



hssa

health sciences & services authority of spokane county

2024

Annual Report



better health
and healthcare

well-paying
jobs

economic
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About HSSA

Health Sciences & Services Authority (HSSA) of Spokane County is a Public Authority authorized by Washington State and Spokane County. Our mission and goals are determined by our founding documents.

Washington State RCW 35.104 created the HSSA to promote bioscience based economic development, combat disease and promote public health.

Spokane County Resolution 8-0156 establishes HSSA's goals and priorities directing us to enhance our efforts to create a nationally competitive healthcare cluster, and catalyze connections between higher education and healthcare that will lead to high wage job creation, economic diversification and long-term sustainability."

The results expected are:

1. Provide better health and healthcare within Spokane County and the region.
2. Create hundreds of well-paying jobs within the County and region.
3. Develop an economic engine to power future growth within the County.

We work toward our mission through grant-making and community leadership.

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Meet Our Team



ERIN WILLIAMS HUETER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Erin Williams Hueter joined Health Sciences and Services Authority of Spokane County in January 2023 as Executive Director. She discovered her passion for service at an early age and has been working in human services, public health, and violence prevention for thirty years. She served for over twenty years at Lutheran Community Services Northwest in several leadership roles and proudly concluded her career there as Inland Northwest Director. Erin has served on numerous Boards, Commissions and Task Forces and loves her community and working to see everyone in it thrive together.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PICTURED HERE: BOARD CHAIR DR. FRANCISCO VELÁZQUEZ
CONGRATULATES PAST TRUSTEE MIKE WILSON ON HIS ICON AWARD

HSSA's esteemed Board of Trustees includes: Board Chair Dr. Francisco Velázquez, Vice Chair Dr. Allison Glasunow, Governance Committee Chair & Secretary, Dr. Daryll Potyk, Grants Committee Chair, Dr. Daryll DeWald, Finance Committee Chair Lewis Rumpler, Chandima Bandara, Alisha Benson, Alex Jackson, Dr. Patrick Jones, Dr. Vange Ocasio Hochheimer, Julie Orchard, and Dr. Robin Pickering.



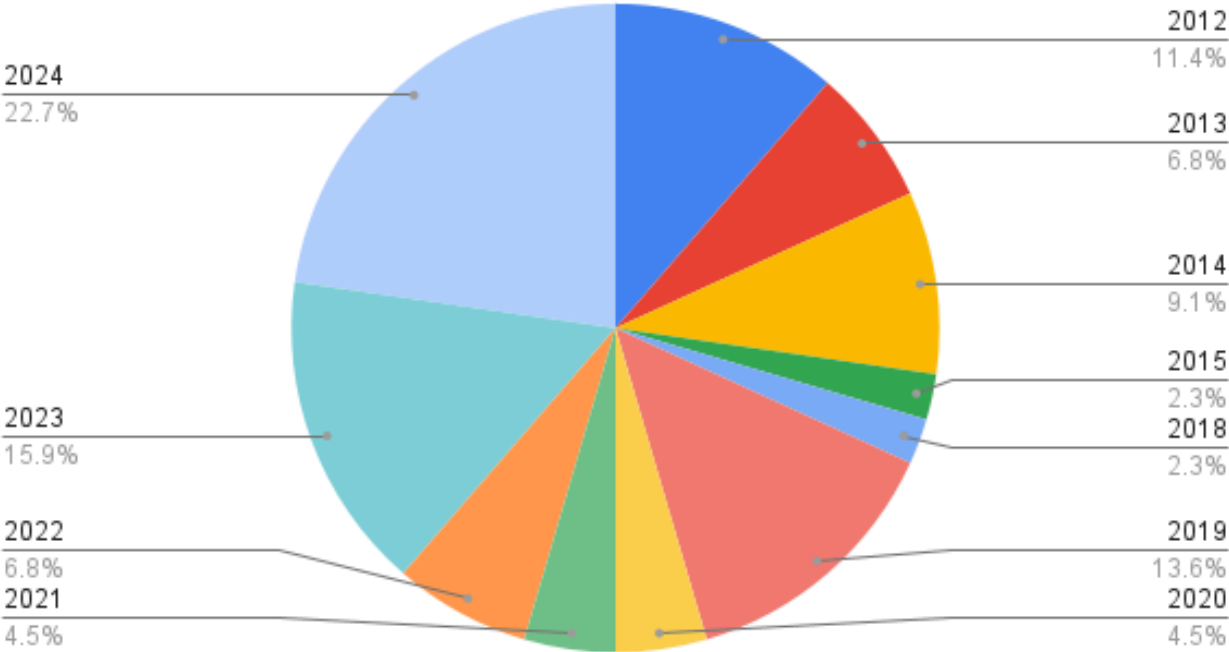
LEEANNE CLEGG PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Leeanne's discovered her love of teaching underserved populations and built her career in special education. She furthered her career in community service serving for many years on boards and governing bodies to increase the spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being of women within her religious community. She volunteered and worked as an advocate for survivors of sexual assault for Lutheran Community Services. She has served overseeing 12 step programs in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho - including training and supporting group leaders and attendees. Leeanne joined the staff of HSSA in 2024, and looks forward to following the work of it's grant recipients.

