

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Healthy Aging

Purpose and History

The [Iowa Department of Public Health](#) (IDPH) Healthy Aging appropriation provides funding intended to optimize the health status of elderly Iowans. This funding is part of the [Local Public Health Services Program](#), with the purpose of implementing core public health functions, providing essential public health services that promote healthy aging throughout the lifespan of Iowans, and enhancing health-promoting and disease-prevention services with a priority given to older Iowans and vulnerable populations. 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. Funding is allocated as follows.

- 15.0% of the funds available are divided so an equal amount of funding is available for each county in Iowa.
- 85.0% of the funds available are divided to each county based on the following characteristics:
 - 60.0% based on the number of elderly residents living in each county based on the U.S. Census Bureau and National Center for Health Statistics estimates.
 - 40.0% based on the number of low-income residents living in each county based on the U.S. Census Bureau's Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates.

The IDPH has also established a [Guidebook](#) for Iowa Local Boards of Health that provides a detailed analysis of the history and responsibilities established for local boards.

Funding – State General Fund

The Healthy Aging General Fund budget unit appropriation is included in the Health and Human Services Appropriations Act. The Healthy Aging General Fund appropriation has been approximately \$7.3 million per year since FY 2012.

Funding – Other Sources of Revenue

The Healthy Aging funding works in concert with the General Fund appropriation for [Community Capacity](#) for the Local Public Health Services Program. This funding promotes and supports development of public health infrastructure at the local and state level. This includes consultation by Regional Community Health Consultants with local boards of health and provision of technical assistance regarding the role and responsibility of local boards. The Community Capacity Local Boards of Health allocation is distributed using the following formula:

- 40.0% of the funds available are distributed equally to all counties.
- 60.0% of the funds available are distributed based on the U.S. Census Bureau estimates of county population.

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 Code and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [135](#) and [137](#).
Iowa Code section [135.11](#)(13).
[641](#) Iowa Administrative Code [80](#)

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More Information

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