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. 72 counties have currently opted in with more expected. Funding will be close to the minimum amount listed below for 2024:

**OPT-IN:**

2024: $1,688,846.25  
County match, average of last 3 years provided through the tax levy: ~$1,300,000

2025: Minimum: $3,377,692.50  
Maximum: $4,503,590  
County Match Minimum: $844,423.13  
County Match Maximum: $1,125,897.50
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 (2024)
  - Social Worker (2025)
  - School Liaison (2024)
- Outreach and Education
- Screening Events

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.