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# WASHINGTON HEALTH CORPS

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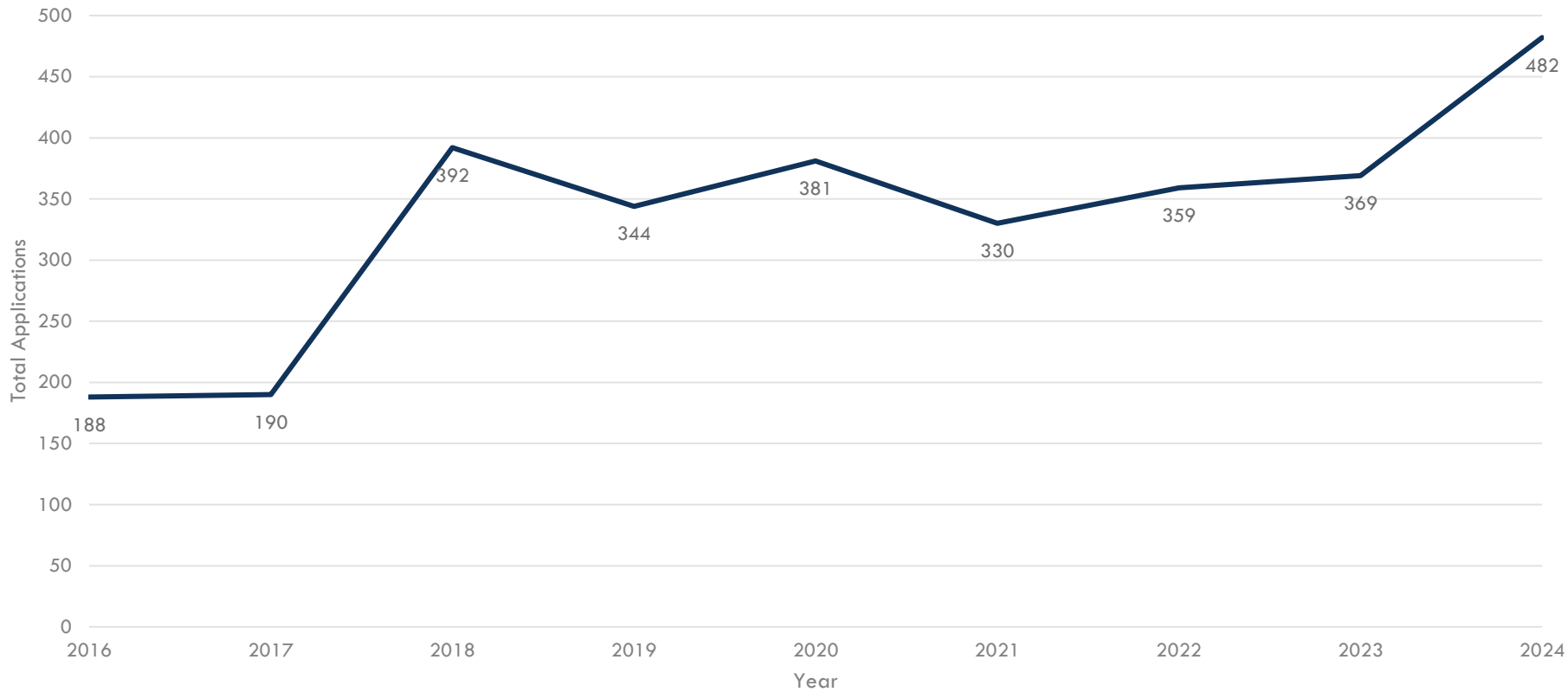
# Budget

<b>Program</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>2019-21 Biennium</b>	<b>2021-23 Biennium</b>	<b>2023-25 Biennium</b>
FHP	Federal Grant Funds	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
FHP	State Matching Funds	\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,100,000
SHP	State Funds	\$7,650,000	\$7,650,000	\$17,600,000
BHP	State Funds	\$2,000,000	\$12,250,000	\$12,000,000
Nurse Educator	State Funds	-	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000



# Provider Applications Submitted 2016 to 2024

Total Applications by Year



**Note:** Application numbers include all submitted applications. Applicants may apply for the Federal Health Program (FHP), the State Health Program (SHP) and the Behavioral Health Program (BHP) on the same application. Applications eligible for FHP funds are awarded first then SHP applicants and remaining eligible applicants are awarded with BHP funds.



