

Option 1: Accreditation/Reaccreditation

While not every local and Tribal health department will pursue voluntary accreditation, all should be working towards full implementation of the Foundational Capabilities, within the Foundational Public health Services model, and meeting national standards for performance and quality. This helps improve the quality of public health practice, strength of partnerships, and performance of public health systems for responding effectively to day-to-day public health issues and public health emergencies.

Usage: Select this option if your health department plans to utilize FFY25 PHHS Block Grant funding to prepare for and/or engage in the process for accreditation, reaccreditation, or Pathways Recognition program.

Examples:

- Implementing activities to prepare for accreditation/reaccreditation such as:
 - Pursuing PHAB Pathways Recognition
 - Completing PHAB trainings and/or PHAB annual report
 - Completing a self-assessment
 - Developing tools for staff
 - Holding committee meetings
 - Developing or updating materials

Resource: [*Performance of Health Departments on PHAB Accreditation measures Linked to the Foundational Capabilities*](#)

Option 2: Collaborate with Partners to Assess Community Needs (CHA)

Local health departments are required by State Statute and Administrative Rule to develop a written CHIP at least every 5 years by assessing applicable data, developing measurable health outcomes, and partnering with others to cultivate community ownership of the development and implementation of the plan.

Usage: Select this option if your health department plans to utilize FFY25 PHHS Block Grant funding to develop or revise a Community Health Assessment (CHA) to identify community health needs.

Examples:

- Developing a new or revising a community health assessment
- Drafting community health surveys
- Holding a community health focus group or committee meeting
- Conducting community health interviews

Option 3: Collaborate with Partners to Address Community Needs (CHIP)

Local health departments are required by State Statute and Administrative Rule to develop a written CHIP at least every 5 years by assessing applicable data, developing measurable health outcomes, and partnering with others to cultivate community ownership of the development and implementation of the plan.

Usage: Select this option if your health department plans to utilize FFY25 PHHS Block Grant funding to develop or revise a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) with community stakeholders and partners.

Examples:

- Developing a new or revising a community health improvement plan
- Holding meetings regarding CHIP priority areas
- Conducting a survey to identify what efforts are needed
- Creating educational materials (videos, documents, etc.) to engage and inform the public

Option 4: Implement Foundational Public Health Capabilities

The Foundational Capabilities are the basic set of core functions that underlie the successful execution of governmental public health programs. Health departments that are equipped to provide the Foundational Capabilities will be more capable of meeting the unique population health needs of all people in Wisconsin.

Usage: Select this option if your health department plans to utilize FFY25 PHHS Block Grant funding to implement any of the following Foundational Public Health Capabilities:

- Enhance Communications
- Strengthen Community Partnership Development
- Conduct Assessments and Surveillance
- Improve Accountability and Performance Management
- Improve Organizational Competencies (with a focus on Workforce, Leadership, IT, Finance, or Legal)
- Improve Policy Development and Support
- Improve Emergency Preparedness and Response

Examples:

- Developing a performance management system or committee
- Updating internal and external communications processes
- Developing or updating social media communication strategies
- Providing information on public health issues to the community through a variety of platforms
- Engaging with area health partners to assess and improve health services availability and access
- Build relationships with educational programs to promote the development of future public health workers
- Establish resource sharing arrangements
- Updating strategic or PM/QI plan to meet PHAB requirements
- Strengthen Workforce Planning, Systems, Process, and Policies
- Engaging in development of local ordinances and policies
- Analyze results of aggregated internal laboratory results.

Resource: [Foundational Capabilities Fact Sheets](#)

Option 5: Collaboratively champion local priorities

All communities in Wisconsin have localized and unique needs. While some health priorities are universal, jurisdictions have also identified and prioritized health issues of greatest need for their communities. Partnerships can build support and rally resources for local priorities. Aging and Disability Resource Centers work with complementary networks that can increase the reach of the local health department.

Usage: Select this option if your health department plans to utilize FFY25 PHHS Block Grant funding to work with your ADRC to amplify and educate on collaborative priorities that affect populations you serve.

Approaches used by health departments to collaboratively champion local priorities will include supporting development or maintenance of partnership and collaboration between the local health department and ADRC to amplify local priorities and implement efficiencies that effectively address the needs of the populations they serve.

Part of the collaboration must include **some form of education and/or communication** such as

- Skill-building,
- Building/strengthening a network,
- Developing a plan with goals and strategy,
- Communicating with key decision makers.

Option 6: Implement Community-Based Interventions

All communities in Wisconsin have localized and unique needs related to prevention services. While some health priorities are universal, jurisdictions have also identified and prioritized health issues of greatest need for their communities. The adaptability of the PHHS Block Grant to address Foundational Area local needs makes this a good fit for the myriad of community-based interventions implemented in Wisconsin.

Usage: Select this option if your health department plans to utilize FFY25 PHHS Block Grant funding to implement an evidence-based or promising practice strategy to improve health in any of the following priority areas:

- Provide AODA Education and Resources
- Prevent and Reduce Environmental Health Hazards
- Prevent and Reduce Illness and Injury
- Support Mental Health and Prevent Suicide
- Promote Healthy Lifestyles

Examples:

- Supporting a Vaccination Clinic under “Prevent and Reduce Illness and Injury”
- Community outreach on mental health under “Support Mental Health and Prevent Suicide”
- Child passenger seat safety initiatives under “Prevent and Reduce Illness and Injury”
- Health and wellness coaching under “Promote Healthy Lifestyles” or “Prevent and Reduce Illness and Injury”
- Harm reduction education to preventing overdoses under “Provide AODA Education and Resources”
- Writing policies for a nitrate program under “Prevent and Reduce Environmental Health Hazards”

Resource: [Foundational Areas Fact Sheets](#)