

Agency 082 - COMM FOR DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

The Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH) was created by LB 101 in 1979 by the Nebraska Unicameral. The duties and responsibilities of the Commission can be found in revised sections 71.4728-71.4728.05 and sections 20.150, and 20-156, 2004.

VISION:

As a proactive and reactive state agency, the Commission strives to enhance collaboration by creating support, cooperation, and understanding to achieve fairness and equality in all aspects of the mainstream for all Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard of Hearing Nebraskans.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The mission of the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is to promote and advocate for Nebraskans who are Deaf, Deaf-Blind or Hard of Hearing; to achieve equality and opportunity in social, educational, vocational, and legal aspects impacting their daily lives; and to enhance and monitor access to effective communication and telecommunication technology.

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GOALS:

1. Provide and promote services and training to create awareness through the delivery of programs.
2. Implement and maintain programs through collaboration with consumer groups, the Governor, legislature, organizations, service providers, and governmental agencies and units.
3. Initiate, broaden and maintain the collection and dissemination of information regarding the strategies for living with, the prevention of, and the impact of deafness and hearing loss.
4. Ensure and monitor full access to comprehensive and appropriate mental health, alcoholism and substance abuse services for Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard of Hearing persons.
5. Ensure and implement access to effective and quality interpreting services.

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Financial Data

	FY14 Actual	FY15 Approp	FY16 Request	FY16 Recomm	FY17 Request	FY17 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	807,050	874,808	1,148,609	905,186	1,139,136	920,107
Cash Fund	31,244	14,836	16,600	13,096	13,600	10,096
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	838,294	889,644	1,165,209	918,282	1,152,736	930,203
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	21,682	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	21,682	0	0	0	0	0
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General Fund	807,050	874,808	1,148,609	905,186	1,139,136	920,107
Cash Fund	52,926	14,836	16,600	13,096	13,600	10,096
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Program 578 - HEARING IMPAIRED

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH) has adopted its goals and objectives in December 2012 which reflects the program description. The primary goals and activities include the following:

1. Provide and promote services and training to create awareness through the programs.
2. Implement and maintain programs through collaboration.
3. Initiate, broaden and maintain collection and dissemination of information regarding strategies for living with, the prevent of, and the impact of deafness and hearing loss.
4. Ensure and monitor full access to comprehensive and appropriate mental health services for Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard of Hearing persons.
5. Ensure and implement access to effective and quality interpreting services.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

State statute 71-4728 states that the Commission services as the principal state agency responsible for monitoring public policies and implementing programs which improve the quality and coordination of existing services for persons who are deaf, deaf-blind, or hard of hearing. The Commission has as its primary objective to develop new services when necessary and recommend modifications to existing services.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Performance measures are determined through measurements of inputs and outputs and the cost of each primary activity. Inputs are based on the percent of staff time spent providing services and the cost per activity is calculated based on personnel and operating costs; outputs are based on the number of requests for services or individuals serviced through each primary activity as listed. Outcomes are measured based on the demand for services accomplishments of the objectives and the percent of time spent in providing the outlined activities. Consumer service satisfaction is measured through consumer / participant satisfaction questionnaires / evaluations, surveys, intake forms and web based satisfaction / consumer complaint forms.

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