State and Local Public Health Actions 1422 Program

Minnesota | PROGRAM PROFILE

The Minnesota Department of Health is a state awardee of the State and Local Public Health Actions 1422 (SLPHA-1422) program, which aims to promote and reinforce healthful behaviors, best practices, and decrease health disparities to prevent and reduce chronic disease.

AWARD
$3,520,000

AMOUNT TO SUBAWARDEES
$2,112,002

PERCENTAGE OF AWARD TO SUBAWARDEES
60%

SUBAWARDEES
The Community Health Boards of:
• City of Minneapolis
• Des Moines Valley and Nobles County
• Healthy Northland
• PartnerSHIP 4 Health

TARGETED COMMUNITY
Aitkin, Becker, Carlton, Clay, Cook, Cottonwood, Itasca, Jackson, Koochiching, Lake, Nobles, Otter Tail, St. Louis, and Wilkin counties, and the city of Minneapolis

PRIORITY POPULATION
Our priority populations include:
low income individuals, African Americans, Latinos, Vietnamese, Hmong, Medicaid beneficiaries, Somalis, Bosnians, Lao, mental health consumers and East African immigrants.

SELECTION CRITERIA
• Community capacity/infrastructure
• Disease burden
• Geographic region
• Population size
• Sociodemographics

FOCUS ON HEALTH FOR ALL: DUAL APPROACH AND MUTUALLY REINFORCING STRATEGIES

The SLPHA-1422 program aims to reduce health disparities by supporting states, large cities, and local communities working together to implement the Dual Approach using a set of comprehensive environmental, health system, and community-clinical linkage strategies. These strategies aim to reach both the general population at the state or large-city level and priority populations across the state or large city, and within targeted communities. The implementation of each approach supports the other in a mutually reinforcing way that strengthens their combined impact. The graphic below depicts examples of the Dual Approach and mutually reinforcing strategies with three strategies selected by the awardee.
In Minnesota, many communities are experiencing increasing rates of obesity, type 2 diabetes, and hypertension diagnoses. To address chronic disease, the state and its partners implemented 15 mutually reinforcing strategies. Below are two examples of these strategies at work.

In Des Moines Valley and Nobles County, community health workers (CHWs) are improving understanding and trust between members of diverse populations and those that seek to serve them. To increase the number of employees taking advantage of free preventive health care services at Sanford Health Clinic, CHWs assist the clinic manager and nurses in translating important patient information and providing health education. Clinics are creating systems to document, bill, and receive reimbursement for, and effectively connect CHW work to a variety of health care partners.

*Targeted community, for the purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA), is defined as a county, metropolitan statistical area, or a group of contiguous counties. These communities must have significant disease burden and sufficient combined populations to allow the strategies supported by this FOA to reach significant numbers of people.

**Priority populations are high-risk, high-burden populations with prediabetes or uncontrolled high blood pressure that experience racial/ethnic or socioeconomic health disparities, including inadequate access to care, poor quality of care, or low income.