

Common Community Health Board Funding Sources

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Master Grant Agreement

Every five years, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) enters into a master grant agreement with all community health boards. There is no funding attached to this agreement. It serves as the legal foundation for subsequent grant project agreements with CHBs for all MDH grants.

More information: [Guidance on Grants to Community Health Boards - MN Dept. of Health \(https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/practice/lphact/lphgrant/invoice.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/practice/lphact/lphgrant/invoice.html)

Cannabis and Substance Use Prevention Grant (CSUP)

These state funds provide grants to local health departments and Tribal health departments to create and disseminate educational materials on cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products and to provide safe use and prevention training, education, technical assistance, and community engagement regarding cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products.

More information: CSUP SharePoint site or contact health.csup.mdh@state.mn.us

CDC Federal Infrastructure Grant

The CDC Federal Infrastructure Grant provides funding to community health boards to recruit, retain, and train a skilled and diverse public health workforce, address longstanding public health infrastructure needs, and increase the size of the public health workforce.

More information: Visit the [CDC Federal Infrastructure Grant webpage \(www.health.state.mn.us/communities/practice/funding/cdcinfrastructuregrant.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/practice/funding/cdcinfrastructuregrant.html)

Child and Teen Checkups (C&TC)

The Child and Teen Checkups (C&TC) program is Minnesota's federal Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program. It is administered by the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) and not covered under the MDH master grant agreement.

Children and Youth with Special Health Needs Follow-up

The MDH Children and Youth with Special Health Needs (CYSHN) Follow-up Program [formerly known as Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDl) and Birth Defects] provides state and federal funding to community health boards. The purpose of this funding is to follow up with families, identify their needs, and connect them to federal, state, and community services and supports. CYSHN supports children identified with specific birth conditions or newborn screening conditions (including hearing loss, critical congenital heart defects and bloodspot conditions).

More information: Visit the [Children and Youth with Special Health Needs webpage \(www.health.state.mn.us/cyshn\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/cyshn)

COVID Vaccine Implementation and Response Grant

The overall purpose of this federal grant is the rapid administration of COVID-19 vaccination, response to the pandemic, COVID testing and staff and community recovery.

More information: Visit [Emergency preparedness and response \(www.health.state.mn.us/communities/ep/\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/ep/), or the Emergency Preparedness for CHB/THB SharePoint site ([Emergency Preparedness for CHB/THD - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](http://sharepoint.com))

Eliminating Health Disparities: Tuberculosis

The MDH Refugee and International Health Program and MDH Tuberculosis (TB) Prevention and Control Program provide state funding to community health boards for health screening and follow-up services for tuberculosis for foreign-born persons. Funds are distributed based on the

More information: Visit the [TB Information for Local Public Health Departments website \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/tb/lph/index.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/tb/lph/index.html)

Family Home Visiting (TANF)

Community health boards can use federal TANF Family Home Visiting funds for non-medical home visiting services for families, WIC nutritional services, and group teen pregnancy prevention efforts.

More information: Visit Funding and grants management (www.health.state.mn.us/communities/fhv/grant.html)

Follow Along Program (FAP)

MDH Children and Youth with Special Health Needs Program provides state funding to community health boards to support the early identification of children birth to kindergarten entrance with developmental and/or social-emotional concerns and to facilitate connections to community agencies, such as Part C Infant and Toddler Intervention Services. The Follow Along Program provides early childhood developmental guidance, screening, referral, and ongoing care connection/coordination.

More information: Visit the [Follow Along Program webpage \(www.health.state.mn.us/mnfap\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/mnfap)

Foundational Public Health Responsibilities Grant (FPHR)

These state funds are to support foundational public health responsibilities (FPHR). This is ongoing funding to strengthen the local public health system in Minnesota. The funding for FPHR is based on a funding formula that is different than the Local Public Health Grant. The funding is based on three principles: 1) every community health board should get enough funding to be able to make meaningful progress on Foundational Public Health Responsibilities (FPHRs); 2) the funding formula should consider that not everyone has the same opportunity to be healthy across our state; 3) the funding formula should help alleviate variation in capacity across our system.

