



Investment in Public Health Saves Lives and Money

SB21-243: Extension and Importance of Public Health Funding

- Current state funding is approximately \$9.7M, with SB21-243 adding \$10M.
- SB21-243 funding, expiring June 30, 2024, is critical for implementing Colorado's Core Public Health Services.
- The Governor's budget includes a continuation of SB21-243 funding at a lower level of \$7.5M.



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- Without an additional \$12M, LPHAs may reduce services, programs, and staff.
- Local Planning and Support funding ensures a minimum of one FTE at each LPHA for Core Public Health Services.
- This funding supports CHIPs, a statutory requirement, and is essential for equitable public health services across Colorado.



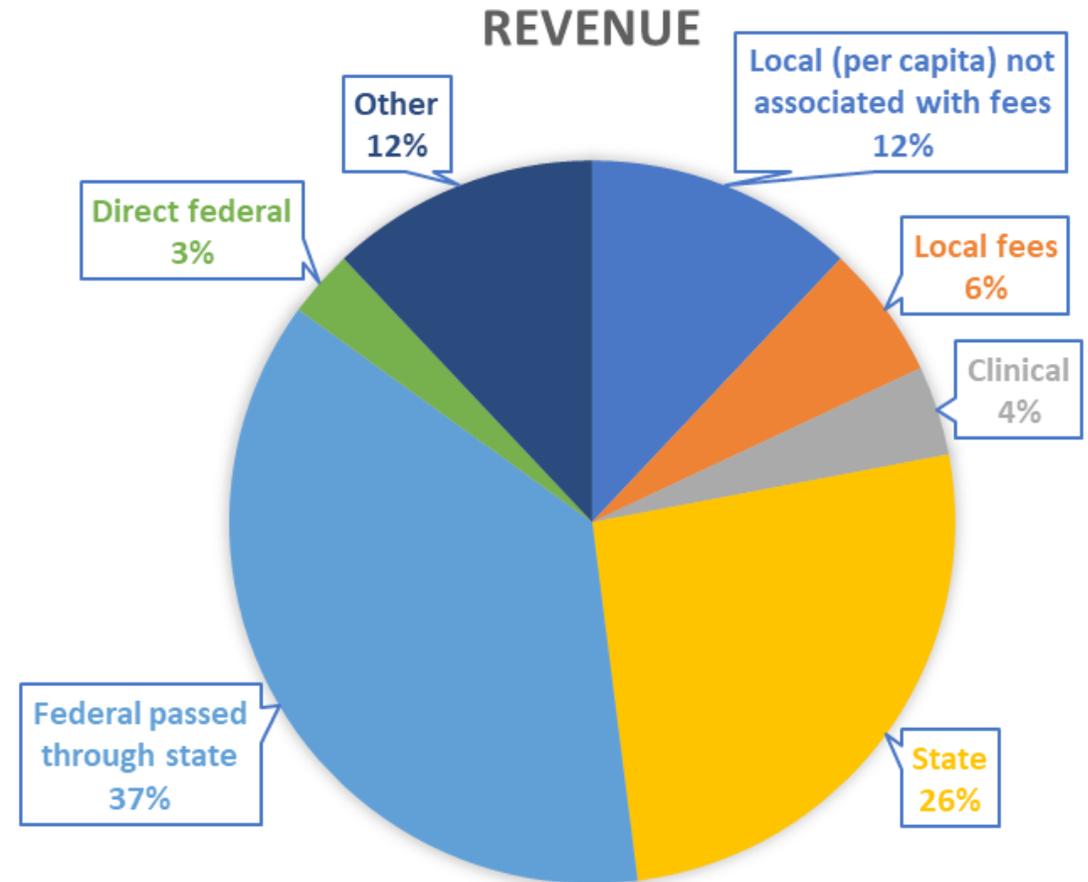
Categorized vs. Uncategorized Funding

Categorized Funding

- Involves **allocating funds for specific and predetermined purposes or programs.**

