

Office of the
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FY 2001 Budget Recommendations

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee for
Health and Human Services

Utah Department of Health
Special Population Health Care Provider Financial Assistance and Retention

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1.0 Department of Health-Special Population Health Care Provider Financial Assistance and Retention Program

Summary

The 1996 Legislature passed House Bill 302, Special Population - Health Care Provider Financial Assistance and Retention Act, which is designed to promote and facilitate the recruitment and retention of primary health care providers to serve special populations in medically underserved urban areas of the State. The program makes scholarship and loan repayment awards available to recipients who agree to practice as primary health care providers for not less than two years in a medically underserved urban area. Primary health care providers include physicians, physician assistants, dentists, and mental health therapists. The special populations covered by the program include individuals and families who face barriers to obtaining primary health care services. Applicants must meet the provider requirements for an approved site. Funding for this program is appropriated as a separate line item, in accordance with UCA 26-9e-10 (1).

	Analyst FY 2001 Base	Analyst FY 2001 Changes	Analyst FY 2001 Total
Financing			
General Fund	\$80,000		\$80,000
Total	<u>\$80,000</u>	\$0	<u>\$80,000</u>
Programs			
Special Population Health Care Provider Financial Assistance and Retention	\$80,000		\$80,000
Total	<u>\$80,000</u>	\$0	<u>\$80,000</u>
FTE	0.5		0.5

3.1 Special Population Health Care Provider Financial Assistance and Retention

Recommendation The Analyst recommends a total FY 2001 budget of \$80,000, which continues the current funding level. The funding source of the recommendation is the General Fund.

Financing	FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Estimated	FY 2001 Analyst	Est/Analyst Difference
General Fund		\$80,000	\$80,000	
Lapsing Balance	\$22,083			
Total	\$22,083	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$0
Expenditures				
Personal Services	\$15,658	\$21,400	\$21,100	(\$300)
In-State Travel	631	700	700	
Current Expense	5,794	57,900	58,200	300
Total	\$22,083	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$0
FTE		0.5	0.5	

Purpose During FY 1999, the Special Population Health Care Provider Financial Assistance and Retention Program received 11 primary health care professional application and 19 site applications. Of the 11 professional applications, six were approved as eligible for a match with an approved site. Of the 19 site applications, 18 were approved as eligible for a match with a qualified professional. Three professionals received contracts to provide health care services at three approved sites in a medically underserved urban area. These three are comprised of one dentist, one physician, and one mental health therapist. The three health care professionals approved will provide three medically underserved urban communities with six years of service obligations. The program obligated \$54,920 in grant funds during FY 1999 and expended \$18,739 in program administrative costs.

Over the past few years, the Special Population Health Care Provider Financial Assistance and Retention Program has received \$275,000 in General Fund appropriations. The process of getting the program's committee constituted and rulemaking took until January 1999.

4.0 Additional Information: Special Population Health Care Provider Financial Assistance and Retention

4.1 Funding History

	FY 1997 Actual	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Estimated	FY 2001 Analyst
Financing					
General Fund				\$80,000	\$80,000
Lapsing Balance			\$22,083		
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$22,083</u>	<u>\$80,000</u>	<u>\$80,000</u>
% Change				262.3%	0.0%
Programs					
Special Population Health Care Provider Financial Assistance and Retention			\$22,083	\$80,000	\$80,000
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$22,083</u>	<u>\$80,000</u>	<u>\$80,000</u>
Expenditures					
Personal Services			\$15,658	\$21,400	\$21,100
In-State Travel			631	700	700
Current Expense			5,794	57,900	58,200
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$22,083</u>	<u>\$80,000</u>	<u>\$80,000</u>
FTE				0.5	0.5