



**FISCAL RESEARCH DIVISION**  
A Staff Agency of the North Carolina General Assembly

# DHHS Division of Public Health FY 2019-21 Budget Overview

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Committee

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# Presentation Outline

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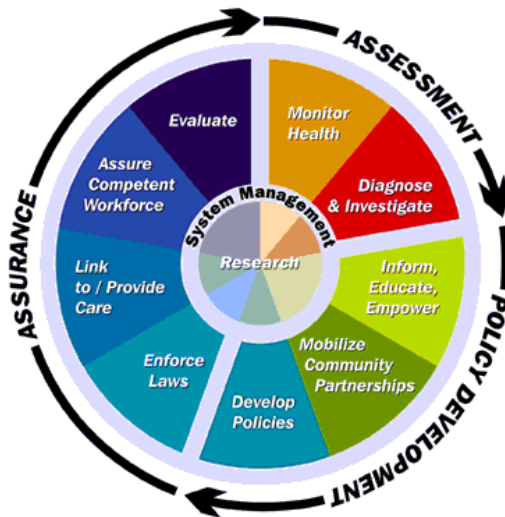


# Division of Public Health: Mission

Promotes and contribute to the highest possible level of health for the people of North Carolina

Carries out essential programs and activities touching the lives of everyone in the State

Collaborates with local health departments, hospitals, community health centers, practitioners, community agencies and organizations throughout the State and nation.



# G.S. 130A 1.1 Mission and Essential Services

The General Assembly recognizes that unified purpose and direction of the public health system is necessary to ensure that all citizens in the State have equal access to essential public health services. The General Assembly declares that the mission of the public health system is to promote and contribute to the highest level of health possible for the people of North Carolina by:

- (1) Preventing health risks and disease;
- (2) Identifying and reducing health risks in the community;
- (3) Detecting, investigating, and preventing the spread of disease;
- (4) Promoting healthy lifestyles;
- (5) Promoting a safe and healthful environment;
- (6) Promoting the availability and accessibility of quality health care services through the private sector; and
- (7) Providing quality health care services when not otherwise available.



## A local health department shall ensure that the following 10 essential public health services are available and accessible to the population in each county

- Monitoring health status to identify community health problems.
- Diagnosing and investigating health hazards in the community.
- Informing, educating, and empowering people about health issues.
- Mobilizing community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.
- Developing policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
- Enforcing laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
- Linking people to needed personal health care services and ensuring the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
- Ensuring a competent public health workforce and personal health care workforce.
- Evaluating effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population based health services.
- Conducting research.



## Description of the Eleven Sections within the Division of Public Health

Section	Purpose
Administrative, Local, and Community Support	Provide direct and indirect services to the public and local health agencies
Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention	Reduce death and disabilities through education, policy change, and services
Environmental Health	Safeguard life, promote human health, and protect the environment through the practices of modern environmental health science, the use of technology, rules, public education, and dedication to the public trust
Epidemiology	Understand the causes and effects of disease in communities and find ways to prevent or control those diseases and their negative effects on people and society
Medical Examiner	Investigate deaths of a suspicious, unusual, or unnatural nature
Minority Health and Health Disparities	Bridge the health status gap between racial/ethnic minorities and the general population, and advocate for policies and programs that improve access to public health services for underserved populations
Oral Health	Provide prevention and education services on dental health with an emphasis on children
State Center for Health Statistics	Collect data, conduct health-related research, produce reports, and maintain a comprehensive collection of health statistics
State Laboratory of Public Health	Provide certain medical and environmental laboratory services to public and private health provider organizations
Vital Records	Register all births, deaths, fetal deaths, marriages, and divorces which occur in North Carolina
Women's and Children's Health	Assure, promote, and protect the health and development of families with an emphasis on women, infants, children, and youth

Note: Medical Examiner and State Laboratory of Public Health operate under the Epidemiology section. State Center for Health Statistics and Vital Records operate under the Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention section.

Source: Program Evaluation Division based on information from the Division of Public Health.



