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Background

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 433.712 through 433.744 established the Fund for a Resilient Nevada in 2021.

One of the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) responsibilities is the development of a Statewide Needs Assessment and a Statewide Plan to drive funding allocations.

- The needs assessment was completed in July 2022.
- The statewide plan was finalized in December 2022.

[Nevada Opioid Needs Assessment and Statewide Plan 2022 \(nv.gov\)](#)

NRS also created the Advisory Committee for a Resilient Nevada (ACRN) to identify and prioritize recommendations to the Director's Office by June 30th every even numbered year.

[2022 Nevada Advisory Committee for a Resilient Nevada Report to Department of Health and Human Services \(nv.gov\)](#)



Background

A report regarding Findings, Recommendations and Expenditures is due to on or before January 31 of each year to the following:

- (a) The Governor;
- (b) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to:
 - (1) In odd-numbered years, the next regular session of the Legislature; and
 - (2) In even-numbered years, the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Interim Finance Committee;
- (c) The Commission;
- (d) Each regional behavioral health policy board created by NRS 433.429;
- (e) The Office of the Attorney General; and
- (f) Any other committees or commissions the Director of the Department deems appropriate.



Opioid Fund Mapping

Substance Abuse Block Grant \$20,537,145 per year for 2 years (not opioid specific)

State Opioid Response (SOR) \$16,723,421 per year for 2 years with no cost extension options

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) \$5,751,722 for two years total

Overdose Data to Action (state) \$2,600,000 per year for 5 years

Overdose Data to Action (local SNHD) \$2,500,000 per year for 5 years

DHCFP (expenditures July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022)

Substance Use Disorder (SUD)/Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Spending, Nevada Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS)/Managed Care Organization (MCO)

- FFS OUD Expenditures: \$135,580,199
- FFS SUD Expenditures: \$783,003,008
- MCO OUD Expenditures: \$35,923,727
- MCO SUD Expenditures: \$233,959,467



Statewide Plan Goals

Goal 1: Ensure Local Programs Have the Capacity to Implement Recommendations Effectively and Sustainably

Goal 2: Prevent the Misuse of Opioids

Goal 3: Reduce Harm Related to Opioid Use

Goal 4: Provide Behavioral Health Treatment

Goal 5: Implement Recovery Communities across Nevada

Goal 6: Provide Opioid Prevention and Treatment Consistently across the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Systems

Goal 7: Provide High Quality and Robust Data and Accessible, Timely Reporting



Goal 1: Ensure Local Programs Have the Capacity to Implement Recommendations Effectively and Sustainably

Funded Activities:

- Establish a Nevada opioid training and technical assistance hub to support local communities to build capacity, identify and implement best practices, and coordinate training and technical assistance opportunities from state and national subject matter experts (SME) **Opioid Technical Assistance and Coordination Center (O-TACC) through CASAT**
- Create a website to serve as a central repository for training and technical assistance materials **O-TACC**
- Establish positions for regional opioid training and technical assistance to facilitate information sharing on opioid-related activities between local, regional, and state entities **O-TACC**
 - Establish a quarterly meeting for coordinators
- Provide technical assistance around evidence-based practices (EBPs) and evidence-informed services and projects **O-TACC**
- Convene statewide pharmacist round table event **Nevada Public Health Foundation**



Goal 1: Ensure Local Programs Have the Capacity to Implement Recommendations Effectively and Sustainably

Funded Activities:

- Train on EBPs and evidence-informed services and projects during implementation O-TACC
- Provide ongoing training as needed O-TACC
- Offer technical assistance while monitoring the implementation O-TACC



Goal 1: Ensure Local Programs Have the Capacity to Implement Recommendations Effectively and Sustainably

Internal Ongoing:

