



LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
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BUDGET BRIEF

SUMMARY

The Analyst's base budget recommendation is \$2,122,400 General Fund for Local Health Departments in FY 2013. This recommendation is the same total funds as the base budget. This brief also discusses the \$88,676,000 in funding shared between the Department of Health, local health departments, and other providers in FY 2011. The Subcommittee annually reviews each base budget to propose any changes and to vote to approve it. The Analyst recommends that the Subcommittee approve the \$2,122,400 base budget.

Overview

Twelve local health departments (LHDs) cover all areas of the State and provide local public health services. There are 6 single-county LHDs with another six LHDs covering the other 23 Utah counties. The State utilizes the local health departments to administer many of the services required by State law. While this line item is for the General Fund block grant funding only, the Utah Department of Health contracts with the LHDs for over 45 other services. The funding for these contracts is appropriated to and included in the various line items of the Department. Additionally, LHDs contract with the Department of Environmental Quality to provide various services. For more detailed information please visit the online Compendium of Budget Information for the 2011 General Session at http://le.utah.gov/lfa/reports/cobi2011/LI_LLA.htm.

The Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee conducted a study of local health department funding. This report was presented at their December 2, 2008 meeting and can be found at <http://www.le.utah.gov/interim/2008/pdf/00002017.pdf>.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

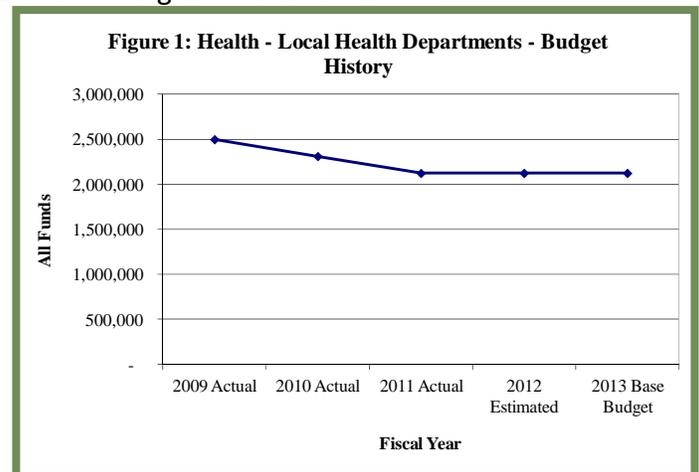
The Analyst base budget recommendation is \$2,122,400. The funding is all General Fund pass-through block grants to assist the LHDs with their enforcement of state statutes at the local level. In 2008 the total fund budget of Utah's 12 local health departments came 35% from county contributions and 31% from fees. The remaining 34% came from federal and State funds.

Agency Building Block Requests Not Included in the Governor's Budget

- **LHD Emergency Assistance Fund** - \$250,000 one-time General Fund in FY 2012 to fund SB 20 *Local Public Health Emergency Funding* (Stowell) from the 2009 General Session.

Overview of \$88,676,000 in Shared Funding

Of the \$88,676,000 in grant funds received by the Department of Health in FY 2011 and processed through the committee established in SB 21 *State and Local Health Authorities Amendments* (<http://le.utah.gov/~2009/bills/sbillenr/sb0021.pdf>) from the 2009 General Session, the Department gave 41% to local health departments, 35% to other providers, and kept 24%. The percentage kept by the Department of Health ranged from 0% to 100%. The FY 2011 distribution of funds between the Department of Health and local health departments is shown on the two pages below:



Which Local Health Departments Are the Healthiest?

The www.countyhealthrankings.org website ranks the healthiest counties by health outcomes (length and quality of life) and health factors (health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and physical environment). The University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute has used this model annually since 2003 to rank the health of Wisconsin’s counties. The table to the right lists each local health department by the health of its county(s) served. For departments serving more than one county, a weighted average based on population has been used.

Local Health Department	Rank
Utah County	1
Summit County	2
Bear River District	3
Davis County	4
Wasatch County	5
Southwest District	6
Salt Lake Valley	7
Weber-Morgan	8
Tooele County	9
Central Utah District	10
Southeast District	11
TriCounty	12

BUDGET DETAIL

The budget listed in the table below details the budget allocations in the base budget bill.

Health - Local Health Departments						
Sources of Finance	FY 2011 Actual	FY 2012 Appropriated	Changes	FY 2012 Revised	Changes	FY 2013 Recommended
General Fund	2,122,400	2,122,400	0	2,122,400	0	2,122,400
Total	\$2,122,400	\$2,122,400	\$0	\$2,122,400	\$0	\$2,122,400
Programs						
Local Health Department Funding	2,122,400	2,122,400	0	2,122,400	0	2,122,400
Total	\$2,122,400	\$2,122,400	\$0	\$2,122,400	\$0	\$2,122,400
Categories of Expenditure						
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2,122,400	2,122,400	0	2,122,400	0	2,122,400
Total	\$2,122,400	\$2,122,400	\$0	\$2,122,400	\$0	\$2,122,400

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

- The Analyst recommends that the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee approve of the \$2,122,400 FY 2013 base budget as listed above and appropriated through the base budget bill.