



MEMO

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Meja Handlen, Public Health & Social Services Director

RE: Public Health Fund 1900 One-time transfer exemption

Date: March 13, 2025

Commissioners,

The Washington State Department of Health's budget shortfall will directly impact Lewis County Public Health Services, requiring proactive measures to ensure the stability of essential local services.

To reduce reliance on uncertain future funding **and** maximize efficiency, I request approval for a General Fund transfer of \$600,000 which is \$49,385 less than our 2024 budgeted request for Public Health Fund 1900.

This one-time request would allow for the future utilization of \$94,613 combined funding from recent miscellaneous revenue of \$70,373 (see attached email) and the State Public Health transfer of \$24,240. This approach will enable us to preserve local control, adjust as future state budget constraints occur, and provide critical public health services.

This strategic move ensures fiscal responsibility while continuing to support essential public health services for Lewis County residents. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Meja Handlen

Public Health Fund 1900

General Fund History

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	Totals
Original Open Gov Request	\$784,000	\$784,000	\$784,000	\$784,000	\$784,000	\$784,072	\$818,400	\$605,000	\$6,127,472
Initial Budgeted Amount	\$255,000	\$784,000	\$784,000	\$784,000	\$784,000	\$784,072	\$818,400	\$605,000	\$5,598,472
Adjustment #1		(\$70,489)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,190	\$0	(\$40,299)
Adjustment #2		(\$64,126)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$50,000)	\$0	(\$114,126)
Adjustment #3			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revised Budget	\$255,000	\$649,385	\$784,000	\$784,000	\$784,000	\$784,072	\$798,590	\$605,000	\$5,444,047
EOY Adjustment	\$0	(\$143,998)	\$0	(\$163,000)	(\$154,000)	(\$384,072)	\$0	(\$155,000)	(\$1,000,070)
Misc Revenue from Prev Years	\$0	\$70,373	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,373
State Gen Fund Reserve	\$0	\$24,240	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24,240
Other Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Actual Amount	\$255,000	\$600,000	\$784,000	\$621,000	\$630,000	\$400,000	\$798,590	\$450,000	\$4,538,590
Savings from Initial Budget	\$0	\$184,000	\$0	\$163,000	\$154,000	\$384,072	\$19,810	\$155,000	\$1,059,882
Savings from Revised Budget	\$0	\$49,385	\$0	\$163,000	\$154,000	\$384,072	\$0	\$155,000	\$905,457

Adjustment #1
 Adjustment #2
 Adjustment #3

EOY Adjustment
 State Gen Fund Reserve
 Other Reserve

EH Revenues not adjusted when budget was finalized
 Code Compliance to Law Enforcement

Moving eligible costs to FPHS, Booked \$70,373.21 from old Advanced Revenue \$
 Reserve SGF for next year anticipated shortfall of revenue

BUDGET

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	Totals
Fund Balance									
Revenues	3,459,367	2,668,443	3,028,220	3,329,485	3,325,803	2,745,791	3,028,155	2,751,257	26,640,668
Expenses	3,459,367	3,174,044	3,144,063	3,328,745	3,299,661	2,872,920	2,927,342	2,681,499	26,640,668
Revenue less expense	0	(505,601)	(115,843)	740	26,141	(127,129)	100,813	69,758	0
Adjustments		600,000					33,928	173,035	
MUNIS BALANCE	255,842	255,842	161,443	277,286	276,546	250,405	377,534	242,793	2,097,693
Difference from Prior Year	0	94,399	(115,843)	740	26,141	(127,129)	134,741		

Meja Handlen

From: Grace Jimenez
Sent: Monday, March 3, 2025 9:40 AM
To: Bryan Hall; Meja Handlen
Cc: Becky Butler
Subject: PH St Gen Fund \$
Attachments: 5034-S.PL St Public Heath Funding.pdf

Hi there,

If this helps at all in the write-up, here are my notes. There’s really not a lot of information on that state general fund distribution.

From SAO BARS Manual -

336.04.24 County Public Health Assistance

Use this account for the state distribution authorized by the 2013 2ESSB 5034, section 710. The bill allocates \$36,386,000 for county public health assistance to the local health jurisdictions in FY2014 and FY2015. The local health jurisdictions are required to provide reports regarding expenditures to the legislature from this revenue source. This code should be used for distributions started July 1, 2013.

From SB 5034 -

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 710. FOR THE STATE TREASURER--COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ASSISTANCE**

General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2014)	\$36,386,000
General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2015)	\$36,386,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$72,772,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: The state treasurer shall distribute the appropriations to the following counties and health districts in the amounts designated to support public health services, including public health nursing:

Health District	FY 2014	FY 2015	2013-15 Biennium
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Other misc revenue - Total revenue recognized, but not related to fiscal year 2024 was \$70,373.21. Posted to 1900AREV 369910. Appeared to be from FY 2011-2016. I do agree this should be part of the discussion. Bryan has worked hard to clean up these outstanding items and it does not related to 2024 operations.

Let me know if you need anything else from me.

Thank you,