- Evaluation and mapping of currently funded opioid and substance use disorder projects
- Entity needs assessment/gaps – Plan for implementation using findings from implementation science
- Offer technical assistance for developing baseline, outcome measures, and reporting
- Technical assistance for target population identification
- Establish initial reporting requirements and process for funded programs
- Develop quality assurance activities that can braid across organizations
- Gather process reporting and financial reports from local entities – Gather baseline and outcome data
- Provide technical assistance on remediation and quality improvement
- Conduct quality assurance and fidelity reviews
- Provide technical assistance to remediate any negative findings
- Monitor corrective actions plans
- Provide technical assistance on EBP or national best practices



Goal 2: Prevent the Misuse of Opioids

Funded Activities:

- Identify substances involved in overdoses quickly (e.g., distribute hand-held drug testing equipment) **Nevada Division of Emergency Management**
- Educate the public on the identification of treatment needs and treatment access and resources **NyE Communities Coalition**
- Promote available resources **NyE Communities Coalition; Quest Counseling**
- Educate providers and pharmacists on alternative pain management and on educating patients on patient pain management expectations and safe opioid use **Nevada Public Health Foundation**
- Decrease stigma/offer anti-stigma training for providers, including pharmacists **Nevada Public Health Foundation**



Goal 2: Prevent the Misuse of Opioids

Funded Activities:

- Educate parents and the public on ACEs prevention and intervention Implement family-based prevention strategies and expand activities under the Family First Prevention Act **NyE Communities Coalition**
- Offer ACEs screening and referral to treatment in schools and medical settings **NyE Communities Coalition**
- Increase access to aftercare, summer, and intramural programs **Boys & Girls Club of So NV (Statewide Program including six organizations and thirty-four locations)**
- Increase prevention in schools **UNR – Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)**
- Require prevention education and educator training **UNR – Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)**
- Provide access to prevention activities for the transitional aged youth (TAY) to ensure all youth/adolescent populations are targeted **Boys & Girls Club of So NV (Statewide Program including six organizations and thirty-four locations)**
- Prevent, screen for, and treat those with Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) **NyE Communities Coalition**
- Implement ages zero to three programming to support families impacted by substance use **EMPOWER**



Goal 2: Prevent the Misuse of Opioids

Internal Ongoing:

- Provide school survey results on drug trends/issues to school leaders
- Determine necessary action to reduce the risk of overdose in Nevada's communities.



Goal 3: Reduce Harm Related to Opioid Use

Funded Activities:

- Expand the availability of harm reduction products in vending machines **Trac B Exchange**
- Include people in recovery and those with lived experience with opioid use in planning efforts, to include peer programming **EMPOWER; Carson City Community Counseling Center (CCCCC)**
- Expand accessibility of needle exchanges across the state **Trac B Exchange**
- Use exchange sites for additional harm reduction efforts **Trac B Exchange**



Goal 4: Provide Behavioral Health Treatment

Funded Activities:

- Improve upon evidence-based SUD and OUD treatment and recovery support training and resources for providers, including for subpopulations (e.g., children and families, tribal members) who need tailored treatment – Increase evidence-based suicide interventions and trauma-informed care **O-TTAC**
- Use EBPs to support mothers, babies, and families impacted by opioid use **EMPOWER**
- Expand treatment options for transition-age youth – Provide specialty care for adolescents in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems **NyE Communities Coalition**
- Continue to work with tribal communities to meet their needs for prevention, harm reduction, and treatment **Nevada Indian Commission**
- Increase longer-term and short-term rehabilitation program capacity **Living Free Health & Fitness; Washoe County DAS STAR Program**
- Establish Community Health Worker/Peer Navigator program for pregnant and parenting persons with OUD **EMPOWER**
- Increase parent/baby/child treatment options including recovery housing and residential treatment that allow the family to remain together **Living Free Health & Fitness**
- Implement a plan for expansion of mobile MOUD treatment for rural and frontier communities **CASAT**
- Initiate buprenorphine in the emergency department and during inpatient stays **Quest Counseling**



