

## **Public Health Advisory Board**

### **Funding principles for state and local public health authorities**

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The Public Health Advisory Board recognizes that funding for foundational capabilities and programs is limited, but innovations can maximize the benefit of available resources. These funding principles are designed to apply to the public health system, which means state and local public health authorities in Oregon. These funding principles can be applied to increases or decreases in public health funding.

#### **Public health system approach to foundational programs**

1. Ensure that public health services are available to every person in Oregon, whether they are provided by an individual local public health authority, a tribal health authority, through cross-jurisdictional sharing arrangements, and/or by the Oregon Health Authority.
2. Align funding with burden of disease, risk, and state and community health assessment and plan priorities, while minimizing the impact to public health infrastructure when resources are redirected.
3. Use funding to advance health equity in Oregon, which includes directing funds to areas of the state experiencing a disproportionate burden of disease or where health disparities exist.
4. Use funding to incentivize changes to the public health system intended to increase efficiency and improve health outcomes, which may include cross-jurisdictional sharing.
5. Align public health work and funding to leverage resources with health care, education and other sectors to achieve health outcomes.

#### **Transparency across the public health system**

6. Acknowledge how the public health system works to achieve outcomes, and direct funding to close the identified gaps across the system in all governmental public health authorities.
7. Improve transparency about funded work across the public health system and scale work to available funding.