

Phase 1: Planning

January 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028

Districtwide Public Health Service System Analysis

- 1. Lead Entities will collect local boards' of health (LBOH) plans to fulfill their legal obligations outlined in Iowa Code (Sections 139A.11–12, 15–18 and 351.36).**
- 2. Lead Entities convene partners for system planning**
 - ▶ Focus on the following Priority Core Public Health Services:
 - *Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention*
 - *Communicable & Infectious Disease Control*
 - *Environmental Public Health*
 - ▶ Collaborate with existing Preparedness and Collaborative Service Areas
 - ▶ Develop system navigation processes
- 3. Lead Entities assess capacity & gaps in core service delivery**

Identify strengths, weaknesses and gaps within each county across the district.

Statewide Plan:

Iowa HHS will draft a Public Health Service System Statewide Plan to guide District Plan development.

District Public Health Service System Plan

Using the analysis, the Lead Entity and partners will develop a District Plan that outlines how public health activities across the district will be organized, coordinated and supported.

Phase 1: Funding

How much funding will be available?

Approximately \$592,000 per district, one-time funding from the CDC Public Health Infrastructure Grant (PHIG), plus a small amount of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) funding.

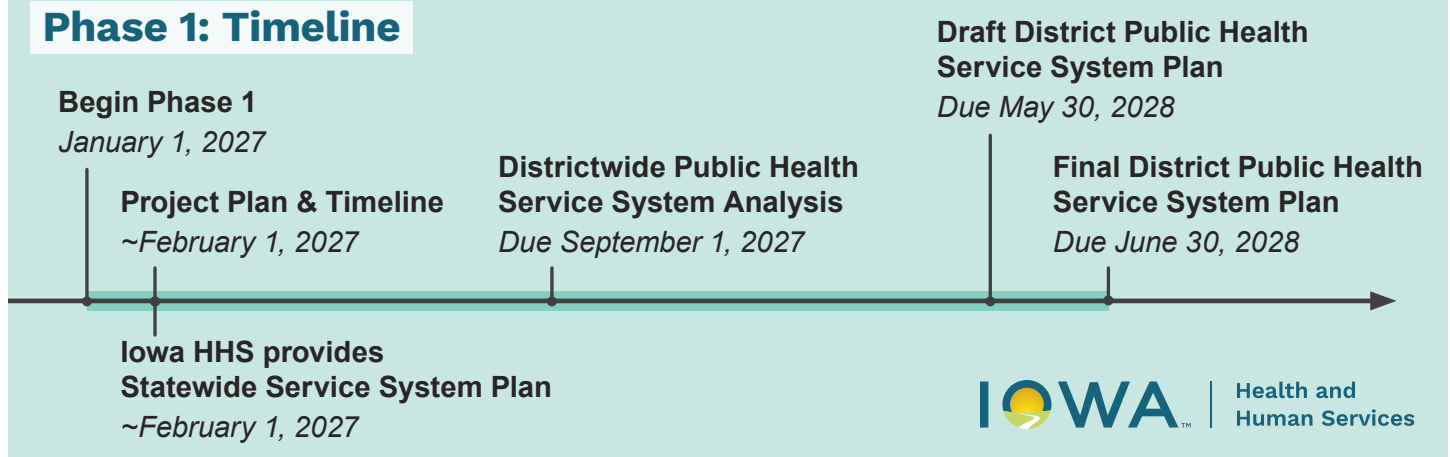
How will District costs be covered?

Phase 1 will be a deliverable-based budget. Deliverables are planned to ensure operating funds are available for Districts throughout Phase 1.

Important:

No changes to current local public health funding strategies will occur before July 1, 2028 (SFY 2029).

Phase 1: Timeline



Phase 2: Implementation of District Plans Begins

Begins July 1, 2028

Phase 2: Key Points for Implementation

Statewide and District Public Health System Plans will be created collaboratively between Iowa HHS, Lead Entity and District Partners.

- Initial District Plans will be finalized by June 30, 2028.
- Districts will begin to execute plans July 1, 2028.

Plans will be evaluated and adjusted as needed throughout the contract period. Iowa HHS, Lead Entities and District Partners will work collaboratively to ensure success.

District Partners include, but are not limited to, Local Public Health Agencies (LPHA), and they may include partners located outside the District.

Phase 2: Funding

How much funding will be available?

Beginning July 1, 2028, a total of approximately \$9.2 million in annual funding will be distributed through Lead Entities from the following contracts:

- Local Public Health Services
- Immunization
- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention
- Obesity Prevention

What this means for funding:

Contracts from this funding will no longer be issued directly to Local Boards of Health (LBOH) or providers.

LPHAs and LBOH will not automatically receive guaranteed funding.

LPHAs may continue offering services not funded in the future system by using county dollars or other available funding sources.

How will District costs be covered?

- ▶ Funding will be distributed to District Lead Entities by combining funding previously allocated to counties within the District.
- ▶ Lead Entity expenses will be covered by these combined grant funds.
- ▶ Partners must engage in District Planning efforts to be eligible to receive funding.
- ▶ Iowa HHS will continue to evaluate state and federal funding along with system needs and may make adjustments in awards made to districts.

How funding will be prioritized:

- ▶ The Public Health Service System Statewide Plan created in Phase 1 will create funding priorities.
- ▶ Each Lead Entity will collaborate with district partners & Iowa HHS to create a District Plan. Lead Entities will align funding with activities identified in the District Plan.

What this means:

Lead Entities will allocate funds (with local input) in ways that best support the priorities identified in District Plans.

Some activities LPHAs currently provide with these funds may not be eligible for funding in the future system.