Scope of Work Communicable Disease Control and Prevention (LPHD and Tribal HD) Funding Period July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

Overview

The Communicable Diseases Funding passed in the 2017-2019 Biennial <u>Budget</u> allocated \$500,000 in GPR per year as a continuing appropriation to local and tribal health agencies for communicable disease control and prevention (page 79).

The budget language as passed (page 329) states:

"252.185 Communicable disease control and prevention.

(1) From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1)(cf), the department shall distribute moneys to local health departments to use for disease surveillance, contact tracing, staff development and training, improving communication among health care professionals, public education and outreach, and other infection control measures as required under this chapter. The department

shall consider the following factors to establish an equitable allocation formula for the distribution of moneys under this section:

(a) Base allocation, including at least some base amount for each local health department.

(b) General population.

(c) Target populations.

(d) Risk factors.

(e) Geographic area, including consideration of the size of the service area or the density of population, or both.

(2) By January 1, 2019, and biennially thereafter, each local health department shall submit to the division of the department that addresses public health issues a financial statement of its use of funds under this section."

Eligible Uses

The scope of eligible uses for this additional funding is relatively broad and reflects all responsibilities under chapter 252. Funding may be used for new projects as well as to offset increasing budgetary pressures resulting from ongoing disease surveillance and investigations at the local level. Examples of possible uses include but are not limited to:

- Reduce burden of communicable diseases (CD),
- Ensure or increase capacity to respond to CD events,
- Training to increase competencies around CD issues,
- Purchase additional equipment to allow for easier access when following up on CD reports (such as smartphones or tablets),
- More extensive/complete follow-up on communicable disease outbreaks/reports, or
- Increasing communicable disease awareness in the community along with practical prevention opportunities.

Prohibited uses include:

• Meals for trainings or conferences;

• Uses not intended for infectious disease prevention or follow up.

Reporting Requirement

The local agency is expected to submit its financial statement to the Director of the Bureau of Communicable Diseases of its use of funds for this fiscal year **no later than January 1, 2020**. Please submit your report using an online form titled: "<u>Financial Reporting by Local and Tribal Health Agencies</u> for Communicable Disease Funds."