

Department of Columbus Public Health

Department Description

Columbus Public Health (CPH) protects, promotes and monitors the health of the public by:

- Assuring compliance with public health laws, mandates and regulations;
- Establishing policy to address health issues and emerging health threats; and
- Providing preventive, environmental, community, clinical and home-based services.

Department Mission

The mission of Columbus Public Health is to protect residents' health and improve lives in our community.

Strategic Priorities for 2013

From the Columbus Covenant:

Neighborhoods

- Provide services to prevent, investigate and control infectious diseases, including communicable disease outbreaks, sexually transmitted infections, and food-borne and water-borne illnesses.
- Continue to provide high quality clinical services for children and families including sexual health, immunization, dental, and prenatal services. Staff will continue to reduce barriers to service by providing such services as translation and evening hours.
- Columbus Public Health will lead the city's ongoing efforts to combat the current epidemic of obesity by implementing strategies to make Columbus an active and vibrant community. Programming and initiatives dedicated to these efforts include Get Active Columbus, Healthy Children Healthy Weights, the Institute of Active Living, farmers markets and community gardens, bike and walking paths, walking maps and art walks, the Creating Healthy Communities Network, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and the Healthier Choices Committee.
- Provide public health services, such as immunizations, tuberculosis control, and prenatal services for immigrants and refugees and other vulnerable residents.
- Continue to work with the Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers Inc. (CNHC), Access Health Columbus, and others groups to help support quality primary care for as many as possible.
- Establish the John Maloney Health and Wellness Center on Parsons Avenue in a new state-of-the-art facility.

- Maintain social work staff in Neighborhood Pride centers and other venues to assist vulnerable residents. The goal is to protect residents' health and safety, primarily by linking them to needed health and social services and through the community-focused public health nursing corps.

Safety

- Continue departmental and community planning to prepare for and respond to a range of disasters or emergencies, including bioterrorism. Community leadership, public education and staff training will continue in 2013 with an emphasis on providing the highest level of public health protection possible for all Columbus residents.
- Maintain a year round seasonal influenza initiative to better protect Columbus residents and workplaces.

Education

- Coordinate with other city departments and agencies to enhance the safety of children in, near and around schools.
- Continue school inspection services and collaborative efforts with Columbus City School nurses to respond to children's pressing health needs.
- Improve health in minority and lower income communities through neighborhood-based Health Advisory committees and partnership initiatives.

Customer Service

- Continue the SIGNS community education program for Columbus residents. This program provides information to the public on the safety of restaurants, pools, schools and other venues inspected by the Environmental Health Division. The transition to enhanced mobile web technology will improve efficiency.
- Complete CPH facilities renovations and enhancements to assure safety of visitors and staff.

Peak Performance

- Continue to provide important public health information through Columbus Public Health's website and social media.
- Enhance technology in the vital statistics area to allow for computer scanning and storage of birth and death certificates and regular access to data reports, including real time analysis of Franklin County residents.
- Expand quality improvement, safety and workforce training efforts in order to achieve public health accreditation status.

2013 Budget Notes

- The 2013 budget for Columbus Public Health allows for continued provision of public health services that are mandated, services that meet the priorities contained within the Columbus Covenant, and a variety of programs that the Board of Health deems essential.
- The department will continue to address increasing public health and community imperatives, including pandemic disease outbreaks by monitoring disease outbreaks and promoting infection control.
- Funding for licensing and inspection services for food service establishments, pools and spas, schools, and tattoo and body piercing studios will continue in 2013.
- The 2013 budget reflects a reorganization of the department into new divisions.
- The city will provide \$5 million in funding to CNHC to address health concerns in the community at multiple health centers.
- The 2013 budget provides funding for the Take Care Columbus program, which links patients with clinical preventive services in the community and the GLBT/Latino Health Disparities program, which addresses HIV and syphilis issues in the GLBT community.
- Both the dental clinic program, which serves uninsured clients, and the dental sealant program, which provides preventive sealants to low income school children, will continue in 2013.
- Funding for home visiting services will continue in 2013, providing nursing care to families with newborns.
- Additional general fund moneys are being allocated for translation services to better serve the growing non-English speaking population. The amount available for these contracts in 2013 totals \$265,000.

