

# Public Health Transformation: A Report from the Local Health Departments

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# KRS 211.185 Categorization & Prioritization of Public Health Programs and Services

KRS 211.186 Funding Formula

KRS 211.186 Do or Ensure

KRS 211.187 Local Needs Assessment

## FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

## CORE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

## LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITIES

Mandatory for ALL Kentucky Local Health Departments

Available in ALL Kentucky Counties

Requires Local Needs Assessment

### POPULATION HEALTH

Health Equity \* Policy \* Education \* Community Health Assessment \* Partnership Development

### ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS

Food and Water Safety \* Waste Management \* Nuisance Investigation

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

Mitigation of Disease Threat \* Mass Vaccination \* Disaster Response

### COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

STD Control \* TB Control \* Epidemiology \* Adult & Child Vaccination \* Surveillance

### ADMINISTRATIVE & ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Finance \* IT \* Communications \* Human Resources \* Performance Management \* Quality Improvement

### WIC

Supplemental nutrition program for eligible women and children up to age five.

### HANDS

Home visitation program to promote safe, healthy children.

### HARM REDUCTION

Practices that aim to reduce the risks and harm associated with substance use.

Diabetes\* Cancer Screening\* Asthma\* Family Planning\* Maternity\* Physical Activity\* Nutrition\* School Health\* Community Health Workers\* Pediatric & Adolescent Health\* Dental\* Teen Pregnancy Prevention\* Tobacco/Vaping\* Staywell

# PHT Progress: A Collaboration between the Kentucky Local and State Health Departments

## Process to Culture

2019

2020

2021

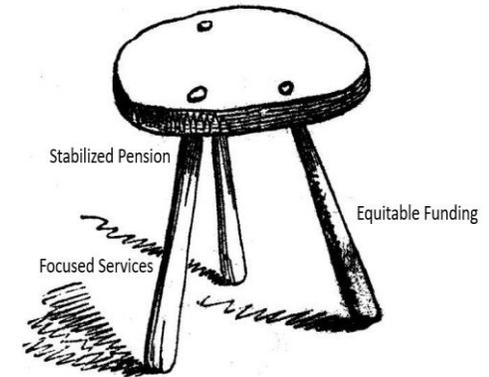
2022

2023

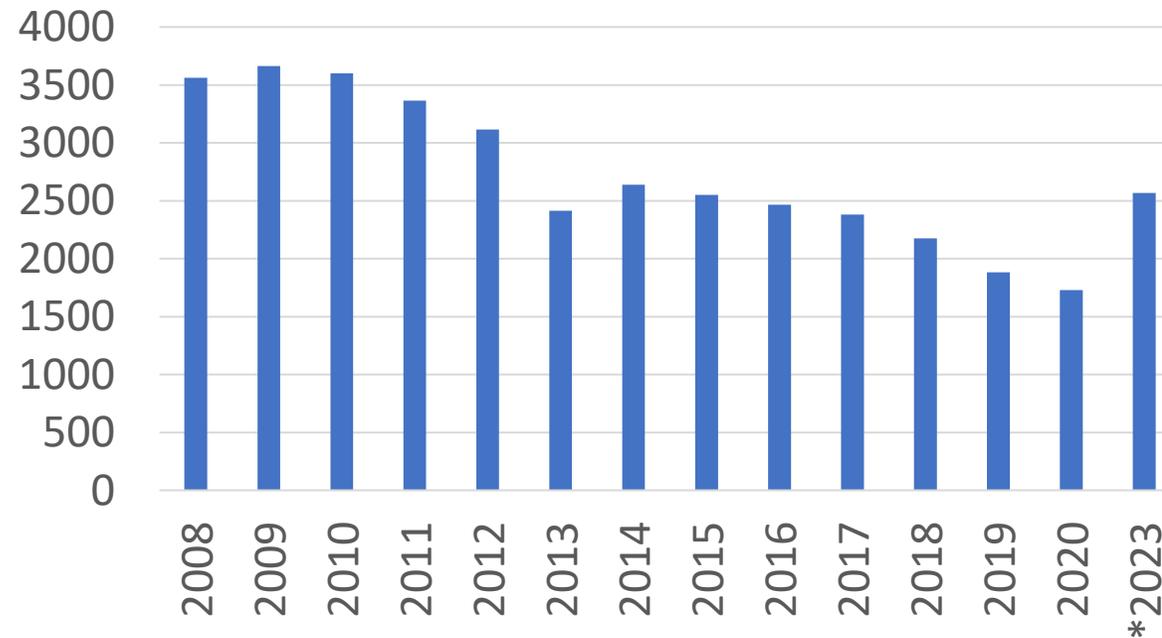
- PHT introduced to LHDs (PHT Advisory Committee)
- PHT bill is written, Rep Moser sponsors
- PHT legislation passes with bipartisan support (no funding)
- PHT Re-launch, PHT Lead (part-time)
- Leg passed HB 8, defining LHD's pension obligation
- PHT work groups formed
- Strategic Plan review and revision
- PHT Director named
- Green Box workgroup
- DPH Strategic Plan rollout, performance management
- PHT funding legislation passes
- PHT Steering Committee formed
- WFD grant support PHT efforts, including AHLs, LNA resources for LHDs
- LHD & DPH Classification Review, salary adjustments
- Operationalizing PHT continues, including programmatic review
- Public Health Infrastructure grant supports multiple PHT efforts, including KHDA support to build training, HR, legal, finance resource infrastructure
- LHD compliance with PHT law re: LNA
- PHT Progress Report

