

ANALYSIS OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH TRUST FUND FOR THE 1999-2001 AND 2001-03 BIENNIUMS (REFLECTING THE 2001-03 BIENNIUM EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS)

	1999-2001 Biennium	2001-03 Biennium
Beginning balance	\$0	\$5,218,415
Add estimated revenues		
Transfers to date from the tobacco settlement trust fund	\$2,995,497 ¹	
Remaining transfers from the tobacco settlement trust fund	<u>2,222,918</u>	<u>\$5,307,289</u>
Total estimated revenues	<u>\$5,218,415²</u>	<u>\$5,307,289²</u>
Total available	\$5,218,415	\$10,525,704
Less estimated expenditures		
State Department of Health		
• Healthy schools	\$0	\$2,000,000
• Healthy families	0	2,000,000
• Healthy communities	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
Total estimated expenditures	<u>\$0³</u>	<u>\$5,000,000³</u>
Estimated ending balance	<u><u>\$5,218,415⁴</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,525,704</u></u>

¹ As of November 2000, six transfers have been made from the tobacco settlement trust fund totaling \$2,995,497.

² Estimated revenues - Interest earned on the community health trust fund is not included in the analysis because current law does not allow the community health trust fund to retain interest earned. Any interest earned by the community health trust fund is credited to the state's general fund.

³ Estimated expenditures - 1999 House Bill No. 1475 provides that moneys in the community health trust fund may be used by the State Department of Health, subject to legislative appropriation, for community-based public health programs and other public health programs, including programs with emphasis on preventing or reducing tobacco usage in this state. The 1999 Legislative Assembly did not appropriate to the State Department of Health any moneys in the community health trust fund for community-based public health programs. Consequently, no expenditures from the fund are anticipated during the 1999-2001 biennium. The executive budget recommendation for the 2001-03 biennium appropriates \$5 million for tobacco-related issues and other issues of priority to communities as follows:

- \$2 million - Healthy schools.
- \$2 million - Healthy families.
- \$1 million - Healthy communities.

⁴ The estimated June 30, 2001, balance made at the end of the 1999 legislative session was \$5,759,376. The decrease in the estimated balance of \$540,961 is due to a decrease in the amount of tobacco settlement payments estimated to be received.

FUND HISTORY

The community health trust fund was created by the 1999 Legislative Assembly through passage of House Bill No. 1475. This bill creates a tobacco settlement trust fund for the deposit of all tobacco settlement moneys obtained by the state. Moneys in the fund must be transferred as follows, within 30 days of their deposit in the fund:

- Ten percent to the community health trust fund.
- Forty-five percent to the common schools trust fund.
- Forty-five percent to the water development trust fund.