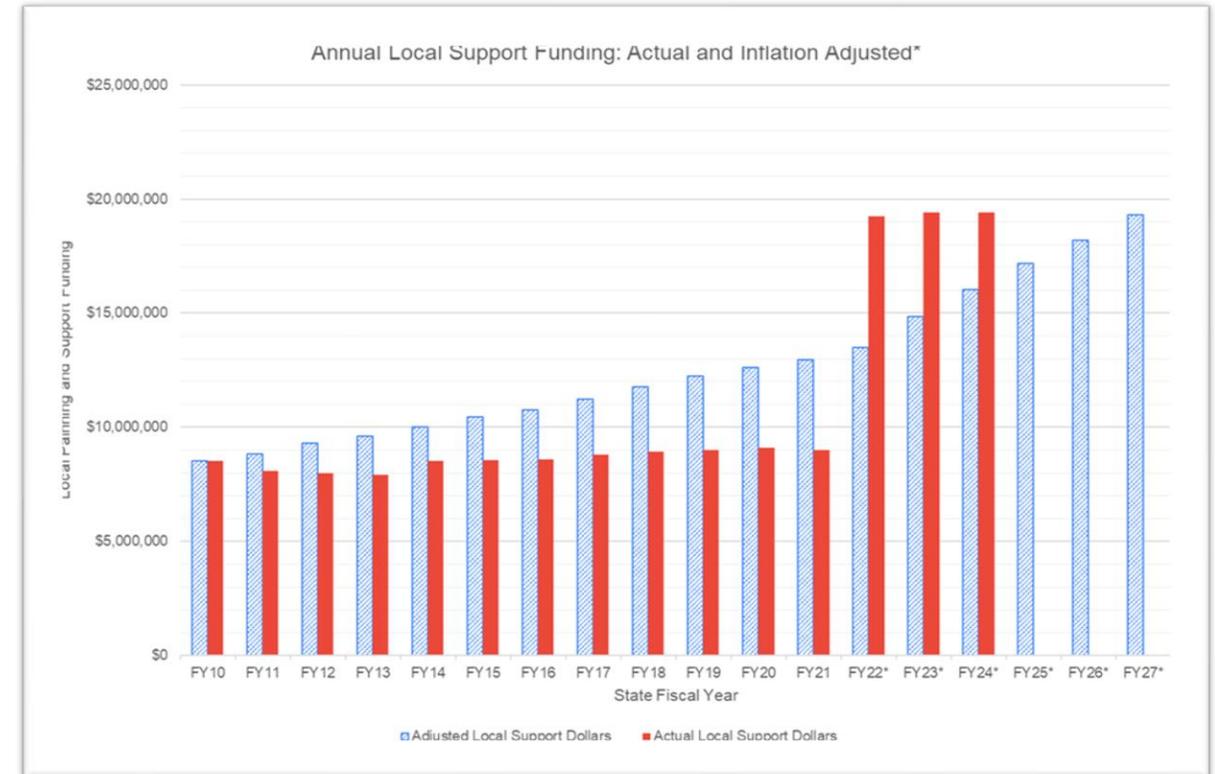
Uncategorized Funding

- Also known as general funding, involves providing public health agencies or organizations with a lump sum of money **without specific designations** for how the funds should be utilized, outside of being spent on core public health services.



Public Health Act of 2008 and Funding Challenges

- The Public Health Act of 2008 aimed for consistent, high-quality core public health services across Colorado.
- State support for LPHAs has not kept pace with inflation and population growth.
- SB21-243's addition of \$10M annually in FY22 was a temporary remedy, set to expire in FY24.



Examples from the Field

- Communicable Disease Prevention, Investigation, and Control
- Environmental Public Health
- Maternal, Child, Adolescent, and Family Health
- Chronic Disease, Injury Prevention, and Behavioral Health Promotion
- Assess to and Linkage with Health Care

Impact of SB21-243 Funding on Broomfield City & County PH

Advancing Public Health Analytics with SB21-243

- **Enhanced Data Capabilities:** SB21-243 funding enabled expanded data collection and analysis in critical health areas like behavioral health, substance use, and social determinants of health.
- **Community Coordination Platform:** Implementation of a care-coordination system to seamlessly connect community members with health services and local nonprofits.
- **Informed Decision-Making:** Data insights are now shaping strategic public health activities and community collaborations.

Impact of SB21-243 Funding on Jefferson County Public Health

Jefferson County Public Health's Response and Vision

- **Health Equity Focus:** Established a dedicated five-person team for health equity and community engagement, enhancing trust and program integration.
- **Building Community Relations:** Notable gains in community trust and engagement, particularly in vaccination outreach and health assessments.
- **Future Goals:** Commitment to expanding services to include environmental justice, aligning with the evolving needs of the community.

Impact of SB21-243 Funding on Larimer County Public Health

Strengthening Youth and Community Communication

- **Youth Engagement:** Hired a Youth Engagement Coordinator to align efforts across school districts.
- **Mental Health Taskforce:** Established a countywide Youth Mental Health Taskforce with compensated youth participation.
- **Language Access:** Onboarded a Bilingual Communication Specialist to improve translation and interpretation services.

Impact of SB21-243 Funding on Elbert County Public Health

Revitalizing Rural Health Services with SB21-243

- **Staff Expansion:** ECPH leveraged SB21-243 funds to expand their team, adding a full-time Finance & Grants Specialist and two part-time Nurse Practitioners.
- **Clinical Services Resumption:** The funding enabled the opening of a primary care clinic, restoring clinical services absent since 2016.
- **Technological Advancement:** Implementation of an Electronic Health Records (EHR) system to enhance patient care and streamline billing, aiding financial sustainability.

Impact of SB21-243 Funding on Kit Carson County Public Health

Enhancing Community Health in Kit Carson County

- **Expansion in Health Services:** Utilization of SB21-243 funding for health navigation and chronic disease prevention.
- **Nutrition Program Initiation:** Recruitment of a registered dietitian to develop a community nutrition program and support regional food-access efforts.
- **Staff Training Investment:** Emphasis on health navigation training, focusing on social determinants of health and resource navigation skills.

Impact of SB21-243 Funding on Dolores County Public Health

Innovative Health Solutions in Rural Dolores County

- **Challenges:** Addressing the health care needs of a low-income, senior population in a rural area.
- **Prescription Pickup Initiative:** Launched a vital program for medication and oxygen tank refills, catalyzed by a local senior's critical incident.
- **Impact:** The program is a lifeline in the community, contributing to chronic disease management and mental health service improvement.

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- SB21-243's flexible funds have significantly improved Colorado's public health system.
- This funding has begun to address chronic underfunding and inflexible funding sources.
- The success stories from LPHAs highlight the unique impact of this funding.