Matching Grant Awards for Bioscience Based Economic Development

Over 38% of the Matching Grants for Bioscience Based Economic Development have been made in the last two calendar years marking a dramatic increase in the impact HSSA has made in Spokane County.

Number of Awards vs. Year



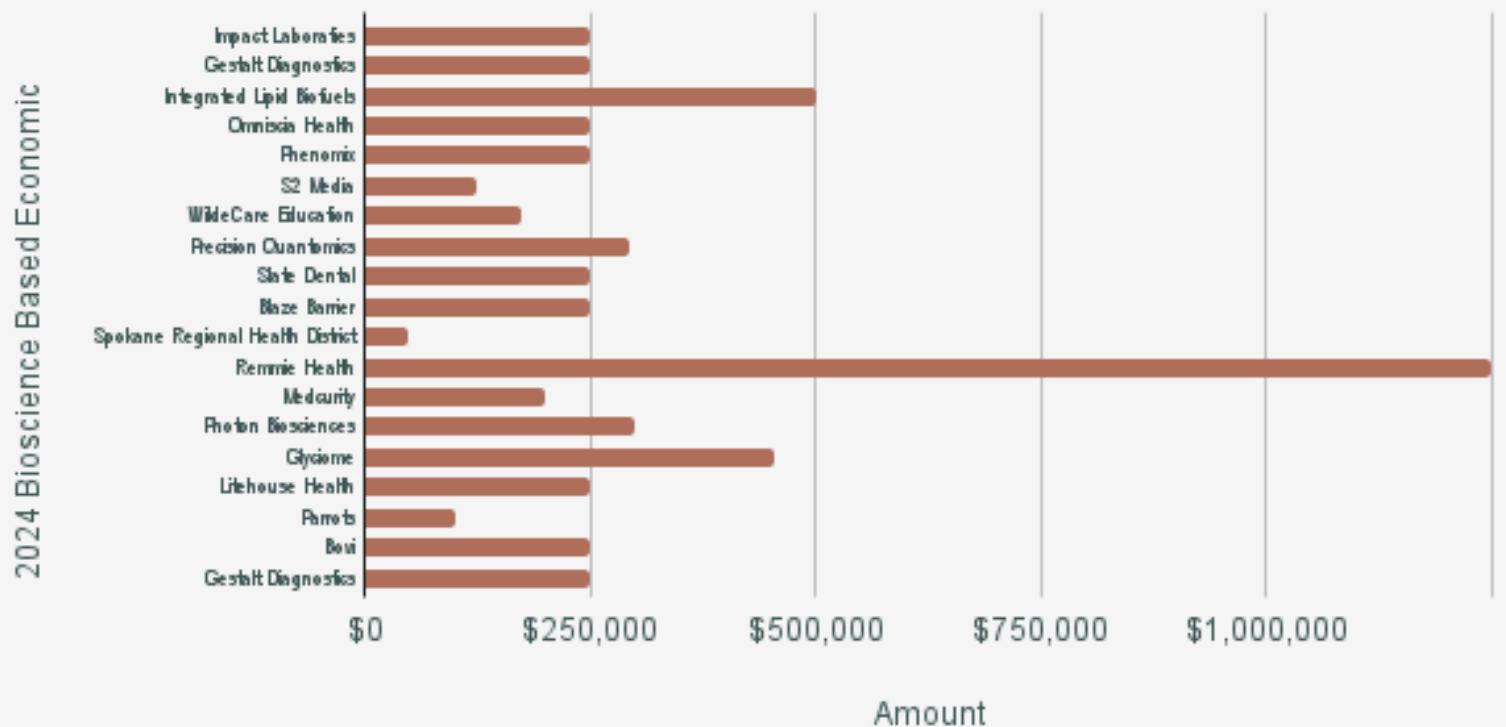
We have been encouraged to see applications from homegrown Spokane County bioscience entities, as well as applicants who have moved part of their operations to Spokane County. All of this movement equates to more well-paying jobs in the biosciences, and more collaboration and economic growth in the region.