# PHT Outcomes: An Investment in People

HB8

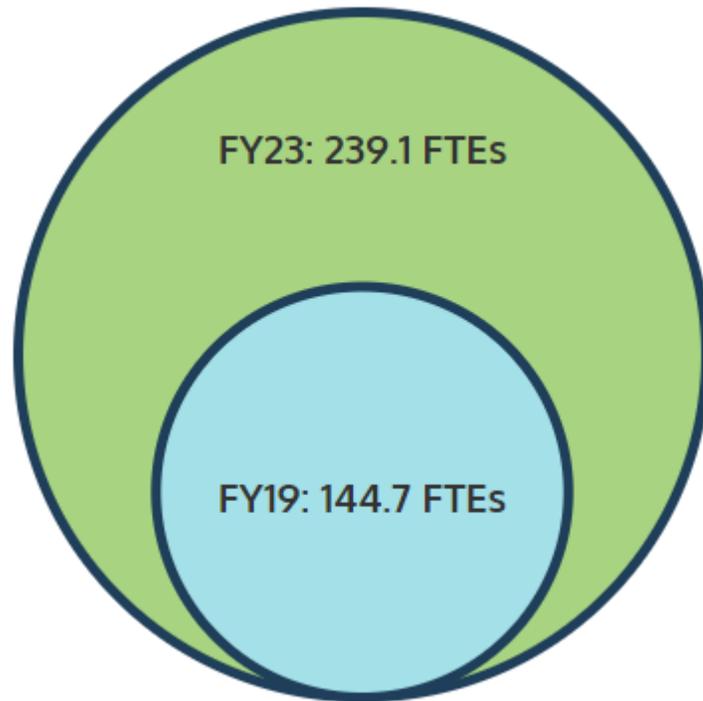


Total Staffing LHDs



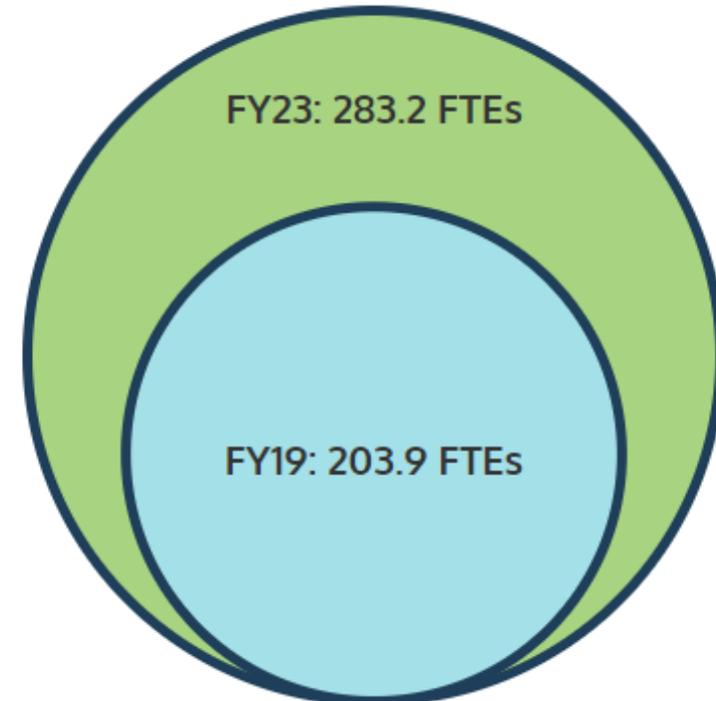
# PHT Outcomes: Focus on Foundational and Core Services

