

# Local Public Health Funding 2024 and 2025

## Porter County Funding Information

Counties that opt-in will receive enhanced funding based on population. Funding will be distributed on a sliding scale dependent upon how many counties opt-in.

### OPT-IN:

**2024: Minimum: \$1,688,846.25**

**Maximum: \$2,251,795**

County match, average of last 3 years provided through the tax levy.

**2025: Minimum: \$3,377,692.50**

**Maximum: \$4,503,590**

County Match Minimum: \$844,423.13

County Match Maximum: \$1,125,897.50


### OPT-OUT

Annual funding: **\$135,768.41**

Legacy amount from Local Health Maintenance fund/Trust

**POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE: \$4,367,822** (annually starting 2025)

## Funding Requirements

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|  Communicable disease prevention and control    |  Vital statistics                           |  Tobacco prevention and cessation             |
|  Student health (IC 16-18-2-79.5 (14))          |  Fatality review (child, suicide, overdose) |  Maternal and child health                    |
|  Testing/counseling for HIV, HCV, STI           |  TB control and case management             |  Emergency preparedness                       |
|  Referrals to clinical care (IC-18-2-79.5 (22)) |  Chronic disease prevention and reduction   |  Childhood lead screening and case management |
|  |  Trauma and injury prevention and education |  Child and adult immunizations                |

At least **60%** of funding must be spent on these core services

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|  Food protection   |  Pest/vector control and abatement   |  Public/semipublic pool inspection and testing                           |
|  Residential onsite sewage system permitting and inspections |  Orders for decontamination of property used to illegally manufacture controlled substance |   |
|  Sanitary inspection and surveys of public buildings         |  Sanitary operation of tattoo parlors and body piercing facilities                         |  Sanitary operation of facilities where eyelash extensions are performed |

No more than **40%** of funding may be spent on these core services

## Porter County's Greatest Needs:

- Chronic Disease- prevention and management programs
- Smoking/Vaping- youth and adult prevention and cessation programs
- Nutrition/Physical Activity- education and promotion programs
- Deaths of Despair (suicide, overdose, alcoholism)-prevention and mental health programs

## Our primary response:

- Development of a Care Team
  - Care Coordinator
  - Social Worker
  - Public Health Educator
  - School Liaison

## Community Stakeholder Input

Porter County will work with stakeholder focus groups to help guide local programming. We will meet with local leaders, community partners, healthcare agencies, businesses, schools, faith based organizations, service organizations, and minority organizations.

## Other Funding Information

- Counties may opt-in or opt-out in any fiscal year.
- Counties may issue grants and enter into contracts with local partners to provide core public health services.
- Capital expenses paid for with state funds are capped at 10% each year. These include:
  - Purchase, construction, or renovation of buildings or other structures
  - Land acquisition
  - Purchase of vehicles and other transportation equipment

## Next steps:

- ✓ Convene local partners (County Commissioners, LHB members, LHD, healthcare providers, not-for-profit entities, community-based organizations, etc.) to discuss the core services and plan.
- ✓ Establish a county health plan and budget (financial report) for the new state funds and only delivery of core public health services. Make sure the plan meets the 60/40 guidance and no more than 10% of the funds are budgeted for capital projects.
- ✓ Submit 2024 budget for new funds to County/City Council for normal budget approval.
- ✓ County Commissioners vote to opt-in to new funding by Sept. 1, 2023.
- ✓ Submit financial report (budget plan) to IDOH and State Budget Committee by Sept. 1, 2023.