
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

Fiscal Services Division

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Essential Public Health Services

Purpose and History

The Iowa Department of Public Health (DPH) Essential Public Health Services (formerly known as Healthy Aging) appropriation provides funding intended for public health services that reduce risks and invest in promoting and protecting good health over the course of a lifetime, with a priority given to older Iowans and vulnerable populations. This funding is for the Local Public Health Services Program, which helps implement core public health functions. The grant is considered the funding provider of last resort and is utilized only when no other funding source exists. Funding is distributed to local boards of health through a formula in the Iowa Administrative Code.

During the 2017 Legislative Session, this appropriation was increased to transfer similar funding that had previously been provided through the Community Capacity appropriation. Due to the different formulas in the two funding streams, the DPH is evaluating the formula used.

The DPH has also established a Guidebook for Iowa Local Boards of Health, which provides a detailed analysis of the history and responsibilities established for local boards.

Funding — State General Fund

The Essential Public Health Services General Fund budget unit appropriation is included in the Health and Human Services Appropriations Act.

Funding — Other Sources of Revenue

Previously, the Essential Public Health Services funding worked in concert with the General Fund appropriation for Community Capacity for the Local Public Health Services Program. The Community Capacity funding was transferred to this appropriation in FY 2018.

The General Fund appropriation for the local public health liaison portion of the Community Capacity budget unit is used for maintenance of effort match for the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [135 and 137](#)

Iowa Code section [135.11\(13\)](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [641—80](#)

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More Information

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