# Public Health Programs/Services

- Newborn Screening
- Well water testing
- Autopsies/death investigations
- Lead and asbestos testing
- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Women, Infants, Children's Supplemental Food Program (WIC)
- Children's Developmental Services Agencies (CDSAs)
- Immunizations
- Home visiting services
- Cancer screening
- Family planning
- Teen pregnancy prevention
- Prenatal services
- Dental screening, sealants, referrals
- Stroke/diabetes/hypertension prevention programs
- Forensic tests for alcohol
- Tobacco prevention and cessation
- Communicable disease surveillance and control
- Environmental health protection: restaurants, lodging, child care centers, public swimming pools, tattoo shops
- Infectious disease prevention and control: HIV/AIDS, STD, TB
- Injury and violence prevention
- Vital records: birth, death, marriage, divorce certificates
- Health statistics: data collection, analysis, and reports



# DPH and Local Health Departments

- DPH works in partnership with the 85 local health departments and their Boards of Health
- Local health departments deliver many of the public health services and programs administered by DPH
- State General Fund and federal receipts make up <5% of local health department budgets

## **Local health department services include:**

- Dental
- Family planning
- Maternal and child health services
- Laboratory
- Primary care
- Immunizations
- Chronic disease management/screening
- Food and lodging inspections/permits
- Health screening
- Well and septic system permits
- Emergency preparedness and response





# DPH FY 2019-21 Base Budget Summary

Account Title	Actual 2017-18	Certified 2018-19	Authorized 2018-19	Incr/Decr 2019-20	Total 2019-20	Incr/Decr 2020-21	Total 2020-21
Personal Services	127,538,932	152,508,077	155,072,311	39,182	155,111,493	39,182	155,111,493
Purchased Services	59,814,318	71,775,319	76,839,136	(2,680,539)	74,158,597	(2,958,803)	73,880,333
Supplies	8,594,475	20,768,154	21,101,811	(146,351)	20,955,460	(146,800)	20,955,011
Property, Plant, & Equipment	4,181,082	4,483,611	3,640,645	(131,013)	3,509,632	(151,556)	3,489,089
Other Expenses & Adjustments	7,167,719	5,475,696	5,776,097	1,230	5,777,327	1,230	5,777,327
Aid & Public Assistance	528,187,505	627,969,538	633,900,423	(1,735,473)	632,164,950	(1,735,473)	632,164,950
Reserves	0	7,612,303	5,316,104	(615,973)	4,700,131	(615,973)	4,700,131
Intragovernmental Transactions	10,413,787	2,296,496	2,194,752	0	2,194,752	0	2,194,752
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>745,897,818</b>	<b>892,889,194</b>	<b>903,841,279</b>	<b>(5,268,937)</b>	<b>898,572,342</b>	<b>(5,568,193)</b>	<b>898,273,086</b>
Grants	25,744,164	24,718,126	25,519,504	25,678	25,545,182	25,678	25,545,182
Sales, Service, and Rentals	1,403,419	2,381,676	2,389,425	0	2,389,425	0	2,389,425
Fees, Licenses, and Fines	15,653,648	22,064,784	22,241,050	92,390	22,333,440	92,390	22,333,440
Miscellaneous	80,353,064	80,555,803	81,136,962	0	81,136,962	0	81,136,962
Intragovernmental Transactions	5,264,017	4,603,215	3,325,985	0	3,325,985	0	3,325,985
Intragovernmental Transactions (Federal)	473,115,668	601,936,962	612,672,000	(2,931,664)	609,740,336	(3,275,373)	609,396,627
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>601,533,980</b>	<b>736,260,566</b>	<b>747,284,926</b>	<b>(2,813,596)</b>	<b>744,471,330</b>	<b>(3,157,305)</b>	<b>744,127,621</b>
<b>Net Appropriation</b>	<b>144,363,838</b>	<b>156,628,628</b>	<b>156,556,353</b>	<b>(2,455,341)</b>	<b>154,101,012</b>	<b>(2,410,888)</b>	<b>154,145,465</b>
<b>FTE</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Certified</b>	<b>Authorized</b>	<b>Incr/Decr</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Incr/Decr</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Account Title</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>1,938.890</b>	<b>1,928.510</b>	<b>1,949.130</b>	<b>(1.250)</b>	<b>1,947.880</b>	<b>(1.250)</b>	<b>1,947.880</b>