Goal 4: Provide Behavioral Health Treatment

Funded Activities:

- Expand access to MOUD treatment for youth in primary care and behavioral health settings **Quest Counseling**
- Create a provider forum for treatment and other resource-sharing **O-TACC**
- Offer parenting programs and home visits for at-risk pregnant women **EMPOWER**
- Continue to monitor and expand ASTHO programs for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) with special attention to preventing health disparities **EMPOWER**
- Provide tenancy supports for individuals to maintain housing through the recovery process **Washoe County DAS STAR**
- Develop sober and affordable housing resources through partnerships **Living Free Health & Fitness; Washoe County DAS STAR Program**



Goal 4: Provide Behavioral Health Treatment

Internal Ongoing:

- Ensure all providers prioritize best practices for patients, family/caregivers, and neonates/infants
- Require all SUD treatment programs to measure standard patient outcomes and implement best practices
- Engage nontraditional community resources to expand treatment access in rural or underserved areas and target populations that experience health disparities
- Support referral to evidence-based practices
- Continue to expand MOUD in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)
- Provide continuity of care between levels of care
- Evaluate provider enrollment process to ensure it is not a deterrent for providers
- Ensure funding for the array of OUD services for uninsured, underinsured, and tribal populations
- Enforce parity across physical and mental health
- Implement a reimbursement model that reduces the administrative burden on providers of administering grant funds
- Monitor the capacity of SUD and OUD treatment providers



Goal 5: Implement Recovery Communities across Nevada Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)

Activities:

- Develop employment supports for those in treatment and in recovery **Living Free Health and Fitness**
- Address transportation needs as a SDOH **Washoe County DAS STAR; CCCCC**



Goal 5: Implement Recovery Communities across Nevada Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)

Internal Ongoing:

- Incorporate screening for standard SDOH needs as a routine intake procedure for all services
- Establish policies and funding to support evidence-based recovery housing



Goal 6: Provide Opioid Prevention and Treatment Consistently across the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Systems

Funded Activities:

- Provide MAT in all adult correctional and juvenile justice facilities Carson City Community Counseling Center
- Connect people leaving jails and prisons to post-release treatment, housing, and other supports as well as educate about overdose risk Carson City Community Counseling Center



Goal 6: Provide Opioid Prevention and Treatment Consistently across the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Systems

Internal Ongoing:

- Expand drug court treatment availability and include treatment for multiple substances
- Monitor outcomes related to SUD treatment for the criminal justice-involved population
- Educate parole and probation officers on the need for treatment, recovery, housing, and employment



Goal 7: Provide High Quality and Robust Data and Accessible, Timely Reporting

Funded Activities:

- Collect data from the poison control hotline **DPBH Public Health Preparedness Program**
- Implement the All-Payer Claims Database **Division of Health Care Financing and Policy**
- Create an Automated Program Interface (API) connection to Emergency Medical Services (EMS)/Image Trend **DPBH Emergency Medical Services**



Goal 7: Provide High Quality and Robust Data and Accessible, Timely Reporting

Internal Ongoing:

- Standardize reporting and query code/logic across reporting agencies
- Establish minimum data set for suspected and actual overdose for use in all agencies, including demographic characteristics
- Ensure data elements include demographic characteristics to identify and address health disparities



