

Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant

October 2026 – September 2027 work plan proposal

Background and purpose

The Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (Block Grant) is a non-competitive grant issued to all states and territories to address state/territory determined public health priorities.

The Purpose of the Block Grant is to provide flexible funding to support unfunded or underfunded public health priorities, including prevention, data system improvements or outbreak control.

The work plan must be tied to Healthy People 2030 objectives. In addition, federal code requires that a portion of the allocation be used for rape prevention and victim services. In Oregon, these funds are allocated to the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Oregon's Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) is designated as the Block Grant Advisory Committee, which makes recommendations regarding the development and implementation of the work plan.

Oregon's priorities and funding

Oregon uses the Block Grant to address two Healthy People 2030 objectives that support our state's public health infrastructure. In Oregon, this includes public health modernization and the state health improvement plan (SHIP). Oregon's work plan aligns with the following Healthy People 2030 objectives.

Healthy People 2030 objective	Oregon’s focus
PHI-04 Increase the proportion of state and territorial jurisdictions that have developed a health improvement plan.	State Health Improvement Plan implementation.
PHI-R08 Explore financing of public health infrastructure, including the core/foundational capabilities in health departments	Public Health Modernization implementation
IVP-D05 Reduce contact sexual violence	Sexual violence primary prevention

Oregon’s anticipated allocation for 2026-27 is anticipated to be \$1,185,354. This represents a modest decrease from the 2025-26 budget.

A total of \$88,458 is allocated for sexual violence prevention.

The Block Grant funds the following positions within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA):

- 1.0 FTE Strategic Initiatives Manager (Block Grant Coordinator)
- 1.0 FTE Healthier Together Oregon Strategist
- 1.0 FTE Strategic Initiatives Partnerships Coordinator
- 0.25 FTE Fiscal Analyst 1
- 0.25 FTE Fiscal Analyst 2

OHA will submit its 2026-2027 budget and work plan by June 30, 2026, and will incorporate feedback provided through a public hearing and by the Public Health Advisory Board.

Proposed focus areas for work plan and budget

State health improvement plan implementation

1. Support implementation of 2025-29 SHIP objectives. For example, use funds to support development of a universal vaccine purchasing model.
2. Convene and support the SHIP Collaborative, which includes member stipends and meetings supports.
3. Continue to partner with Benton County Health Department to provide no cost trainings for community health worker certifications

4. Fund an external communications contract to enhance SHIP and public health modernization communication efforts.

Public Health Modernization implementation

1. Support robust collaboration, decision-making and performance by OHA and LPHAs
 - Funding to CLHO
 - Workforce reporting
 - Federal funding trainings
2. Support PHAB to operate at its highest level to provide direction for the governmental public health system
 - In person meetings
 - Trainings or other Board supports
3. Demonstrate system-wide impact of a modern public health system
 - Communications, with focus on telling the stories of public health
4. Invest in community data and data equity
 - Align with short term outcomes in PHAB Strategic Data Plan
 - Make data available to partners and communities
 - Explore and conduct data equity trainings (for partners, PHAB, OHA and LPHA staff working on accountability metrics etc)

Sexual Violence Primary Prevention

1. Funds allocated to the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
2. Funds support their Prevention Specialist, who provides statewide training, technical assistance and resources to organizations working to prevent sexual violence.