

Testimony
House Bill 1004
House Appropriations Committee—Human Resources Division
January 19, 2023
Southwestern District Health Unit

Good morning, Chairman Nelson and members of the Human Resources Division of the House Appropriations Committee. My name is Sherry Adams and I am the Executive Officer for Southwestern District Health Unit (SWDHU). My health unit covers the eight counties of the Southwest which includes Adams, Billings, Golden Valley, Bowman, Slope, Dunn, Hettinger and Stark. I am in support of House Bill 1004 which includes an additional \$2,750,000 state aid in the Governor's budget, bringing the local public health state aid total to \$8,000,000.

Local and state governmental public health agencies are recognized nationally as having the primary responsibility for promoting and protecting the public's health. Local public health units serve as the foundation to the public health system as the boots on the ground.

State Aid is our only flexible funding and fills gaps not covered by other funding sources. Southwestern District Health Unit relies on

State Aid Funding for a multitude of services to meet our annual community needs which, in part, is identified in our Community Health Needs Assessments.

I am extremely grateful for this increase which will serve our communities across North Dakota. Thank you for this opportunity to share my comments. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.



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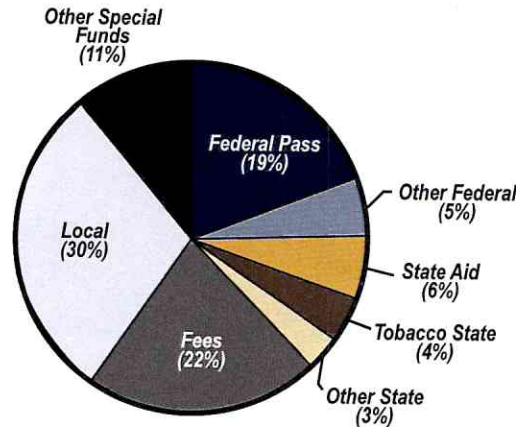
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LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITIES 2023-2025

* STATE AID FUNDING

Local public health units are seeking \$8,000,000 in the Department of Health and Human Service budget for State Aid.

Local Public Health Unit Revenues by Category - Calendar Year 2021
(23 of 28 Units responding)



State Aid provides funding for:

- Immunizations
- Tobacco Assessments & Treatment
- Maternal & Child Health
- Emergency Preparedness & Response
- Public Health Nurse Home Visits
- Community-Based Services
- School Health
- Injury Prevention
- Jail Health
- Agency Administration
- Environmental Health
- Grant Match Dollars

* ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Improper installation of onsite wastewater systems is a health threat to all of North Dakota's citizens and natural water resources. Local public health units support the development and adoption of updated statewide onsite wastewater treatment standards and for uniform statewide educational requirements for licensed installers.

* BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Local public health units support investments and efforts for additional community-based behavioral health services.