More information: Visit [Funding for foundational public health responsibilities webpage \(www.health.state.mn.us/communities/practice/systemtransformation/foundationalfunding.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/practice/systemtransformation/foundationalfunding.html)

Local Public Health Grant (LPHG)

These state general funds (i.e., state tax dollars) and match provide a base of stable, non-categorical grant funding to community health boards. Community health boards use the funding to support local public health infrastructure activities and develop action plans to address the local public health priorities and issues as identified by their community health assessment.

More information: [Local Public Health Grant webpage \(www.health.state.mn.us/communities/practice/lphact/lphgrant/index.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/practice/lphact/lphgrant/index.html)

Minnesota Vaccines for Children (MnVFC) site visits

The federally-funded Minnesota Vaccines for Children (MnVFC) is a component of the immunization program at MDH. Select community health boards conduct site visits to assess local medical clinics' compliance with the MnVFC program, including storage and handling techniques of vaccines, and provide teaching and needed follow-up. Clinics that receive MnVFC vaccines are required to be visited every 24 months.

More information: Visit the [Minnesota Vaccines for Children program \(MnVFC\) website \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/)

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)

This federal funding to local health departments, tribal agencies, and health care coalitions is to develop plans and protocols for responding to public health threats. Priority activities are guided by 15 public health preparedness capabilities. These capabilities are national standards for state and local planning to identify risks and gaps, determine priorities, and plan with partners to assure safer, more resilient, and better prepared communities whether the public health threat is caused by natural, accidental, or intentional means.

More information: Visit [Emergency preparedness and response \(www.health.state.mn.us/communities/ep/\)](#), or the Emergency Preparedness for CHB/THB SharePoint site ([Emergency Preparedness for CHB/THD - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](#))

Response Sustainability Grant (RSG)

In the 2023 legislative session, CHBs and Tribes received state funding for Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR). The funding acknowledges a previous lack of state funding specific to EPR and assure that all CHBs and Tribes can increase their individual EPR responsibilities. This funding has a funding formula, developed in partnership with SCHSAC that is unique to these state funds. The activities must align with the CDC PHEP capabilities, strengthen capacity across the state (each CHB should have a .5 FTE dedicated to EPR), and multi-county CHBs should ensure that all counties have access to staff dedicated to EPR.

More information: Visit [Emergency preparedness and response \(www.health.state.mn.us/communities/ep/\)](#), or the Emergency Preparedness for CHB/THB SharePoint site ([Emergency Preparedness for CHB/THD - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](#))

Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP)

The state-funded Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) was launched in 2008 as part of Minnesota's health reform effort, with the goal of helping Minnesotans live longer, healthier lives by decreasing obesity and tobacco use and exposure, the leading causes of chronic disease, disability, and death. Community health boards are awarded grants based on a menu of proven strategies.

More information: Visit the MDH [SHIP website \(https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/ship\)](#)

Strong Foundations: Evidence-based Family Home Visiting

These funds (a mix of federal and state) for Strong Foundations stabilizes and sustains existing home visiting programs while supporting start-up implementation of new home visiting programs seeking to address some of Minnesota's greatest disparities over a five-year period. This funding is not restricted to CHBs and includes Tribes and CBOs.

More information: Visit [Funding and grants management \(www.health.state.mn.us/communities/fhv/grant.html\)](#)

Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant

The federal Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant and match provide funding to improve the health and wellbeing of pregnant women, infants, children and adolescents, children and youth with special health care needs, and the provision of family planning services. Two-thirds of the federal dollars are distributed to community health boards for a broad array of MCH services.

More information: Visit the [Title V Maternal and Child Health \(MCH\) Block Grant Program webpage \(www.health.state.mn.us/communities/titlev/index.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/titlev/index.html).

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

WIC provides federal funding for nutrition and breastfeeding support for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk. Services include nutrition assessment and education, breastfeeding support, nutritious foods, and health care referrals.

More info: Visit [Information for local agencies: WIC program \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/wic/localagency/\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/wic/localagency/)

Other

There are several other funding and resource opportunities administered by MDH that may be available to community health boards. These could be awarded on a competitive, formula, reimbursement, or risk-based basis. For information on overall public health spending, review the expenditures summaries found at: [Past data: LPH Act annual reporting \(www.health.state.mn.us/communities/practice/lphact/annualreporting/archive.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/practice/lphact/annualreporting/archive.html). For more information on Grants to CHBs visit: [Grants to Community Health Boards - Home](#) (restricted view).

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