

**Federal Fiscal Year 2021
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant
(October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022)**

Program Boundary Statement

The Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant is a federal program to allocate funds to states to improve the health of the general population.

For each consolidated contract program, the Division of Public Health has identified a boundary statement. The boundary statement sets the parameters of the program within which the local and tribal public health agency will need to set its objectives. The boundaries are intentionally as broad as federal and state law permit to provide maximum flexibility, however if there are objectives or program directions that the program is not willing to consider or specific programmatic parameters, those are included in the boundary statement. Agencies are encouraged to leverage resources across categorical funding to achieve common program goals.

Acceptable Uses of Funding

The PHHS Block Grant gives grantees the flexibility to prioritize the use of funds to:

- Address emerging health issues and gaps.
- Decrease premature death and disabilities by focusing on the leading preventable risk factors.
- Work to achieve health equity and eliminate health disparities by addressing the social determinants of health.
- Support local programs to achieve healthy communities.
- Establish data and surveillance systems to monitor the health status of targeted populations.
- Improve agency operations, build capacity, and achieve accreditation through implementation of effective programmatic and administrative areas central to the health department's objectives
- Support agency efforts to attain or maintain PHAB accreditation.
- Supplement or expand grantee services or efforts.
- Increase hours of part-time staff to increase capacity.

Success is achieved by:

- Using evidence-based methods and interventions.
- Reducing risk factors.
- Establishing policy, social, and environmental changes.
- Leveraging other funds.
- Continuing to monitor progress towards selected outcomes and re-evaluate funded activities.
- Reflecting Healthy People and Healthy Wisconsin objectives in project objectives.

Unacceptable Uses of Funding

While the PHHS Block Grant allows for flexibility in usage in order to address local priorities, there are some activities and usage of funds that are not allowed. According to PHHS Block Grant guidance, non-allowable uses for these funds include:

- Purchasing of naloxone

- Purchasing of syringes and distributing sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug.
- Drug disposal programs (drop-boxes, bags or other devices, and/or take-back events) are not permissible under this funding opportunity.
- Clinical care (except as allowed by law)
- Providing financial assistance to any entity other than a public or non-profit private entity.
- Providing inpatient services. Offering cash payment to recipients of health services.
- Purchasing or improving land; purchasing, constructing, or permanently improving a building or facility; or purchasing major medical equipment.
- Using as a match requirement for Federal funds.
- Advocating for or promoting gun control.
- Paying the salary of an individual, through a grant or other extramural mechanism, at a rate in excess of Executive Level II.
- Paying indirect or administrative costs in excess of 10%.
- Preparing, distributing, or using any media or material designed to support or defeat the enactment of legislation at the federal, state, or local legislature or legislative body, or for the salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient or agent related to any lobbying activity.
- Maintaining or establishing a computer network unless it blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography.
- Procuring, obtaining or contracting for equipment, services, or systems that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Pub. L. 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities); Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities); telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise, connected to the government of a covered foreign country.
- Supplanting grantee funds by replacing or releasing available local grantee funds for alternative uses.

Acceptable Redirection of Funds for Pandemic Relief (FY2021)

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and [public health emergency](#), the Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health has identified opportunities for local and tribal health departments to utilize PHHS Block Grant funding in their response efforts connected to the National Public Health Performance Standards (NPHPS)/Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) voluntary accreditation efforts.

Health department emergency response efforts have inherent connections to all 12 of the PHAB Domains, and DHS has identified essential functions of an accredited health department with urgent emergency response needs.

Therefore, activities that align with the PHAB Domain standards and meet the needs of the community may be funded through FY2021 PHHS Block Grant funds provided:

- Funded activities are unduplicated efforts by the health department and align with the allowable uses of PHHS Block Grant funds as described above, and

- Local, state, or other federal funds are not displaced or supplanted for other uses.
- Descriptions of examples of allowable activities and PHAB Domains are contained within the prior [2019-2021 PHHS Template Objectives](#) located on the [Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant SharePoint site](#)

References

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant, <http://www.cdc.gov/phhsblockgrant/index.htm>
- National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion: and <https://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/index.htm>
- Healthy People 2030: <https://health.gov/healthypeople>
- Healthy Wisconsin: <https://healthy.wisconsin.gov/>
- 10 Essential Public Health Services: <https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/publichealthservices/essentialhealthservices.html>

Additional Resources

Several links are provided below to assist grantees in strategic planning for their PHHS Block Grant. Please note that these resources are simply suggestions, and should not be considered comprehensive or finite.

Cross-cutting Interventions

The links below provide interventions that apply to all of the template objectives.

- UW What Works for Health: <http://whatworksforhealth.wisc.edu>
- County Health Rankings What Works for Health: <https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/take-action-to-improve-health/what-works-for-health>
- Healthy Wisconsin: <https://healthy.wisconsin.gov/>
- Healthy People 2030 Objectives: <https://health.gov/healthypeople/objectives-and-data>
- Healthy People 2030 Evidence-Based Resources: <https://health.gov/healthypeople/tools-action/browse-evidence-based-resources>
- Healthy Wisconsin Evidence-based Practices: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/healthywi/index.htm>