevada have provided resources, information, referrals, and case management services; collaborated with local community partners and organizations assisting individuals and families with access to needed services and support. FRCs help families solve problems by providing skills and tools to strengthen family systems. These centers are a vital part of the communities they serve and are trusted by people that might not access services any other way.

Each Family Resource Center is required to submit a monthly report containing datapoints relevant to the goals of the funding: the number of unduplicated individuals served, the number of case files opened, resources provided, number of referrals made to other service providers, number of clients with a Goal Worksheet, and the number of times a case manager met with a client to review progress toward achieving their goals.

Also required are quarterly reports, which focus on program accomplishments, staffing, staff training received, challenges, technical assistance requested, community outreach events hosted, in-kind/cash donations received, and anecdotal stories that demonstrate the impact of the program. Through review of monthly and quarterly reports, video calls, telephone calls, and email correspondence, Grants Management Unit staff worked closely with the FRCs in SFY24 to ensure

clients accessing services were provided with appropriate referrals and support to help them achieve their goals.

Throughout the State of Nevada, FRCs collaborate with the Department of Children & Family Services, the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, the Aging and Disability Services Division, the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, food pantries, local school districts, and other community and state agencies.

In SFY24, FRC programs across the state served a total of 23,450 unduplicated individuals with referrals, resources, and support to meet their immediate needs. A total of 29,263 new case files were opened in SFY24.

#### **Distribution of Funds**

In SFY24, eighteen (18) FRCs were allocated \$1,482,260.00 from the Fund for a Healthy Nevada. The FRCs throughout Nevada expended \$1,429,151.00 of the SFY24 funds.

Agency Name	Awarded	Expended
Washoe County School District	\$181,373.00	\$176,748.00
Tahoe Family Solutions	\$14,008.00	\$11,761.00
Family Support Council of Douglas County	\$33,008.00	\$33,008.00
Ron Wood Family Resource Center	\$39,236.00	\$39,231.00
Community Chest, Inc.	\$15,905.00	\$15,814.00
<b>Churchill County Social Services</b>	\$26,442.00	\$26,190.00
Lyon County Human Services	\$39,105.00	\$39,105.00
Frontier Community Action Agency	\$62,175.00	\$38,156.00
Family Resource Center of Northeastern Nevada	\$36,822.00	\$33,190.00
White Pine County Social Services	\$24,020.00	\$24,020.00
<b>Consolidated Agencies for Human Services</b>	\$17,123.00	\$14,926.00
Nevada Outreach Training Organization	\$36,251.00	\$36,251.00
Lincoln County Community Connection	\$16,754.00	\$16,386.00
The Salvation Army of Mesquite	\$22,058.00	\$22,058.00
Cappalappa Family Resource Center	\$17,970.00	\$17,969.00
East Valley Family Services	\$330,305.00	\$321,230.00
Olive Crest	\$415,316.00	\$408,719.00
Hopelink of Southern Nevada	\$154,389.00	\$154,389.00

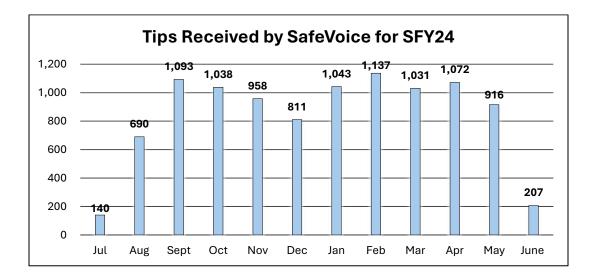
# FHN – Family Resource Centers SFY24 Funding and Expenditure Totals

# **SafeVoice**

The SafeVoice Program, in partnership with the Nevada Department of Public Safety (DPS), provides students and the community with a safe place to submit tips concerning their own safety or that of others. SafeVoice is administratively managed by the Nevada Department of Education, Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment with a dedicated team of individuals who oversee the fiduciary and operational aspects of the program. On the operations side, a fully trained professional team of experts operate and respond within the DPS Division of Investigation, in an appropriate manner 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

The program allows students, parents, faculty, and other community members throughout Nevada to have access to SafeVoice, an anonymous reporting system used to report threats to the safety or well-being of students. SafeVoice was established by the Nevada Department of Education under <u>Senate Bill 212</u> in 2017, to protect student wellness, prevent violence and save lives. Integrated into the overall SafeVoice program are mental and behavioral health professionals along with district and school administrators. This synergy brings about a collaborative effort to ensure the safety and security of student populations where they reside. Since its implementation, SafeVoice has evolved within the State of Nevada and continues to adapt to best meet the safety needs of Nevada's students.

SafeVoice tips are submitted using the hotline, internet website, mobile telephone application, and text messaging applications. Frequent tips include HandleWithCare (HWC), suicide threats, threats to students, suspicious person/activity, and cyberbullying. A total of 10,136 tips were received in SFY24. HWC is a program in Nevada that requires law enforcement to notify the SafeVoice platform when a school-aged child is exposed to a traumatic event that may affect their ability to succeed in school. The goal of HWC is to ensure that resources are available to help the student.



# Public Health Districts

Public health districts in Nevada have evolved over time to better serve the state's diverse communities. The districts were established to address the unique public health need of their respective regions, ensuring that local communities receive tailored and effective public health services.

In SFY24, the following Nevada public health districts were awarded a total of \$999,999.00, from the DHHS GMU:

- <u>Northern Nevada Public Health (NNPH)</u>, formerly known as Washoe County Health District, was formed in 1972, serving the cities of Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County is governed by the District Board of Health. NNPH has four (4) divisions including Environmental Health Services, Air Quality Management Division, Community and Clinical Health Services, and Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness.
- <u>Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD</u>), created in 1962, serves a population of over 2.3 million people, including residents of Las Vegas and is responsible for safeguarding public health of both residents and the millions of visitors travel to Las Vegas each year. SNHD offers a wide range of services, such as immunizations, disease prevention, environmental health, and health promotion programs. They also play a crucial role in responding to public health emergencies.
- <u>Central Nevada Health District (CNHD)</u> was established in 2022, and was the result of four communities, Storey County, Lyon County, Douglas County and Carson City, seeking opportunities to provide better public health services. Prior to 2022, public health in 11 rural counties was provided by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH).

Agency Name	Awarded	Expended
Northern Nevada Public Health	\$333,333.00	\$333,333.00
Southern Nevada Public Health	\$333,333.00	\$332,628.00
Central Nevada Public Health	\$333,333.00	\$182,667.00

# FHN – Nevada Public Health Districts SFY24 Funding and Expenditure Totals