

# How to Apply the Nebraska Fiscal Map to Your Work

The fiscal map is designed to help schools, nonprofits, funders, policymakers, and community leaders make informed decisions. Here are practical ways partners can use the data:

## FOR SCHOOLS/DISTRICTS

- Understand overlaps or gaps in services that support early literacy, postsecondary success, mental health, and out-of-school programs.
- Prepare stronger grant applications by showing where public funds already flow and where new investment is needed.
- Support budget planning by comparing funding levels across age groups, service areas, and government levels.
- Strengthen cross-district collaboration by identifying shared funding sources or shared gaps.

## FOR POLICYMAKERS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- Understand cross-agency investments in children and youth across Nebraska.
- Identify funding gaps where new policy or targeted investment could improve outcomes.
- Support budget decisions with clear, digestible visuals of where funds are concentrated.
- Improve coordination across city, county, state, and school district investments.
- Track changes over time (Pre-COVID vs. COVID) to guide future stabilization efforts.

## FOR FUNDERS AND PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATIONS

- Identify underfunded areas across the 0-24-year-old age continuum.
- Coordinate investments with public dollars to avoid duplication and maximize impact.
- Inform strategic planning by viewing how resources align with key outcomes such as early reading, high school graduation, and youth economic mobility.
- Support advocacy with data on where the county invests or fails to invest in children and youth.

## FOR NONPROFITS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- Align your program proposals with existing government investments and highlight how your services address gaps.
- Demonstrate community need using accurate, publicly sourced funding data.
- Build partnerships with school districts, government agencies, and other nonprofits that serve the same youth populations.
- Identify opportunities for braided or blended funding, especially if multiple agencies fund similar services.

## FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND ADVOCATES

- Understand where youth funding comes from and how resources are used.
- Engage in advocacy using trustworthy fiscal data.
- Identify opportunities to support specific age groups or service areas.
- Drive community conversations around equity, resource allocation, and youth outcomes.



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