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Public Health Modernization 2023-25 Policy Package Development Process

In development of each Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Agency Request Budget, the OHA Public Health Division (OHA-PHD) works with partners to define goals for the next biennium's public health modernization work.

This process includes discussion with the Oregon Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) in the first quarter of every even-numbered year to set broad parameters for the use of public health modernization funds, followed by more detailed work with the Conference of Local Health Officials, Oregon's nine federally-recognized Tribes and Urban Indian Health Program, NARA, and community-based organization partners through the Spring of each even-numbered year to prepare for agency approval for a public health modernization policy package for submission of the OHA Agency Request Budget.

History

OHA-PHD has received gradual increases in General Funds for public health modernization for the last several biennia, following the recommendations from the 2014 Task Force on the Future of Public Health Services and 2016 Public Health Modernization Assessment of state and local public health authorities. The table below shows the distribution of funds beginning in the 2017-19 biennium and the OHA Agency Request Budget request of \$286M. Governor Kotek has since included a \$50M investment in public health modernization in the Governor's Recommended Budget with \$3.4M of those funds being directed to the reproductive health provider network.

It is critical to note that as Tribes and community-based organization funding has phased in over time, it has always been an **additive request** for public health modernization funding. **Public health modernization funds have not been taken from one partner to give to another.** OHA-PHD has simply increased its overall request to include more partners that are critical to public health practice.

Partner	2017-2019	2019-2021	2021-2023	2023-2025 agency proposed (\$286 mil)	2023-2025 GRB (\$50 mil)
LPHA's	\$3.9 mil	\$10.3 mil	\$33.4 mil	\$100.3 mil	\$16.95 mil
Tribes	-	\$1.1 mil	\$4.4 mil	\$30 mil	\$5.3 mil
CBO's	-	-	\$10 mil	\$100 mil	\$16.95 mil
Reproductive Health Network	-	-	-	\$10 mil	\$3.4 mil
OHA	\$1.1 mil	\$4.2 mil	\$12.8 mil	\$42.1 mil	\$7.4 mil

Process for development of the 2023-25 Public Health Modernization Policy Package

As noted above, the first steps for the development of the Public Health Modernization Policy Package were discussions with PHAB. The process for developing the \$286M Agency Request Budget amount and associated work included:

1. **January-February 2022:** Public health system goal-setting by PHAB.
2. **February-July 2022:** Establishment of work streams for each part of the public health system to define the work they would need to accomplish towards PHAB's goals in the 2023-25 biennium and the resources needed to do it.
 - Local public health authorities, through members of the Conference of Local Health Officials, requested an additional \$100 million to achieve priorities for the 2023-25 biennium.
 - Tribal Health Directors, through individual consultation, requested an additional \$30 million in 2023-25.
 - Community-based organizations, through the CBO Advisory Committee, requested an additional \$100 million in 2023-25.
 - OHA-PHD, through its executive leadership team, identified that \$42.1 million was needed to accomplish state-level functions, plus additional funds for community led data initiatives and the reproductive health provider network.

In this process, each group of public health partners established their own work priorities and identified the amount of funding needed for that work in the 2023-25 biennium. OHA put forward each partner's requested funding amount in total.

3. OHA prioritized the full requested policy package amount in its Agency Request Budget.

Development of funding scenarios for the 2023-25 biennium

Each biennium OHA-PHD receives a request for scaled options for public health modernization investments from the legislature. In previous biennia, OHA-PHD has proportionally reduced the funding for each public health partner type off of its Agency Request Budget.

In November 2022, OHA-PHD asked PHAB for guidance on how to scale the policy package at such a significant request. PHAB requested that OHA-PHD convene a workgroup of PHAB members, local public health administrators, community-based organizations and OHA-PHD staff to work through funding scenarios. Per the request of the Tribal representative to PHAB, Tribes worked through their own funding scenarios independently. The PHAB workgroup met three times between December 2022 and January 2023 and ultimately did not make an alternative recommendation from proportional reductions at \$50M, \$100M, \$150M and \$200M. PHAB discussed proportional reductions at their January 12 meeting. Based on input provided during the discussion, OHA maintained proportional reductions that equally recognize initial partner requests by all groups of partners.

2023-25 Governor's Recommended Budget

Governor Kotek included a \$50M investment in public health modernization in the 2023-25 Governor's Recommended Budget. The Governor's Recommended Budget includes the following funding allocations, which would be added to the \$60.6M base funding for the 2021-23 biennium in the table on page 2.

LPHAs - \$16.95 million GF

CBOs - \$16.95 million GF

Tribes - \$5.3 million GF

Reproductive Health - \$3.4 million GF

OHA Public Health - \$7.4 million GF and 30 positions

Total - \$50 million General Fund