Matching Grant Awards for Bioscience Based Economic Development

Nineteen awards were granted in 2024 totaling \$5,694,452.

2024 Bioscience Based Economic Development Grant Recipient Amounts



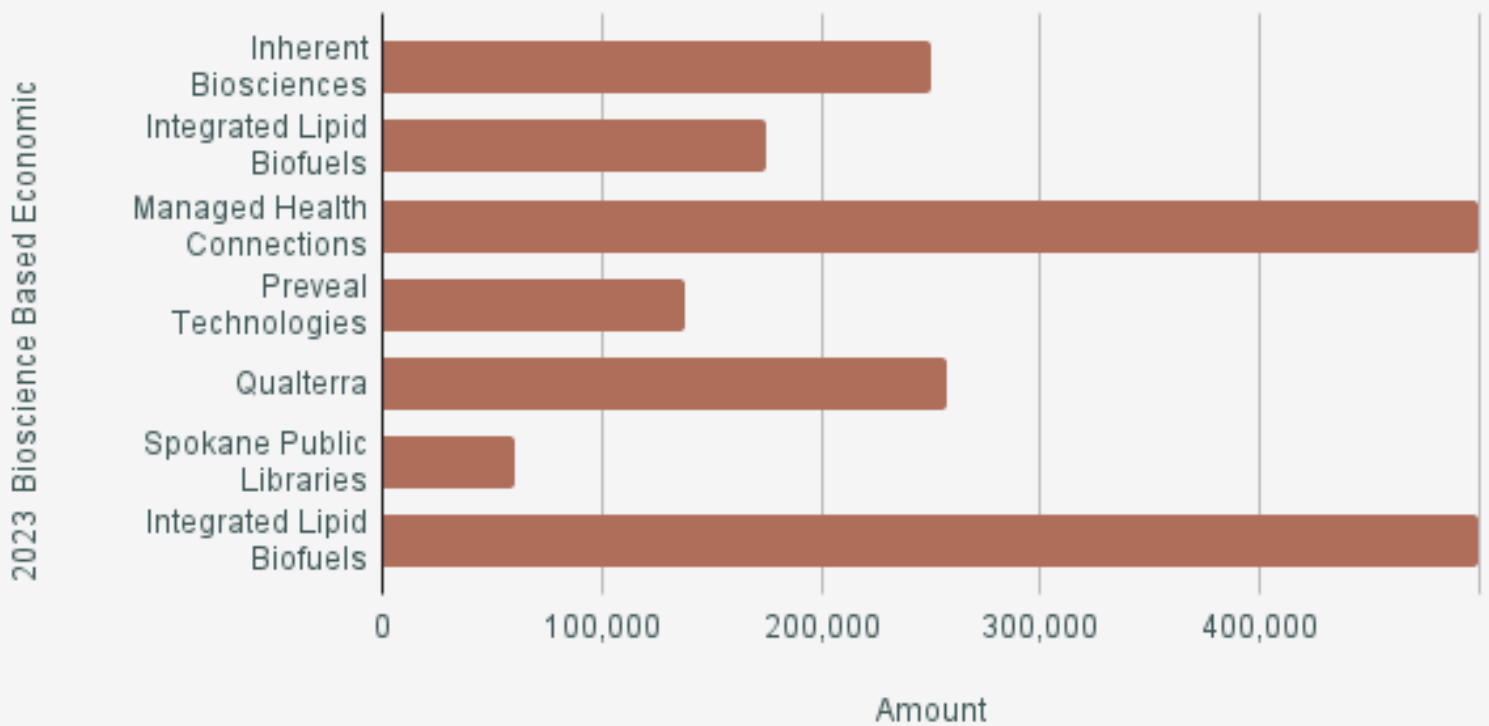
Impact Laboratories, Gestalt Diagnostics, Integrated Lipid Biofuels, Omniscia Health, Phenomix, S2 Media, WildeCare Education, Precision Quantomics, Slate Dental, Blaze Barrier, Spokane Regional Health District, Remie Health, Medcurity, Photon Biosciences, Glyciome, Litehouse health, Parrots, Bovi, Gestalt Diagnostics.



