

NEVADA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF THE WESTERN REGIONAL EDUCATION COMPACT (WICHE) 2017-2019 BIENNIUM

GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS BUDGETS

FY 2018: \$1,509,275
\$1,125,370 Loan & Stipend
\$ 383,905 Administration

FY 2019: \$1,605,890
\$1,222,798 Loan & Stipend
\$ 383,092 Administration

FY 2018–2019 FUNDING SOURCES

General Fund Revenue: \$2,313,432 Loan Repayment Revenue: \$ 801,733

AGENCY IMPACTS ON NEVADA

- *Educational Development* by providing financial assistance, reduced tuition, and/or preferential admission to Nevada students to attend participating institutions.
- *Workforce Development* by guaranteeing that WICHE-supported professionals work in Nevada for a minimum of 1 to 4 years to help meet workforce shortages. Many remain in Nevada and continue to provide needed services.
- *Health Care* by requiring supported professionals to provide services in their given health care fields in urban, rural, and underserved locations. Nevadans throughout the state have access to care on a continuous, consistent basis that may otherwise not be available.
- *Economic Development* by WICHE practitioners generating additional employment opportunities and income that contribute to the local tax base, helping Nevada attract and retain businesses and jobs.

LOAN & STIPEND (BA2681) FUNDING BREAKDOWN

General Fund supports approximately 66% of programs.

Non-General Fund loan repayment revenue supports approximately 34% of



WICHE enhances workforce and economic development by providing the state highly-trained, qualified professionals in diversified areas of established need.

NEVADA WICHE

PROGRAMS

Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP)

Participants work in Nevada in high-need health care fields in return for preference in admission and/or reduced tuition at regionally-participating educational institutions. Proposed fields of support include:

Occupational Therapy
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Physician Assistant
Veterinary Medicine

Health Care Access Program (HCAP)

Participants provide professional services to underserved populations and areas to help meet health care workforce shortages in Nevada in return for reductions in educational expenses. Proposed fields of support include:

Psychology
Social Work
Graduate Nursing
Psychiatric Nursing



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INITIATIVES

Mental Health Expansion Project

WICHE continues to increase the number of mental health practitioners in Nevada under its Health Care Access Program (HCAP). In collaboration with Regional WICHE, the State of Nevada's Division of Public and Behavioral Health and the Nevada System of Higher Education, this initiative proposes to:

- Double the number of federally accredited psychology internships in the state
- Support psychiatric competencies and credentialing for nurses
- Recruit and retain social workers to provide services for children and adults



STATEWIDE COLLABORATION: HEALTH WORKFORCE PIPELINE

For the lifetime development of health practitioners in Nevada

WICHE participates in a group of state programs with the common goal of enhancing the health workforce, offering support throughout careers to enlighten and enlist commitment to Nevada.

- *High Sierra Area Health Education Center (AHEC)* educates and engages K-12 students in health care professions.
- *Nevada WICHE* offers college students tuition reduction programs in health care fields and requires service in Nevada upon graduation.
- *Nevada Office of Rural Health* and the *Division of Public & Behavioral Health* offers working professionals loan repayment programs to recruit and retain practitioners in Nevada.