Awards

AWARDEE	Award Amount	Goal #	Notes	Area
FY23/24 (June 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)				
CASAT	\$ 1,372,943.90	1	Center for Excellence, Opioid TTAC	Statewide
NV Indian Commission	\$ 46,499.00	1	Tribal Coordination	Statewide
NV Public Health Foundation	\$ 84,239.20	1	Pharmacist Conference	Statewide
NV Public Health Foundation	\$ 26,250.00	1	AATOD Seed Money	Statewide
Broadcasters Association (Media)	\$ 100,000.00	1	Public Awareness of the Dangers of Fentanyl	Statewide
Broadcasters Association (Media)	\$ 100,000.00	1	Narcan/Lawenforcement Campaign	Statewide
MTSS	\$ 390,108.00	2	Youth School Prevention	Statewide
NyE Communities	\$ 46,448.00	2	Youth Prevention	Rural
B&GCSNV	\$ 200,545.00	2	Youth Prevention	Clark/Statewide
Trac B Exchange	\$ 140,000.00	3	Syringes/Sharps in Vending Machines	Statewide
Xylazine Test Strip Provider - Goal 3	\$ 412,500.00	3	Harm Reduction	Statewide
Fentenayl Test Strip Provider - Goal 3	\$ 150,000.00	3	Harm Reduction	Statewide
Opioid Anatagonist Med Provider Goal 3	\$ 950,000.00	3	Harm Reduction	Statewide
Living Free Health & Wellness	\$ 271,844.00	4,5	Recovery Housing	Statewide
Washoe County Dept of Alt Sentencing	\$ 182,560.00	4,5	Alt Sentencing - Recovery Housing	Washoe
Roseman University Empower	\$ 230,360.00	4	Maternal Program	Clark
CCCCC	\$ 292,268.00	4	Treatment	Northern
CASAT	\$ 690,000.00	4	Mobile Units MOUD	Rural
Lyon County Human Services	\$ 88,442.00	4	Youth Services	Rural/Lyon
Quest Counseling	\$ 194,872.00	4	Youth Services	Washoe
Northern Nevada HOPES	\$ 77,515.00	4	Maternal Program	Washoe



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NV Public Health Foundation	\$ 25,516.94	6	Rural County Jail Project, Captain Teel	Statewide
NV Public Health Foundation	\$ 4,235.10	6	Rural County Jail Project, Captain Teel	Statewide
NV Public Health Foundation	\$ 61,240.00	6	Rural County Jail Project	Statewide
DHCFP	\$ 474,590.00	6	90 day prerelease waiver	Statewide
Behavioral Health Group (Lander Co)	\$ 309,973.00	6	Rural County Jail Project- Treatment Provider	Lander County Pilot
Nevada Public Health Foundation (DIDS/Social workers)	\$ 33,910.00	6	Public Defenders Office, Social Worker Project	Statewide
Nevada Public Health Foundation (Juvenile)	\$ 24,950.00	6	Juvenile Justice Facility Project- Captain Teel	Statewide
DPBH EMS	\$ 5,000.00	7	ODMAP API	Statewide
DPBH Public Health Preparedness	\$ 19,149.00	7	Poison Control	Statewide
Medicaid All Payers Claims Database	\$ 109,448.00	7	All Payer Claims Database	Statewide
NV Division of Emergency Services	\$ 606,121.95	7	Mass Specs	Statewide
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DPBH/IT Electronic Health Record SME	\$ 149,760.00	7,1	Capacity Building	DPBH, DCFS, NDOC



One Nevada Agreement Reporting Calendar Year 2023

- Carson City
- Central Lyon County Fire Protection District
- Churchill County
- Clark County
- City of Boulder
- City Of Ely
- City Of Fernley
- City Of Henderson
- City Of Las Vegas
- City of Mesquite
- City Of North Las Vegas
- City Of Reno
- City of Sparks
- City of West Wendover
- Douglas County
- Elko County
- Esmeralda County
- Eureka County
- Humboldt County
- Lander County
- Lincoln County
- Lyon County
- Mineral County
- Pershing County
- North Lyon County Fire Protection District
- Nye County
- Storey County
- Washoe County
- White Pine County



Local Needs Assessments and Plans

Complete: Humboldt, Lyon, Washoe, Esmeralda, Mineral, Douglas, Nye

Anticipated to be complete by early May: Churchill, Pershing, Storey, Lander, Carson City

Plans can be found here:

[Advocacy | Public Health | Nevada Association of Counties \(nvnaco.org\)](#)



Questions?