

Northwest Abortion Access Fund Update

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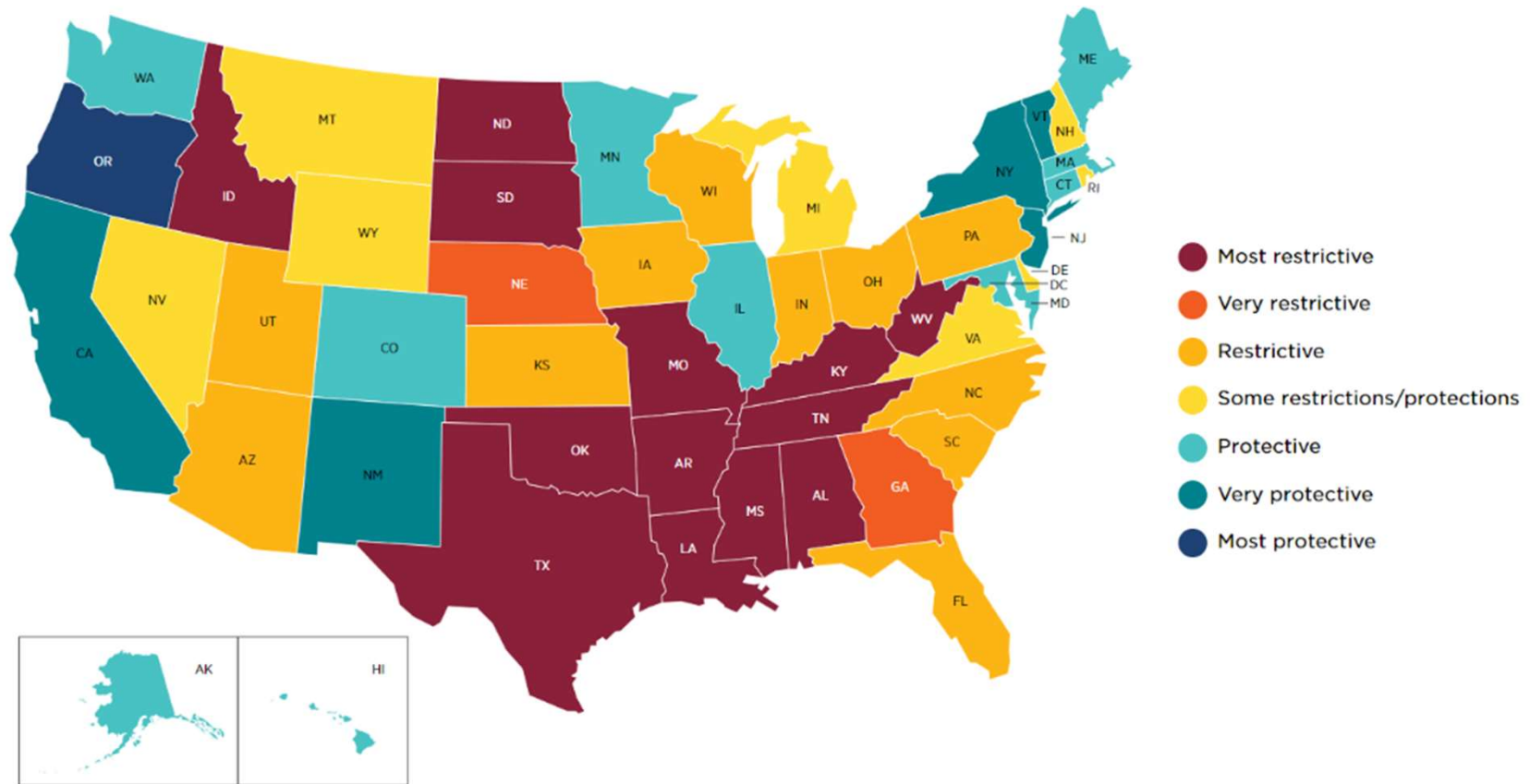
Abortion Access Commitment

Seattle and King County are committed to helping all people manage their pregnancies according to their own wishes – by accessing quality reproductive health care, including a safe and timely abortion, as needed.

We uphold the value that every person has the right to their own bodily autonomy.



Post-Dobbs State Abortion Policies



[Interactive Map: US Abortion Policies and Access After Roe | Guttmacher Institute May 25, 2023](#)

Washington rated as "Protective" (not "very" or "most")

Washington State Abortion Activity Post Roe

Between April 2022 and March 2023, Washington state saw its number of monthly abortions increase by 16.5%, or an additional 290 procedures per month, according to the Society of Family Planning



Seattle Abortion Access Investment

King County and Seattle allocated a combined funding of \$2.25 million to invest in the Northwest Abortion Access Fund (NWAAF) (\$1.75 million from the City, \$500,000 from the County)

- In 2022, a combined \$750,000 (\$500,000 from the County and \$250,000 from the City)
- In 2023, Seattle committed an additional \$1.5 million

PHSKC's contract with NWAAF allocates 90% of funding for direct services and 10% for indirect costs.

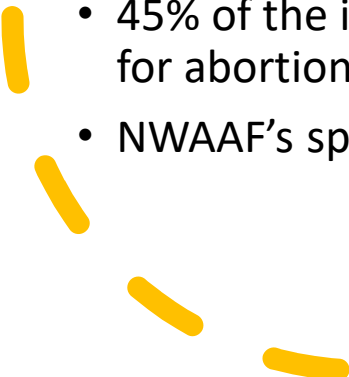
NWAAF's direct services funds are used to coordinate payment and/or logistics for medical care, travel and accommodation for individuals accessing abortion services in the region.





NWAAF Spending June 2022 – March 2023

Based on quarterly reports from Q3-2022 through Q1-2023:

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- NWAAF has supported 757 individuals in accessing abortion services locally
 - As of Q1 2023, NWAAF spent \$819,382 of the blended City/County \$2.25 million fund
 - 72% of funding paid for medical services and 28% paid for travel and lodging
 - 75% of the funding for medical services went to Seattle-based providers
 - 45% of the individuals served were non-Washington residents travelling to Washington for abortion care
 - NWAAF's spending is projected to have approximately \$300,000 carryover into 2024.

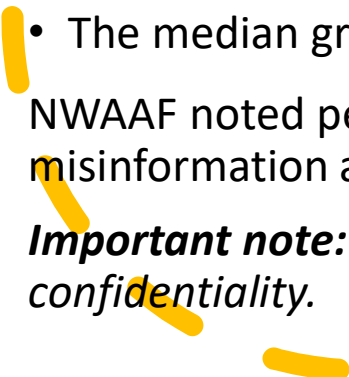


NWAAF's Demand for Services

- NWAAF callers who had to travel outside of their state for care has almost doubled and now comprises 35% of all callers
- Pregnant people are traveling farther for abortion services, resulting in more expensive travel costs
- Pregnant people are further along in their pregnancies, resulting in more expensive medical care costs.
- The median grant size has increased by 27%.

NWAAF noted people calling for support are also experiencing more confusion and misinformation around abortion legality.

Important note: NWAAF does not collect demographic data of funding recipients to protect confidentiality.





QUESTIONS?

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