

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant
Local and Tribal Health Department Boundary Statement
Grant Cycle: October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023 (FFY22)

Program Boundary Statement

The Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant provides federal funding to states allowing recipients the ability to address prioritized public health needs in their jurisdictions in collaboration with local and Tribal public health agencies and organizations.

The Division of Public Health (DPH) allocates PHHS funding to each local health department (LHD) and Tribe. DPH has identified a boundary statement identifying funding parameters within which the LHD, Tribe, or agency will carry out funded work. The boundaries are intentionally as broad as federal and state law permit to provide maximum flexibility. However, while broad, the PHHS Block Grant does not permit the use of funds in some instances. Therefore, unacceptable uses of funds are included in the boundary statement.

Agencies receiving PHHS Block Grant funds from the Division of Public Health are not required to submit a budget. Agencies are reminded they must assure expenses are consistent with the contract. Everything an agency does is available to the public. LHDs, Tribes, and agencies are encouraged to leverage resources across categorical funding to achieve common goals.

All funding recipients are required to follow applicable federal laws, regulations, policies, and CDC General Terms and Conditions for Non-research awards found at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/grants/documents/General-Terms-and-Conditions-Non-Research-Awards.pdf>

Acceptable Uses of Funding

The PHHS Block Grant gives grantees the flexibility to prioritize the use of funds to:

- Address emerging health issues and gaps.
- Decrease premature death and disabilities by focusing on the leading preventable risk factors.
- Work to achieve health equity and eliminate health disparities by addressing the social determinants of health.
- Support local programs to achieve healthy communities.
- Establish data and surveillance systems to monitor the health status of targeted populations.
- Improve agency operations, build capacity, and achieve accreditation through implementation of effective programmatic and administrative areas central to the agency's objectives.
- Support agency efforts to attain or maintain Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accreditation.
- Supplement or expand grantee services or efforts.
- Increase hours of part-time staff to increase capacity.

Success is achieved by:

- Using evidence-based methods and interventions.
- Reducing risk factors.
- Establishing policy, social, and environmental changes.

- Leveraging other funds.
- Continuing to monitor progress towards selected outcomes and re-evaluate funded activities.
- Reflecting Healthy People and the State Health Improvement Plan in programing.

Unacceptable Uses of Funding

While the PHHS Block Grant allows for flexibility in usage to address local priorities, there are some activities and usage of funds that are not allowed. According to PHHS Block Grant guidance, non-allowable uses for these funds include:

From the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant 2022 WI DHS Notice of Award (NOA):

- Purchasing of naloxone.
- Purchasing of syringes.
- Drug disposal programs (drop-boxes, bags, or other devices, and/or take-back events) are not permissible under this funding opportunity.
- Clinical care (except as allowed by law).
- Publicity and propaganda (lobbying)
- Preparing, distributing, or using material (publicity/propaganda) or paying the salary or expenses of grants, contract recipients, or agents that aim to support or defeat the enactment of legislation, regulation, administrative action, or executive order proposed or pending before a legislative body, beyond normal, recognized executive relationships.

From 42 U.S. Code Part A – Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grants:

- Providing financial assistance to any entity other than a public or non-profit private entity.
- Providing inpatient services; offering cash payment to recipients of health services.
- Purchasing or improving land; purchasing, constructing, or permanently improving a building or facility.
- Purchasing of major medical equipment.
- Using as a match requirement for Federal funds.

A detailed, comprehensive list of funding allowances from the CDC can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/grants/documents/General-Terms-and-Conditions-Non-Research-Awards.pdf>

Reporting Requirements:

Mid-year and year-end performance reporting will be required from all recipients.

References

- [CDC Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant](#)
- [CDC General Terms and Conditions for Non-Research Grant and Cooperative Agreement](#)
- [42 U.S. Code Part A – Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grants](#)