



Indiana
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Governor's Public Health Commission

Draft Funding Recommendations

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Overall Goals

- Increase consistent and sustainable public health funding
- Maximize all available public health funding sources
- Provide transparency and accountability for public health expenditures

Draft Recommendations

1. Provide local health departments with stable, recurring, and flexible funding to build and sustain their foundational public health capacities
2. Provide LHDs with administrative supports and other flexibilities to leverage all available funding sources
3. Increase the capacity at both the state and local levels to direct resources to areas of need, establish the value of the public health system, and calculate the return on investment of additional funding allocations

Increase consistent and sustainable public health funding

Draft Recommendation 1.

Provide local health departments with stable, recurring, and flexible funding to build and sustain their foundational public health capacities

Possible action items:

- A. Increase state-funded Local Health Maintenance Fund (LHMF) allocations to support the provision of a minimum set of public health services in each county, taking into account county population and regional support services.
- B. Require each county to maintain a minimum County Health Fund property tax rate not less than the rate imposed for 2018, 2019, or 2020, whichever is greatest.

Maximize all available public health funding sources

Draft Recommendation 2.

Provide LHDs with administrative supports and other flexibilities to leverage all available funding sources

Possible action items:

- A. Create an IDOH surge staffing program to increase the capacity of LHDs to maximize categorical grant opportunities
- B. IDOH will facilitate billing for direct clinical services provided by LHDs that request this support.
- C. Allow consolidated LHDs to operate as Municipal Corporations, subject to the appointment of the of the Municipal Corporation's governing board by the county executives of each constituent county

Provide transparency and accountability for public health expenditures

Draft Recommendation 3.

Increase the capacity at both the state and local levels to direct resources to areas of need, establish the value of the public health system, and calculate the return on investment of additional funding allocations

Possible action items:

- A. Track public health revenues and expenditures across IDOH and all LHDs on a consistent basis, in conjunction with the State Board of Accounts and the Department of Local Government Finance
 - A1. Consider adopting the Public Health Uniform Chart of Accounts
- B. Offer IDOH-sponsored annual training regarding public health and public health finance for county auditors, commissioners, and councilors