

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

Program 1: Improve Foundational Public Health Capabilities

By September 30, 2023, Health Departments will strengthen their implementation of the Foundational Public Health Capabilities by:

(Any of the following)

- Maintaining Local Accreditation
 - Implement Strategies to Maintain Accreditation
- Implementing Foundational Public Health Capabilities
 - Implement Strategies Addressing Equity
 - Improve Organizational Competency and Preparedness
 - Develop and Implement Strategic Plans
 - Develop and Implement Performance Management/Quality Improvement Plans
 - Develop and Implement Workforce Development Plans
 - Develop or implement (Other: _____)
- Collaborating with Partners to Assess Community Needs
 - Develop or Revise Community Health Assessment (CHA)
- Collaborating with Partners to Address Community Needs
 - Develop or Revise Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

Why Accreditation?

Public health departments must have the capacity to improve and protect the health of the community. Every person in every community should have access to a basic level of public health services from both the state health department and the local health department. The 10 Essential Public Health Services are the basis by which health departments evaluate their performance and improve practice. The Essential Public Health Services were translated into practice by the national performance standards for public health, which in turn were adapted into the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) standards and measures. Through the external validation by PHAB that an agency has demonstrated implementation of the standards, the community has assurance of access to basic, effective public health services.

Why Foundational Public Health Capabilities?

Implementing Foundational Public Health Capabilities will assist local and tribal health departments in providing essential public health services, improved communication, stakeholder engagement, and efficient stewardship of resources. The lack of public health system infrastructure funding in Wisconsin limits the implementation of Foundational Public Health Capabilities. While every community should be served by an effective and efficient high-functioning public health department, the lack of funding in Wisconsin for system infrastructure has stunted the implementation of the Foundational Public Health Capabilities.

Why Collaborate with Partners to Assess Community Needs?

A community health assessment is needed to provide data to define community health priorities. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, many local communities are experiencing exacerbated health

outcomes and health disparities. Community Health Assessments (CHA) provide information for problem and asset identification and policy formulation, implementation, and evaluation. A CHA also helps measure how well a public health system is fulfilling its assurance function.

Why Collaborate with Partners to Address Community Needs?

Local health departments are required to implement a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) at least every five (5) years per Wisconsin Administrative Rule DHS 140, as well as for health departments that are accredited or pursuing accreditation through the PHAB. Through a CHIP, local government can address and provide solutions to a community's most critical health needs.

Program 2: Implement Community-Based Foundational Public Health Interventions

By September 30, 2023, Health Departments will address Foundational Public Health Areas impacting residents by:

(Any of the following)

- Implementing Community-Based Interventions to Prevent and Reduce Environmental Health Hazards
- Implementing Community-Based Interventions to Prevent or Reduce Illness and Injury
- Implementing Community-Based Interventions to Support Mental Health and Prevent Suicide
- Implementing Community-Based Interventions to Promote Healthy Lifestyles
- Implementing Community-Based Interventions to Improve a Coalition-Selected Priority Area
- Implementing Community-Based Interventions to Provide AODA Education and Resources
- Implementing Community-Based Interventions to (Other: _____)

Why Community-Based Interventions?

Local and tribal health departments require adaptable funding to support prevention programs impacting a Foundational Public Health Area in their community. Local and tribal health departments have identified Foundational Public Health Area needs in their communities, including environmental health hazards, injury and illness prevention, mental health support, promotion of healthy lifestyles, supporting community coalitions, and AODA education and resources. PHS Block Grant funds offer an adaptable resource to support prioritized community Foundational Public Health Area needs.

Resources: Several links are provided below to assist grantees in planning. These resources are suggestions and should not be considered comprehensive or finite.

- [Foundational Public Health Services](#)
- [Wisconsin State Health Plan](#)
- [Improving Wisconsin's Health \(UW Population Health\)](#)
- [County Health Rankings What Works for Health](#)
- [Healthy People 2030 Objectives](#)
- [Healthy People 2030 Evidence-Based Resources](#)
- [Public Health Systems and Best Practices including the 10 Essential Public Health Services](#)