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Audit Report of the Nebraska Health and Human Services System (HHSS) Program 30 - Tobacco Prevention and Control July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002

Report Highlights

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The Tobacco Prevention and Control Program was established during the 2000 legislative session. Funding is provided from revenue from the Tobacco Settlement. The Program received \$21 million over a three-year period beginning in 2000. Future funding is expected from State general funds, however, there are currently no plans for additional tobacco settlement funds to be used by the Program.

The purpose of the program is to provide a comprehensive statewide tobacco-related public health program, including, but not limited to:

- ♦ Programs to reduce tobacco use,
- Chronic disease programs,
- Community and school programs,
- ♦ Enforcement.
- Counter-marketing cessation programs, and
- Surveillance and evaluation.

The Program also administers the Teen Tobacco Education and Prevention Project. This project was created to fund educational proposals developed and designed by high school students, provide money for scholarships for students who develop the projects, and provide award money to project proposal sponsors.

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