



## Budget Brief: Local Health Departments

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

FY 2010

### SUMMARY

Twelve Local Health Departments (LHD's) cover all areas of the State and provide local public health services. There are 6 single-county LHD's with another six LHD's covering the other 23 Utah counties. The State utilizes the local health departments to administer many of the services required by State law. While this line item is for the General Fund block grant funding only, the Utah Department of Health contracts with the LHD's for over 45 other services. The funding for these contracts is appropriated to and included in the various line items of the Department. Additionally, LHD's contract with the Department of Environmental Quality to provide various services. For more detailed information please visit the online Compendium of Budget Information for the 2009 General Session at [http://le.utah.gov/lfa/reports/cobi2009/LI\\_LLA.htm](http://le.utah.gov/lfa/reports/cobi2009/LI_LLA.htm).

### Issues and Recommendations

The Analyst base budget recommendation is \$2,309,700. The funding is all General Fund pass-through block grants to assist the LHDs with their enforcement of state statutes at the local level. In 2006 all sources of State funding made up about 6% of the total general budgets for LHD's, with the remaining 94% primarily coming from roughly equal amounts of fees, county contributions, and federal funds.

### Accountability Detail

The following paragraphs discuss recent appropriations and how they were used by the agency:

#### **FY 2009**

- **Surge Capacity for Disease Control:** Local Health Departments received \$250,000 to increase local capacity to respond to public health incidents, such as last year's 1,902 laboratory-confirmed cryptosporidiosis cases from June through December 2007.

#### **FY 2008**

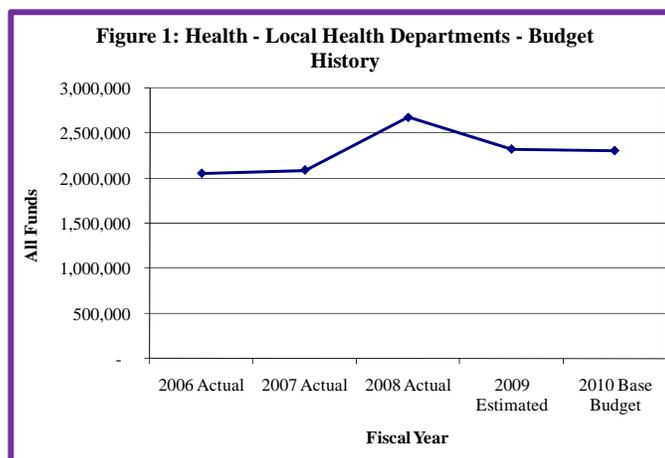
- Last year this line item received \$500,000 one-time General Fund. Funds were spent in three focus areas: (1) \$165,000 to set up registries and hold training and a conference for local Medical Reserve Corps, (2) \$195,000 for a local electronic disease reporting system, and (3) \$140,000 for computer hardware purchase for disease outbreak management.

### BUDGET DETAIL & TECHNICAL CORRECTION

The budget listed in the table below details the budget allocations in the base budget bill. The base budget includes the following changes:

- \$(187,300) ongoing General Fund reduction in monies to comply with State minimum performance standards.

Additionally, during the Special Session in September 2009, the \$170,000 for reduction from SB 209 Methamphetamine Decontamination Standards and Funding was removed from the wrong budget line item. The money was taken out of the Local Health Departments' line item, but should have been removed from the Epidemiology & Laboratory Services line item. The analyst recommends making this change.



| Health - Local Health Departments |                    |                    |            |                    |                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Sources of Finance                | FY 2008            | FY 2009            |            | FY 2009            |                   | FY 2010*           |
|                                   | Actual             | Appropriated       | Changes    | Revised            | Changes           | Base Budget        |
| General Fund                      | 2,181,600          | 2,497,000          | (187,300)  | 2,309,700          | 0                 | 2,309,700          |
| General Fund, One-time            | 500,000            | (170,000)          | 187,300    | 17,300             | (17,300)          | 0                  |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>\$2,681,600</b> | <b>\$2,327,000</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$2,327,000</b> | <b>(\$17,300)</b> | <b>\$2,309,700</b> |
| <b>Programs</b>                   |                    |                    |            |                    |                   |                    |
| Local Health Department Funding   | 2,681,600          | 2,327,000          | 0          | 2,327,000          | (17,300)          | 2,309,700          |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>\$2,681,600</b> | <b>\$2,327,000</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$2,327,000</b> | <b>(\$17,300)</b> | <b>\$2,309,700</b> |
| <b>Categories of Expenditure</b>  |                    |                    |            |                    |                   |                    |
| Current Expense                   | 90,000             | 0                  | 0          | 0                  | 0                 | 0                  |
| Other Charges/Pass Thru           | 2,591,600          | 2,327,000          | 0          | 2,327,000          | (17,300)          | 2,309,700          |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>\$2,681,600</b> | <b>\$2,327,000</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$2,327,000</b> | <b>(\$17,300)</b> | <b>\$2,309,700</b> |

\*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.

### LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Analyst recommends that the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee approve of the FY 2010 base budget as listed above and appropriated through the base budget bill.

1. The Analyst recommends a FY 2010 base budget for Local Health Departments of \$2,309,700.
2. The Analyst recommends correcting a \$170,000 technical error (discussed above) by adding \$170,000 one-time General Fund to the Local Health Department line item and taking the same amount away from the Epidemiology & Laboratory Services line item.