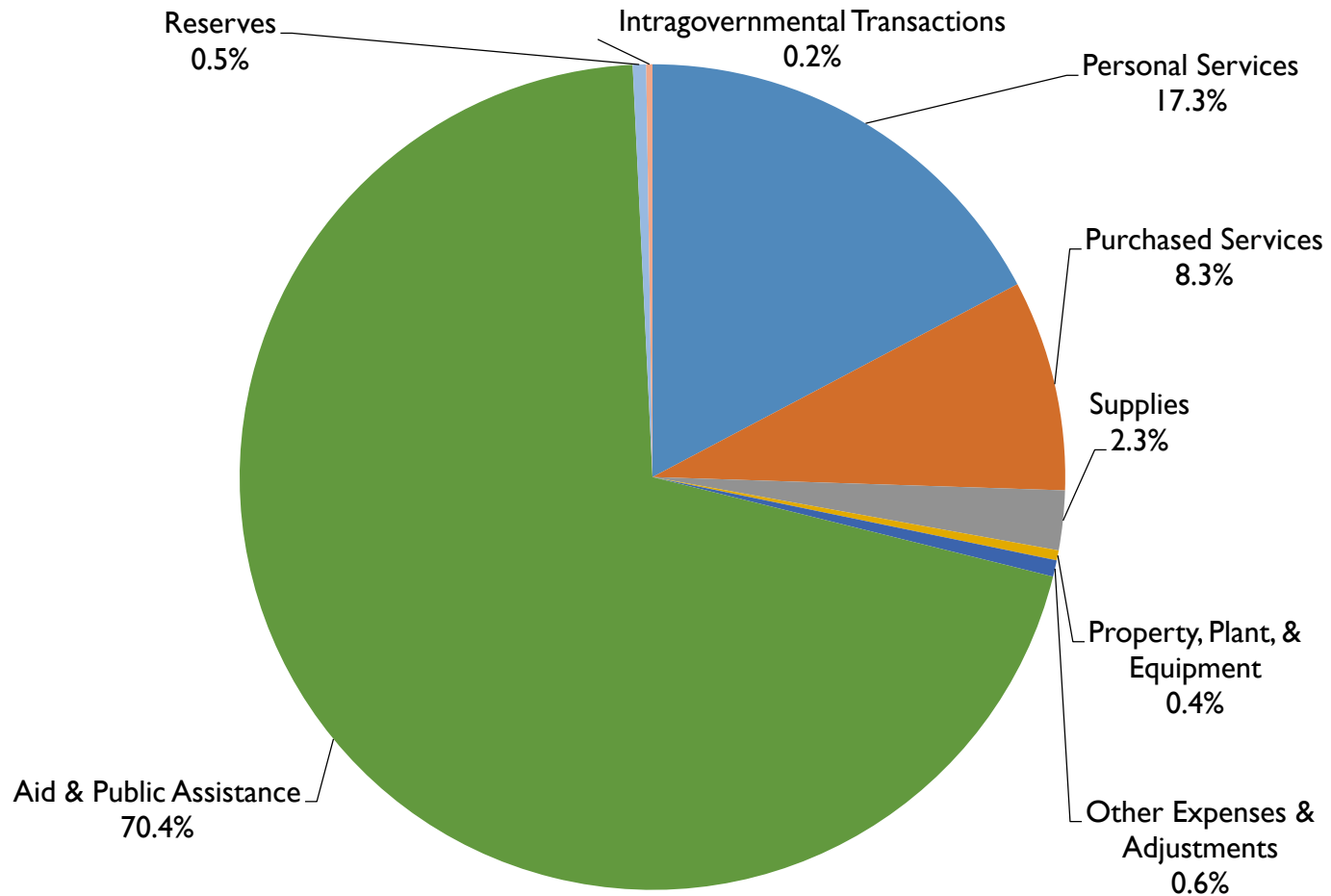


# DPH FY 2019-21 Base Budget Adjustments

General Fund Increase/Decrease Detail		
	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Existing Lease Adjustments	\$ 45,632	\$ 90,085
<b>NR Items Removed</b>		
Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
Wayne Initiative for School Health - NR	\$ (35,000)	\$ (35,000)
State Retirement Contributions-NR	\$ (115,973)	\$ (115,973)
Youth Tobacco Prevention - NR	\$ (250,000)	\$ (250,000)
Communicable Disease Testing	\$ (300,000)	\$ (300,000)
Human Coalition - NR	\$ (300,000)	\$ (300,000)
Youth Tobacco Prevention	\$ (500,000)	\$ (500,000)
Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship	\$ (1,300,000)	\$ (1,300,000)
<b>Total All Changes</b>	<b>\$ (2,455,341)</b>	<b>\$ (2,410,888)</b>