Environmental, Preparedness,  
Communicable Disease



87% average increase in FTEs from FY19 – FY23

HANDS



145% average increase in FTEs from FY19 – FY23

# PHT Outcomes: Supporting our Communities During Emergency and Disasters



# PHT Outcomes: Data Driven Decision Making

78.7% of LHDs have completed Local Needs/Community Health Assessment within the last 5 years

21.3% of LHDs who have not completed LN/CHA within the last 5 years report that they are currently in process

## Local Health Priorities

Adult Health (90.2%)

Pediatric Health (75.4%)

Chronic Disease Management (75.4%)

Health Access (70.5%)

Health Equity (59.0%)

Cancer Control/Screening (50.8%)

Women's Health (49.2%)

Local Community Health Assessments

Local Community Health Improvement Plans

State Health Assessment

Local Health Department participation in State Health Improvement Plan

KHDA/KDPH Strategic Alignment

Type	Includes:	LHDs Affected
Facility repairs, enhancements, remodels, and improvements	Structural, flooring, lighting, paving, parking lots, furniture, security, painting, HVAC, landscaping and signage	68%
Communication repairs and improvements	Phone systems, video conference equipment, IT infrastructure equipment, Computers, EMR,	27%
Equipment & transportation	Equipment for: mobile clinics, field equipment for environmental staff, mobile trailers for preparedness response, generators, field equipment for Harm Reduction, vaccine storage, and vehicles	14.3%

\*Leaking roofs, foundational flooding, mold remediation, plumbing issues, non-working HVAC systems, sidewalks in need of repairs, parking lots with holes and cracks, outdated damaged flooring, and walls with poor appearance due to years of wear and tear

## PHT Outcomes: LHD Infrastructure Improvements

# PHT Outcomes: Kentucky Recognized as a National Leader

THE  
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A MULTIDISCIPLINARY JOURNAL OF POPULATION HEALTH AND HEALTH POLICY



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Politics and the Public Health Workforce:  
Lessons Suggested from a Five-State Study

MICHAEL S. SPARER and LAWRENCE D. BROWN

*Columbia University*

Kentucky was specifically recognized: “effort to increase the size and stability of the public health workforce in Kentucky is rooted in a bipartisan coalition unusual in the nation’s deeply polarized polity.”

## 2023 NACCHO360 Recap - NACCHO



NACCHO360 Conference, Denver, Colorado

Claude A. Jacob, Public Health Director, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, Texas, led a plenary session highlighting the need for state and local health departments to work together and share effective partnerships and find ways to bring them to scale across the country. Featured speakers included Dr. Steven Stack, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Public Health; Sara Jo Best, Public Health Director, Lincoln Trail District Health Director, Kentucky; Chelsie Huntley, Community Health Division Director, Minnesota Department of Health; Sarah Reese, Administrator, Polk-Norman-Mahnomen Community Health Board/Director, Polk County Public Health, Minnesota.

# Public Health Transformation Funding (KRS 211.186)

- Prioritizes Foundational Public Health
- Based on population
- Requires certain number of FTEs dedicated to provide foundational programs/services
- Requires the minimum ad valorem tax rate of \$0.018 per \$100 of assessed property valuation
- Based on statewide average costs of salary, benefits, and operating expenses associated with foundational services
- CHFS to determine prior to a biennial budget session of the General Assembly

	PHT Foundational General Support excluding Pension Subsidies	Requested FY2020 Pension Subsidy per HB8	Requested Subsidy for Pension Liability per HB8	Total Requested State Funding
FY2025	\$22,990,577	\$25,169,402	\$32,864,600	\$81,024,579
FY2026	\$24,979,275	\$25,169,402	\$32,864,600	\$83,013,277



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