



**Michigan Association for Local Public Health
Legislative and Funding Priorities – as of January 11, 2023**

I. Policy/Legislative Priorities

- a. Protect the authority of local public health officers to respond quickly to emerging threats, especially as outlined in Sections 333.2451 and 333.2453.
- b. Through boilerplate language, direct the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a thorough review of the actual costs to local health departments for providing Essential Local Public Health Services.
- c. Support the creation and implementation of Statewide Onsite Wastewater Legislation (Statewide Sanitary Code) consistent with the Local Public Health Core Principles document established by the Michigan Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators and the Michigan Association for Local Public Health in June 2019.
- d. Promote statewide professional licensure standards for environmental health sanitarians employed by governmental health departments.
- e. Support an update to Michigan's Food Law (Act 92 of 2000) that would adopt the current FDA model Food Code (10th ed. 2022).

II. One-Time Supplemental Funding

- a. \$3 million in one-time funding for rural Community Health Workers, to sustain programming initiated by the Michigan Center for Rural Health under the CDC COVID-19 and Health Priorities Partnership Grant, which will expire in May 2023. A portion of this funding will be used to conduct training for local health departments in billing Medicaid for CHW services, thereby enhancing sustainability of these services.
- b. \$40 million in flexible funding for local health departments to invest in capacity building and physical infrastructure improvements.
- c. A one-time allocation of \$250,000 to support a comprehensive cost analysis of Essential Local Public Health Services (ref. I.b. above).

III. Ongoing Funding

- a. A \$23.6 million increase to bring the state's contribution to Essential Local Public Health Services up to \$75 million annually. According to analyses conducted by the Public Health Advisory Commission and the House Fiscal Agency, this amount would be consistent with the statutory requirement (ref. PA 368) to meet a 50/50 cost contribution in 2023. MALPH also supports an annual inflationary index increase to be applied to this line item going forward.
- b. MALPH supports the annual funding recommendations as included in the MDHHS *Public Health Resource Review to Ensure Michigan Drinking Water Quality*, developed pursuant to Executive Directive 9.

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