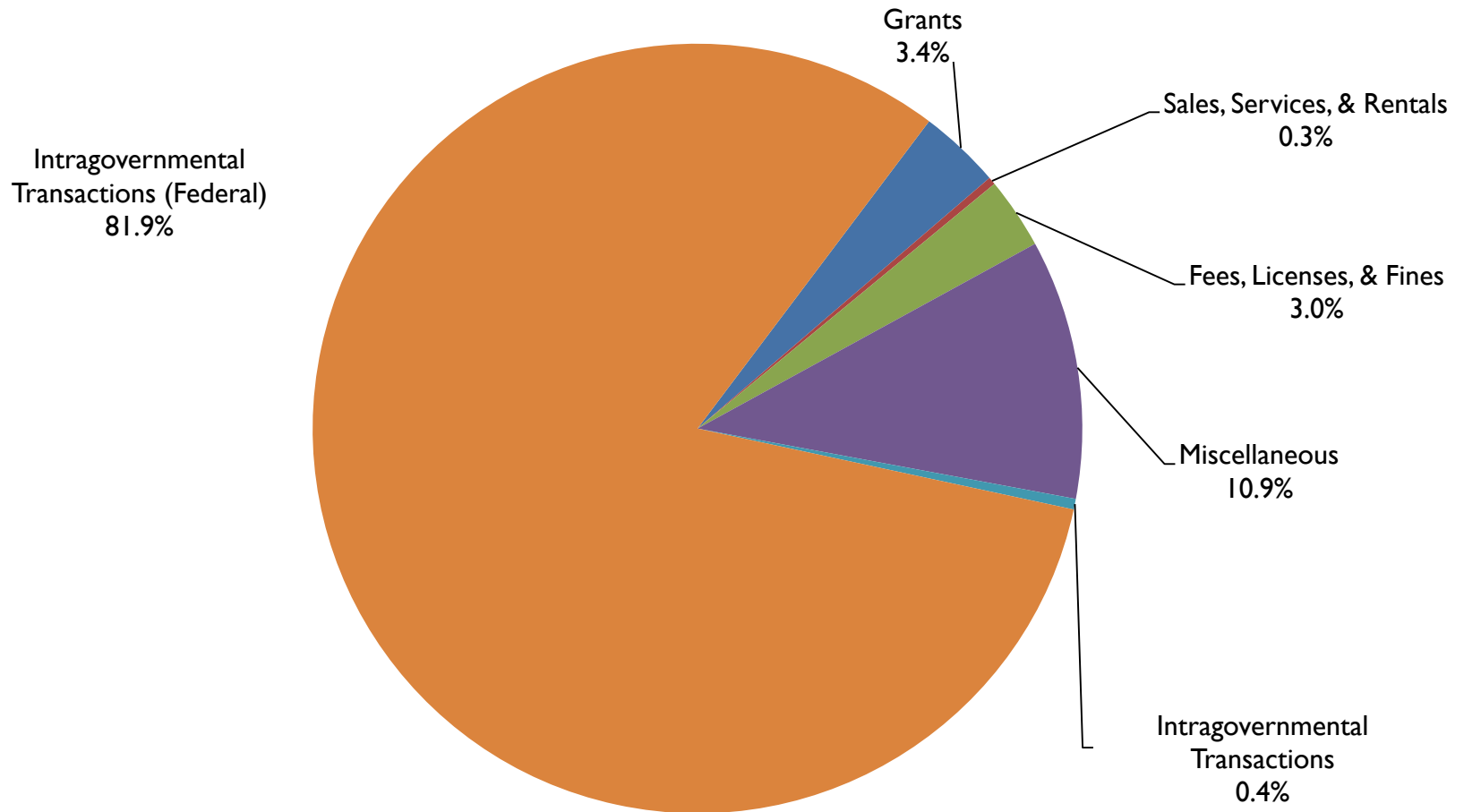


# DPH FY 2019-20 Base Budget Requirements: \$ 898,572,342



# DPH FY 2019-20 Base Budget

## Funding Sources: \$\$ 898,572,342



# Federal Block Grant Funds

- **Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (MCHBG)**
  - Administered by the U.S. DHHS Health Resources and Services Administration, Division of State and Community Health
  - Provide funds to states to address the health care needs of women, particularly mothers, and their children
  - NC FY18-19 allocation is \$20,945,529
- **Preventive Health Services Block Grant (PHSBG)**
  - Administered by the Federal Centers for Disease Control
  - Provide funds to states to use to address unique public health needs in innovative and locally defined ways. Grantees have flexibility to use these funds to respond rapidly to emerging health issues and to address funding gaps in programs that target leading causes of death and disability
  - NC FY18-19 allocation is \$6,121,026



# S.L. 2017-57 Significant Budget Actions

Action	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
Funds to address staffing deficiencies at the New Bern and Blue Ridge Children's Development Service Agencies which were under a federal corrective action plan	\$690,594 8.0 FTEs	\$690,594 8.0 FTEs
Nurse Family Partnership	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Smoking Cessation Programs	\$500,000	\$500,000
Youth Tobacco Prevention	\$500,000 NR	\$500,000 NR
Funds to address the State Laboratory of Public Health's structural budget deficit	\$1,000,000 \$2,000,000 NR	\$1,000,000
Funds for Hepatitis C and other priority communicable disease testing	\$300,000 \$300,000 NR	\$300,000 \$300,000 NR



# S.L. 2018-5 Significant Budget Actions

ACTION	FY 2018-19
Smoking Cessation Programs	\$250,000
Youth Tobacco Prevention	\$250,000 NR
State Newborn Screening Program	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="108 739 1103 786">• Added 3 new conditions to the screening panel</li><li data-bbox="108 853 803 901">• Increased fee from \$44 to \$124</li><li data-bbox="108 968 1740 1072">• Portion of fee increase goes into newly established special fund future purchase and replacement of instruments, equipment, and information systems</li><li data-bbox="108 1139 1789 1299">• Authorized Commission on Public Health to use the rulemaking process in the future to ensure that State program conforms to changes in federal recommended screening recommendations</li></ul>	