Matching Grant Awards for Bioscience Based Economic Development

Seven awards were granted in 2023 totaling \$1,879,499.

2023 Bioscience Based Economic Development Grant Recipient Amounts



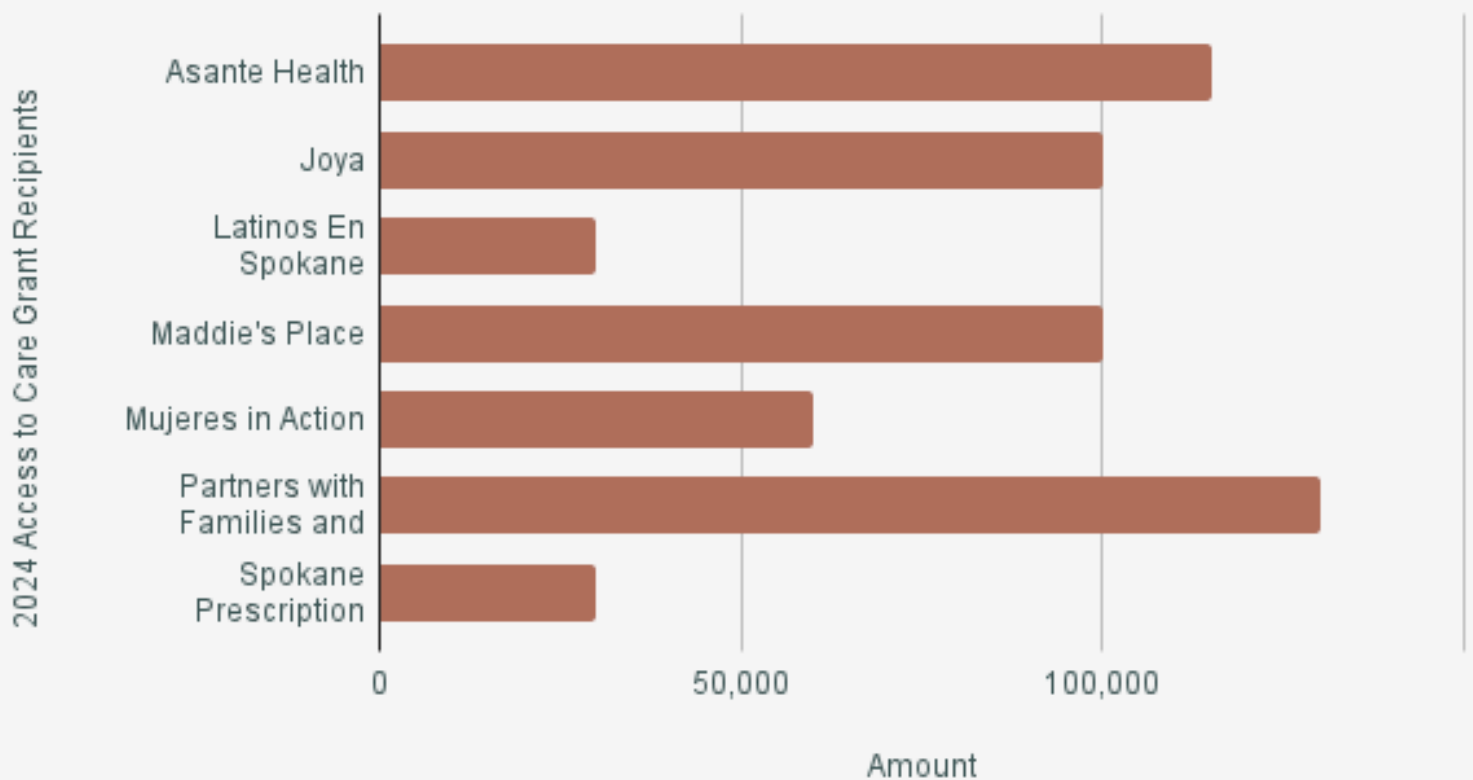
Inherent Biosciences, Integrated Lipid Biofuels, Managed Health Connections, Preveal Technologies, Qualterra, Spokane Public Libraries, Integrated Lipid Biofuels



