FOREWARD

Dear Black Hills Community Members,

Our mission is to support programs and services that provide solutions to community needs in the areas of education, health, and financial stability. The purpose of this community needs assessment is to help us identify specific needs in these areas based on the input of local community leaders and advocates in our region. This is an opportunity for everyone to join in our fight for advancing the common good of our Black Hills community.

We believe the solutions to our community needs require collaboration, resource sharing, and innovation among organizations to maximize resources for the improvement of our community. This 2019 needs assessment is the third study commissioned by United Way Black Hills in the last 15 years. In order to foster a collaborative spirit, the full report will be available to all so that they can use the information to improve the Black Hills Community.

We greatly appreciate the efforts of our Board of Directors in this assessment and acknowledging the importance of gathering this information to ensure that our funds are utilized effectively and invested wisely in the future of our community. In addition, we thank the Black Hills Knowledge Network for their valuable research towards this project. Thank you to our partners, community members and local professionals for their insight and advocacy to improve the quality of life for residents of our Black Hills community.

Sincerely,

Thank you to the following sponsors who helped make this report possible:

INTRODUCTION

In order to help UWBH prioritize its program intent and resource allocations, UWBH hired the Black Hills Knowledge Network (BHKN) to conduct a needs assessment. The purpose of this assessment was twofold: 1) initiate ways in which to gain meaningful community-level input regarding community needs across the UWBH service area and 2) aggregate trends and patterns of community needs across the Black Hills Region.

This needs assessment employed a community conversations methodology which generates valuable insights by inviting community partners to react to collected data and participate in conversations held in their own communities. BHKN implemented this methodology in two phases beginning with collecting data from state and federal secondary sources. BHKN then prepared a these infographics to summarize the collected data in a clear and engaging matter. Data presented below was current as of March 2019.

The second phase involved collecting primary data through the community conversations. These conversations began with a presentation of these infographics, then a group ranking activity and discussion, followed by an individual funding allocation activity. The resulting needs assessment report can be found on the UWBH website.
**POPULATION**

3,460 people lived in Hot Springs in 2017

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Hot Springs population shrank by 6.7% from 2010 to 2017

- 80% were White
- 9% were Native American
- 7% were some other race
- 3% were Asian
- 1% were Black
- 18% were veterans

Hot Springs represents 2% and Fall River County 4% of the total population served by the United Way of the Black Hills

**EDUCATION**

Of the 772 K-12 students enrolled in the Hot Springs School District...

- 35% of students qualified for Free and Reduced School Lunch
- 57 students graduated in 2018
- 1% of students dropped out in 2017-2018

- 42% of 3rd graders were proficient in English
- 49% of 8th graders were proficient in Math

- 67% of high school graduates were prepared for college in English
- 42% of high school graduates were prepared for college in Math
**EDUCATION**

Of Hot Springs residents...

- **92.4%** have a high school diploma
- **22.3%** have a bachelor's degree or higher

There are

- **2** licensed childcare providers and
- **0** licensed before and after school providers in Hot Springs

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**INCOMES**

$48,333 Median Household Income in Hot Springs

- **$100,000 or more** 12%
- **$50,000-$99,999** 36%
- **$25,000-$49,999** 32%
- **Less than $25,000** 21%

Median Household Income increased 34.5% from 2010 to 2017

- **21%** of Hot Springs households earn less than $25,000 annually

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**In Fall River County...**

- **105** women and children receive WIC benefits
- **8.2%** of residents rely on SNAP benefits including 316 adults and 192 children

**POVERTY RATES**

- **Fall River County** 15%
- **Hot Springs** 12.4%
Total jobs in Hot Springs rose by 21% from 2005 to 2015

Retail Trade was the fastest shrinking industry, losing 79 jobs from 2005

Healthcare was the fastest growing industry, increasing by 494 Jobs

1,628 JOBS
in Hot Springs in 2015

3.6% UNEMPLOYMENT
in Fall River County, lower than the 10 year average of 5%

48%
of Hot Springs families have 2 or more workers in the household

1,754 total housing units in Hot Springs

Of the homes in Hot Springs...

37% were renter-occupied
37% were owner-occupied without a mortgage
26% were owner-occupied with a mortgage

*The most current detailed job estimates at the city level are for the year 2015.

Monthly Housing Costs

* estimates are based on survey responses. When there are very few responses, we cannot be assured of the estimates. The true number of homes with costs in this price range are likely less than reported.
Fall River County has **HIGHER** rates of...

- Deaths from heart disease
- Deaths from chronic lower respiratory disease
- Deaths from Diabetes
- Percent WIC births
- Percent Medicaid payments for births

*Mortality and natality data is only available at the county level. The above data is for 2016.

Fall River County has **LOWER** rates of...

- Percent private insurance payments
- Births by C-Section

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Of Fall River Health Services patients...

- 16% experienced difficulties receiving health care in the past year
- 19% feel that health services do not meet the needs of the community
- 8% reported frequent mental distress
MENTAL HEALTH

In Fall River County...

**SUICIDE**
- was the 8th leading cause of death

**35**
- number of mental health providers recognized by CMS

**196 to 1**
- ratio of residents to mental health providers

In Fall River County, **82 out of every 100** prescriptions are **opioids**

Fall River Health Services patients reported...

- **16%** using tobacco in the past year
- **16%** drinking excessively in the past year
Sources

Unless otherwise noted, the infographic represents data from 2017.

Population
U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 5-year estimates 2013-2017

Education
South Dakota Department of Education 2017-2018 Statistical Digest
South Dakota Department of Social Services. 2018 Licensed Childcare Providers Database

Incomes
U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 5-year estimates 2013-2017
South Dakota WIC Program Annual Report. Federal Fiscal Year 2017
South Dakota Department of Social Services. SNAP Data 2017

Jobs

Housing
U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 5-year estimates 2013-2017
U.S. Office of Policy Development and Research. Assisted Housing Database

Health
2018 Rapid City Regional Community Health Needs Assessments
Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services National Provider Index
U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Division of Unintentional Injury Prevention. Opioid Prescription Rates Database
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services. 2014-2016 National Survey on Drug Use and Health

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