# Significant Legislative Actions: Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

## S.L. 2015-272, 2015 Appropriations Act

- Increased the NC Medical Examiner autopsy fee from \$1,250 to \$2,800 per autopsy, the approximate cost to perform an autopsy
- Increased medical examiner fee from \$100 to \$200 per death investigation
- Increased base contract rate to transport bodies for death investigations and autopsies to \$190 for first 40 miles and then \$1 per mile after the first 40 miles
- \$2,195,000 NR to replace and upgrade the Medical Examiner Information System
- \$100,000 R to implement mandatory annual training for county medical examiners
- \$250,000 R to support one Forensic Pathologist Fellowship each at East Carolina and Wake Forest Universities
- \$3,780,000 R to offset the difference between the rate that counties are billed for an autopsy, \$1,750, and the cost to perform an autopsy
- \$400,000 NR in each year of the 2015-17 biennium to replace obsolete and outdated equipment





# Significant Legislative Actions: AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

- S.L. 2015-241, 2015 Appropriations Act, budgeted additional federal receipts and reduced State General Fund appropriation by \$6,268,646 R
- S.L. 2016-94, 2016 Appropriations Act, Sec. 12E.1 directed the Division to create a budget-neutral AIDS Drug Assistance Program insurance premium assistance program that uses federal Ryan White receipts and State funds pay for private health insurance coverage including premiums, co-payments, and deductibles for eligible program participants
- S.L. 2017-57, 2017 Appropriations Act
  - Directed the Department to work with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to ensure that DPS expenditures on AIDS pharmaceuticals are included in the State matching funds required to receive federal Ryan White funds
  - Authorized the use of the federal modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) to determine eligibility for ADAP



# Questions

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