# 2024 Average Debt By Profession

Profession	Average Debt
Doctor of Osteopathy	\$418,000
Doctor of Medical Dentistry	\$240,500
Naturopathic Doctor	\$66,000
Doctor of Dental Surgery	\$260,600
Doctor of Medicine	\$173,300
Licensed Clinical Psychologist	\$270,000
Certified Nurse Midwife	\$86,800
Physician Assistant	\$132,000
Pharmacist	\$134,500
Licensed Mental Health Counselor	\$102,700

Profession	Average Debt
Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist	\$99,500
Nurse Practitioner	\$102,400
Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker	\$98,400
Registered Nurse	\$50,700
Substance Use Disorder Professional	\$74,900
Registered Dental Hygienist	\$56,400
Licensed Practical Nurse	\$22,800

# 2024 Cycle Data

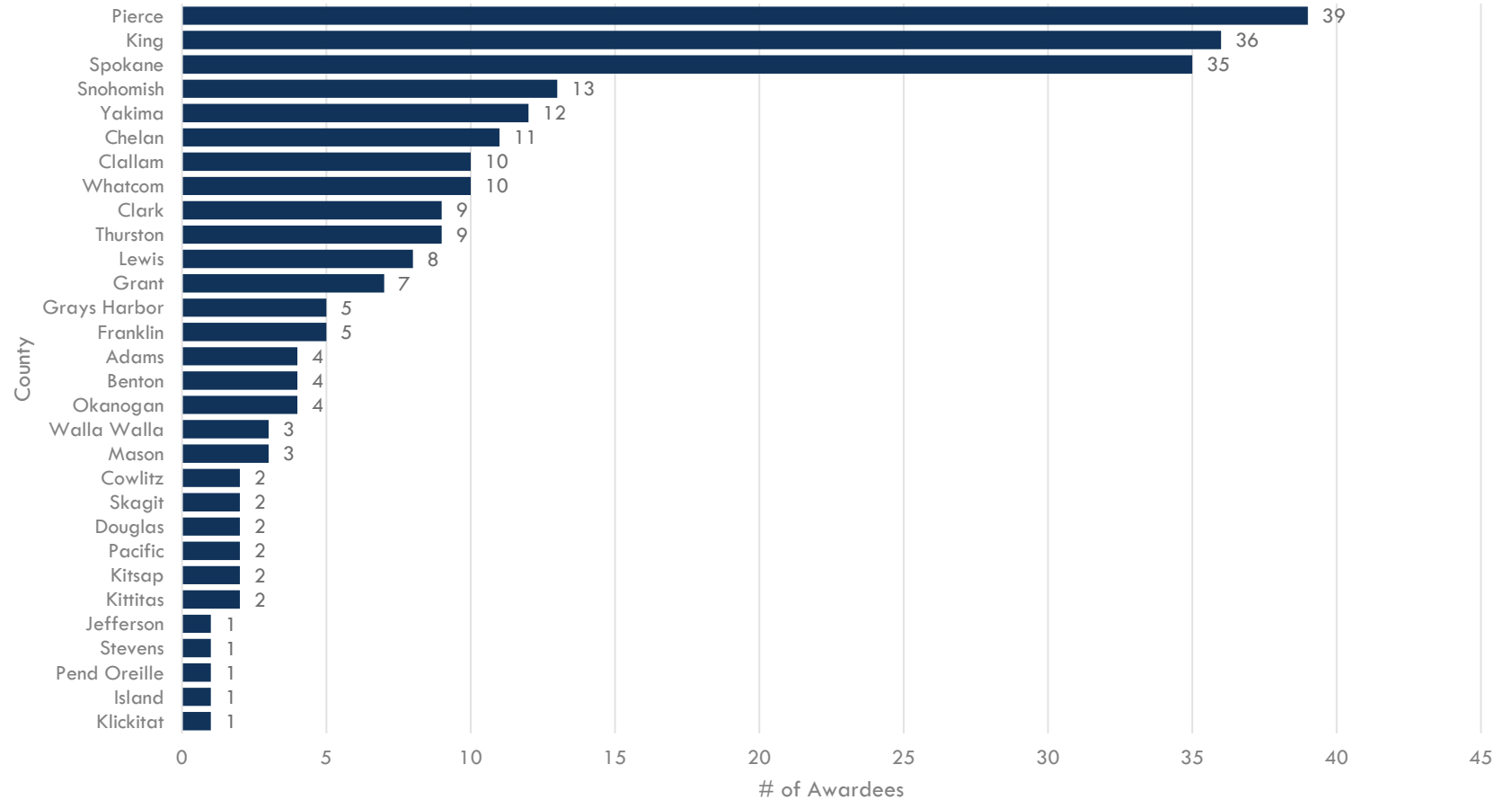
<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Eligible FHP</b>	<b>Awarded FHP</b>	<b>Eligible SHP</b>	<b>Awarded SHP</b>	<b>Eligible BHP</b>	<b>Awarded BHP</b>
<b>Certified Nurse Midwife</b>	6	0	7	1	-	-
<b>Doctor of Dental Surgery</b>	17	2	19	5	-	-
<b>Doctor of Medical Dentistry</b>	9	2	9	2	-	-
<b>Doctor of Medicine</b>	20	2	27	4	1	1
<b>Doctor of Osteopathy</b>	4	1	7	2	2	2
<b>Licensed Clinical Psychologist</b>	4	0	-	-	6	4
<b>Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker</b>	6	2	-	-	45	35
<b>Licensed Marriage &amp; Family Therapist</b>	0	0	-	-	3	2
<b>Substance Use Disorder Professional</b>	6	0	-	-	19	17
<b>Licensed Mental Health Counselor</b>	26	0	-	-	53	36
<b>Licensed Midwife</b>	-	-	1	0	-	-
<b>Naturopathic Doctor</b>	-	-	1	1	-	-
<b>Licensed Practical Nurse</b>	-	-	5	0	5	4
<b>Nurse Practitioner</b>	50	7	72	12	18	14
<b>Pharmacist</b>	34	4	39	14	-	-
<b>Physician Assistant</b>	24	0	28	7	2	2
<b>Registered Dental Hygienist</b>	10	1	12	4	-	-
<b>Registered Nurse</b>	14	1	33	7	9	7
<b>Total</b>		20		59		124



