



Iowa's Preventive Health & Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant Overview

Grantor	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Statutory Authority	US Code Title 42, Part A, Section 300 w-1 to 300 w-10
History of Legislation	Federal legislation for the PHHS Block was enacted in 1981. Congress combined several categorical grants with health funding into one "prevention" block grant.
Purpose of Funds	<p>The goal of the Prevention Block Grant legislation is to provide states with flexibility and control to address their priority health needs.</p> <p>States are able to address their unique public health needs in <u>innovative</u> and locally defined ways. The program gives grantees the flexibility to use funds to respond rapidly to <u>emerging health issues</u> and to fill funding gaps in programs that address the <u>leading causes of death and disability</u>.</p>
Use of Funds	Funds may be used for planning, administration, education, monitoring, and evaluation activities related to achieving Healthy People 2030 objectives .
Conditions for Use:	1) Rapid Response, 2) Start-up, 3) Supplemental, 4) No other existing funding
Funds allow Iowa to:	<p>The PHHS Block Grant includes a mandated carve out amount for services to victims of sex offenses and prevention of sex offenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practice evidence-based public health by implementing public health interventions that work• Address emerging public health needs by implementing public health efforts to address these issues• Improve public health infrastructure by enhancing capacity to collect or enhance data or by improving the quality of operations, programs and services
Iowa's Strategic Approach	Iowa HHS selects projects that address emerging and critical public health programming needs, support infrastructure and capacity-building needs, provide gap-filling support in essential services, diversify its public health programming, and use innovative strategies for addressing Iowa's health disparities.
Application/Work Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submission of annual work plan by July 1• Specifies activities to be carried out and funds allocated to programs• Includes selected health status outcome objectives, descriptions of health problems, and identification of target and disparately affected populations• Must utilize Healthy People 2030 Objectives
State Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The IA HHS Council serves as the State Advisory Committee• Committee role is consultative and advisory• Required to meet a minimum of twice each federal fiscal year; both meetings held prior to submission of the work plan• Must be chaired by the Lead Health Official or assigned designee

Public Hearing	A minimum of one public hearing per year must be held prior to approval and submission of annual work plan/state plan.
Federal Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim Annual Progress Report – due February 1 • Final Annual Progress Report - due December 30
National PHHS Block Grant Evaluation	CDC facilitates a national evaluation of the PHHS Block Grant (see Figure 1 below). Block Grant recipients are requested to collect and report data on four (4) evaluation measures. The next evaluation will occur in Fall 2025.



Figure 1. Components of the PHHS Block Grant Measurement Framework