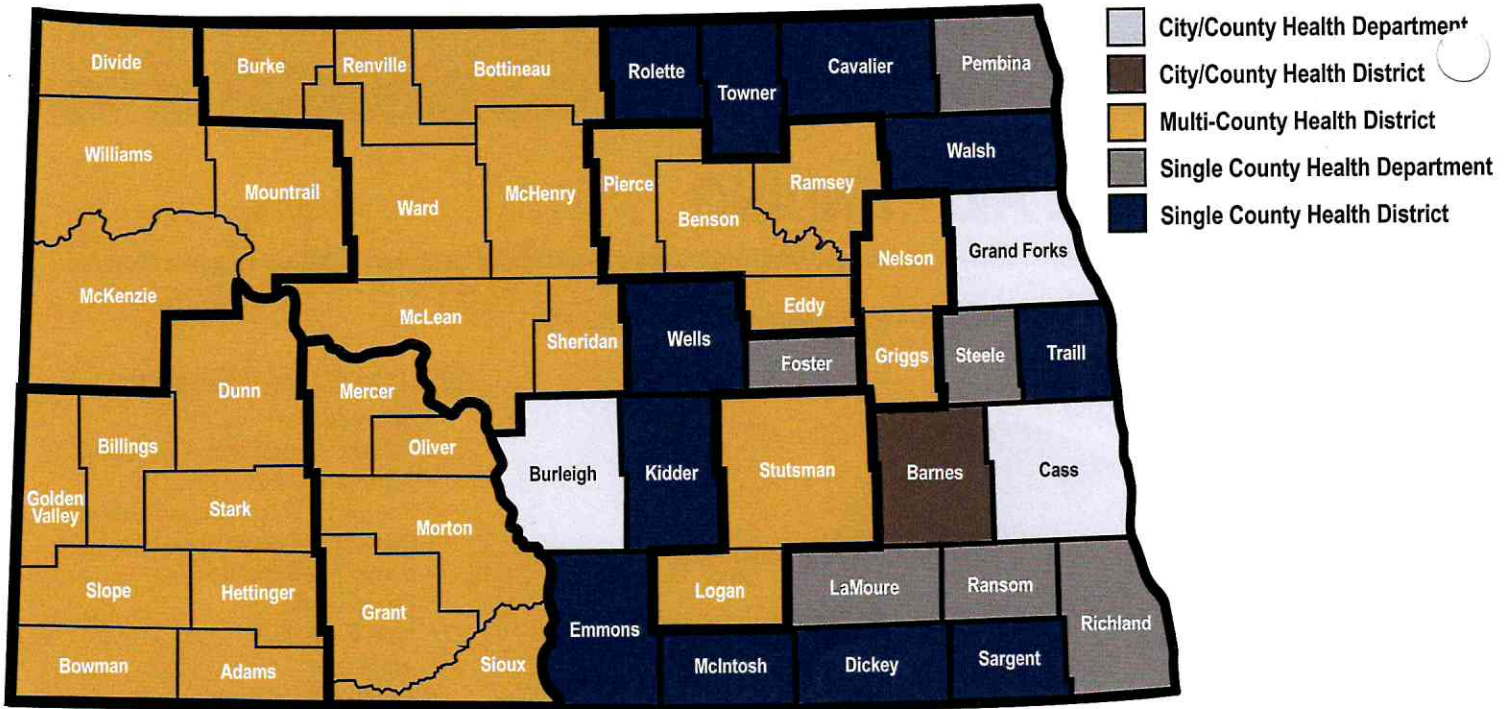
* TOBACCO PREVENTION & EDUCATION SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION

- Support for tobacco prevention and education legislation includes: a comprehensive approach towards tobacco tax increase, e-cig and internet sales tax increase and sustaining indoor smoke free air law.
- Local public health units support investments in substance use prevention activities and initiatives including efforts to decrease access to vaping products and reduce substance abuse deaths.



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Core public health functions are those activities that lay the groundwork for healthy communities. They protect us from disease and injury we cannot prevent, and help us change behavior which could cause us harm. Core functions do not happen in doctor's offices. These functions provide us with a healthy community to keep us out of the doctors' offices.

PRINCIPLES AND CHARACTERISTICS OF PUBLIC HEALTH

PUBLIC HEALTH FOCUS

- Population based
- Environmental health
- Risk factors (statistical probability)
- Reduce risk in target group
- Broad definition of health
- Prevention, promotion, protection
- Health as an individual and societal responsibility
- Long term responsibilities/outcomes
- Life to years
- Enact, enable, engineer, educate
- Collaborate/facilitate
- Social justice/social responsibility

MEDICAL CARE FOCUS

- Focus on the individual
- Personal health
- Signs and symptoms (actual case)
- Cure, reduce disability in individual
- Focus on specific condition
- Treatment, therapy
- Health as an individual responsibility
- Acute/short term responsibilities
- Years to life
- Educate, enable
- Competitive
- Market justice/reimbursement driven