# 2024 Awards by County

- 482 Total Applicants
- 203 Awardees
- 30 of WA's 39 Counties represented

Total Awardees by County for the 2024 Application Cycle





# Nurse Educator Applicants

- App Cycle:
  - 29 Awarded
  - 31 Submitted applications
  - 25 Started their application but did not submit
- Of those awarded:
  - 14% were LGBTQ+
  - 21% were BIPOC
  - 90% were women and 10% were men
  - 66% worked full-time as an educator, 34% were part-time



# Forensic Pathologist Program

- Awards up to \$75k in Student Loan Relief in exchange for 3 years of service obligation.
- Built into existing Loan Repayment Application.
- Prioritized in awarding process.





# Behavioral Health Conditional Scholarship

- Created under the Washington Health Corps for credentialed health professionals
- In exchange for the Behavioral Health Conditional Scholarships, recipients will provide services to, preferably, underserved communities for up to five years.
- Preference on recipients will be based on financial need, where the applicant intends to provide services, and background information submitted in the application.



# BHCS – Quarter System Maximum Award

<b>Program Length</b>	<b>First Year</b>	<b>Second Year</b>	<b>Third Year</b>
<b>3-year Quarter Program</b>	First Quarter: \$5,666 Second Quarter: \$5,666 Third Quarter: \$5,666	First Quarter: \$5,666 Second Quarter: \$5,666 Third Quarter: \$5,666	First Quarter: \$5,666 Second Quarter: \$5,666 Third Quarter: \$5,666
<b>Program Length</b>	<b>First Year</b>	<b>Second Year</b>	<b>Third Year</b>
<b>2-year Quarter Program</b>	First Quarter: \$8,500 Second Quarter: \$8,500 Third Quarter: \$8,500	First Quarter: \$8,500 Second Quarter: \$8,500 Third Quarter: \$8,500	N/A



# BHCS – Semester Program Maximum Award

Program Length	First Year	Second Year	
2-year Semester	First Semester: \$12,750 Second Semester: \$12,750	First Semester: \$12,750 Second Semester: \$12,750	N/A

- The Behavioral Health Conditional Scholarship provides up to \$51,000 to be distributed over the maximum of a two- or three-year program. The award is split over the enrolled terms proportionate to the student's enrollment and financial need.
- Each year of funding corresponds to 1.5 years of service obligation
- Recipients will have a six-month period after graduation to seek employment



## BHCS - Eligibility

- First year graduate students in the following programs may apply:
  - Masters of Social Work
  - Licensed Marriage and Family Therapy
  - Licensed Mental Health Counselor
- Application deadline:
  - Application will open March 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Awarding priorities:
    - Applicants who indicate preference on serving in underserved communities.



# BHCS – Application Timeline

## Application Opens/Closes

- March 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025

## Application Review/Scoring

- Applications will be reviewed as they are received
- Applications will preliminarily be approved

## Certification

- Applications that are approved will be sent for institution certification
- Timeline: April – May



# BHCS- Application Timeline Cont.

## Selection

- Those who are certified, meet scoring criteria, and eligibility requirements will be sent an offer
- Timeline: May-June

## Offer

- Those offered will review their promissory note and sign if they wish to continue
- Expectation is to finish this process by the end of June

## Award

- Awards are expected to be sent in July for Fall 2025



# Upcoming Health Corps Programs

- Behavioral Health Apprenticeship Stipend pilot
  - Application
  - Outreach
  - Funding ends in July 2025
  - \$3000 stipend to each apprentice
  - Data collection
  
- HCA SUD Scholarship
  - To increase enrollments and completions in substance use disorder training programs in CTCs
  - Funding available until June 2025
  - Tuition, Fees, books and support services



# WHC Evaluation

- Broad goal.
- Where we are now.
- The process.





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