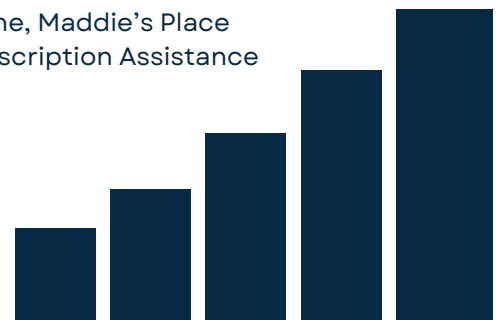
Access to Care Awards Provide Better Health and Healthcare for People who are Uninsured and Underinsured

Seven awards were granted in 2024 totaling \$565,000.

2024 Access to Care Grant Recipient Amounts



Asante Health, Joya Child and Family Development Center, Latinos En Spokane, Maddie's Place Mujeres in Action, Partners with Families and Children Spokane, Spokane Prescription Assistance Network

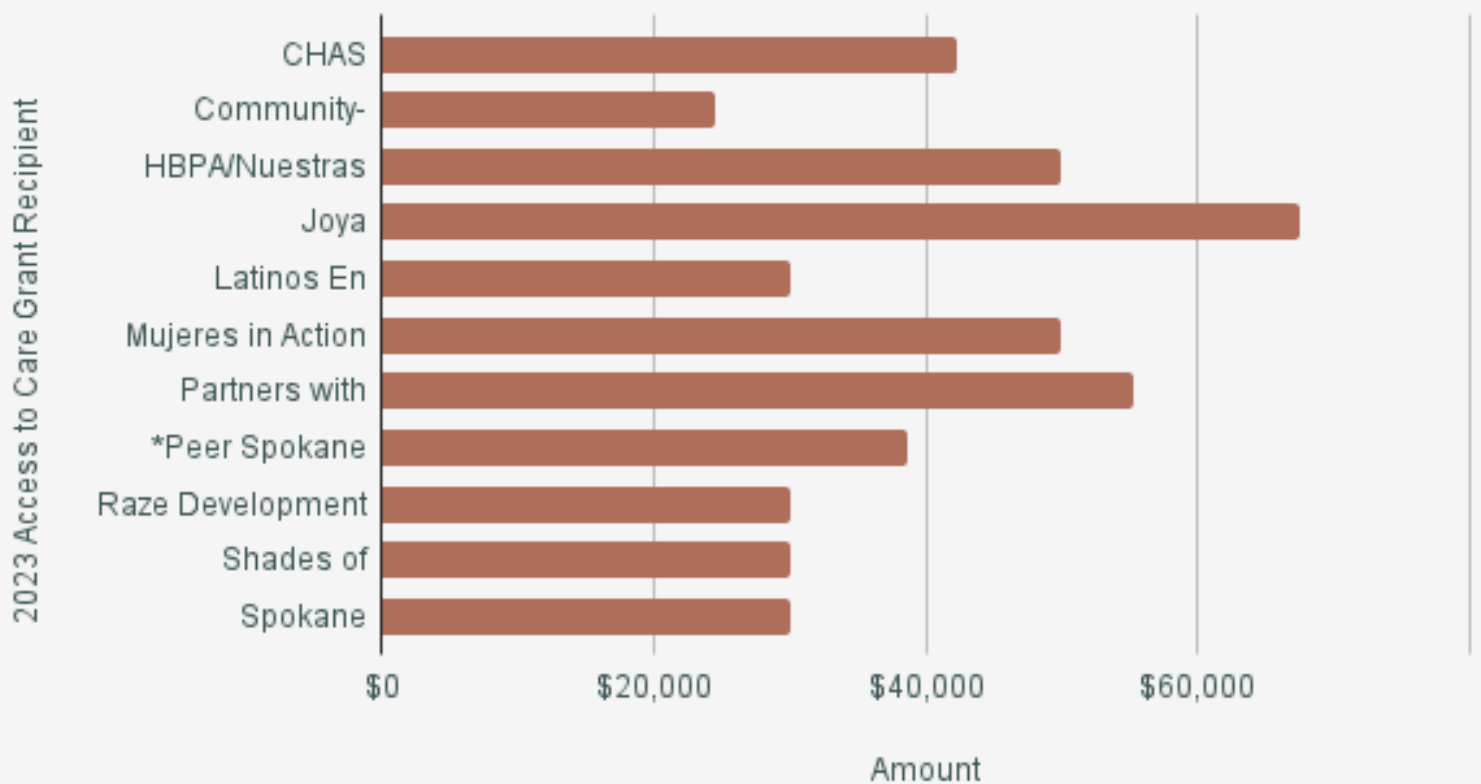




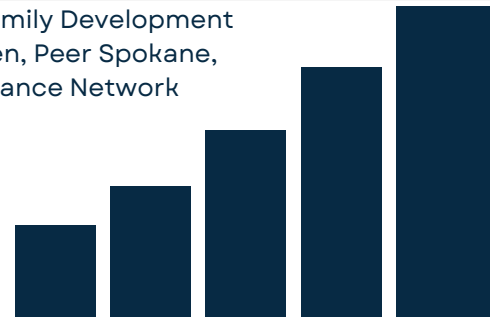
Access to Care Awards Provide Better Health and Healthcare for People who are Uninsured and Underinsured

Eleven awards were granted in 2023 totaling \$448,423.

2023 Access to Care Grant Recipient Amounts



CHAS, Community-Minded Enterprises, HBPA/Nuestras Raíces, Joya Child and Family Development Center, Latinos En Spokane, Mujeres in Action, Partners with Families and Children, Peer Spokane, Raze Development, Shades of Motherhood Network, Spokane Prescription Assistance Network
*Declined Award





Grantee Impact

health & economic development

- Thanks to HSSA's investment, we've been able to expand our research capabilities in Spokane and collaborate with local partners like Allele Diagnostics. This transition allows us to accelerate innovation in fertility diagnostics while contributing to Spokane's growing life sciences ecosystem. - Dr. Kristin Brogaard, Inherent Biosciences & Path Fertility
- Receiving funds from the HSSA Access to Care grant has allowed Joya to ensure that the nutritional and developmental needs of the special children we serve are being met. This critical funding helped our team get programs up and running to address gaps in care. Now, we are positioned to help meet the growing demand in Spokane County for pediatric registered dietitian services and ensure continuity of care for children in need of ongoing interventions. -Colleen Fuchs, Joya Executive Director
- HSSA has made a tremendous difference for Litehouse Health. The reimbursement for expenses made within Spokane County were significant to our bottom line and cash flow. It also played well for securing additional investment. But on top of this, the reimbursement process encouraged us to think local. Services from call centers, computer support, legal, accounting, and more...we looked to Spokane County first, where we might not of otherwise. And what we found, is that great talent resides here, right in our backyard! -David Heath, Litehouse Health
- As the Associate Director of SP3NW, Washington State Universities business incubator, I was pleased to see how funding enabled us to equip a wet lab incubator with essential shared resources for startups. This included everything from heat/stir plates and refrigerators to freezers, a fume hood, and a biosafety cabinet. With access to these critical tools, an early-stage company successfully secured secondary funding and expanded from a single employee to a team of five within a year. This growth not only strengthens Spokane County's bioscience ecosystem but also attracts talent and activates other vital support resources for regional entrepreneurs. -Dr. Michaele Armstrong, now with Evergreen Bioscience Innovation Cluster
- With the support of funding from HSSA, we have been able to provide medical evaluation and treatment services that aim to identify and interrupt cycles of abuse and neglect as well as recommend immediate interventions that can support a child's trajectory towards healing and resiliency.- The Medical Team at Partners with Families and Children



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