Budget and Program Summary

DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL SUMMARY					
DIVISION SUMMARY	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Original Appropriation	2012 Estimated Expenditures	2013 Proposed
Health	\$ 21,947,902	\$ 24,201,162	\$ 26,009,933	\$ 25,791,425	\$ 26,864,656
TOTAL	\$ 21,947,902	\$ 24,201,162	\$ 26,009,933	\$ 25,791,425	\$ 26,864,656

DIVISION SUMMARY BY OBJECT LEVEL ONE					
HEALTH SPECIAL REVENUE FUND EXPENDITURES SUMMARY	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Original Appropriation	2012 Estimated Expenditures	2013 Proposed
Personnel	\$ 14,628,650	\$ 16,636,871	\$ 18,161,972	\$ 17,986,914	\$ 18,896,925
Materials & Supplies	439,428	621,340	608,900	606,900	670,952
Services	6,617,386	6,684,437	7,005,072	6,960,623	7,078,472
Other	14,412	4,664	3,750	4,750	3,750
Capital	-	-	8,000	9,999	11,000
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 21,699,876	\$ 23,947,312	\$ 25,787,694	\$ 25,569,186	\$ 26,661,099

DIVISION SUMMARY BY OBJECT LEVEL ONE					
HEALTH CDBG FUND EXPENDITURES SUMMARY	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Original Appropriation	2012 Estimated Expenditures	2013 Proposed
Personnel	\$ 243,135	\$ 253,850	\$ 222,239	\$ 222,239	\$ 203,557
Supplies	4,891	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 248,026	\$ 253,850	\$ 222,239	\$ 222,239	\$ 203,557

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY BY FUND					
FUND SUMMARY	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Original Appropriation	2012 Estimated Expenditures	2013 Proposed
Health Special Revenue	\$ 21,699,876	\$ 23,947,312	\$ 25,787,694	\$ 25,569,186	\$ 26,661,099
Community Dev. Block Grant	248,026	253,850	222,239	222,239	203,557
TOTAL	\$ 21,947,902	\$ 24,201,162	\$ 26,009,933	\$ 25,791,425	\$ 26,864,656

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL SUMMARY					
DIVISION	FT/PT*	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Budgeted	2013 Budgeted
Health	FT	169	173	203	208
	PT	47	46	60	61
Community Dev. Block Grant	FT	3	3	4	4
	PT	5	3	0	0
TOTAL		224	225	267	273

*FT=Full-Time PT=Part-Time

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		2010 Budget	2011 Budget	2012 Budget	2013 Proposed	2010 FTEs	2011 FTEs	2012 FTEs	2013 FTEs
Community Dental Services	To provide basic and preventive services to Franklin County families who are unable to access dental service due to cost.	\$ 493,942	\$ 566,033	\$ 504,646	\$ 482,776	5	5	4	4
Dental Sealants	To prevent tooth decay in children in low income families in Columbus.	\$ 139,464	\$ 133,681	\$ 148,406	\$ 139,093	0	0	1	0
Food Safety	To reduce the number of food borne illnesses in Columbus and Franklin County.	\$ 2,055,122	\$ 2,164,826	\$ 2,279,343	\$ 2,257,868	25	26	27	27
Healthy Schools	To protect the health and safety of community school children through elimination of environmental hazards in school facilities.	\$ 92,346	\$ 92,276	\$ 71,731	\$ -	1	1	1	0
Perinatal Program	To provide comprehensive perinatal services to improve the health of pregnant and post-partum women and their infants.	\$ 866,875	\$ 873,251	\$ 879,183	\$ 762,506	10	10	10	8

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Public Health Standards	To monitor and document the department and community status regarding state and national public health standards.	\$ 400,528	\$ 450,928	\$ 443,503	\$ 378,283	3	3	3	3
Vital Statistics	To register, correct and provide birth and death information to the general public, funeral homes and other agencies in compliance with Ohio laws so they can have timely and accurate documents and information to obtain other vital services.	\$ 910,572	\$ 939,395	\$ 927,086	\$ 763,660	11	10	9	10
Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers	To provide financial support in the form of a contract to the Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers, Inc. (CNHC) for the delivery of primary care services to citizens of Columbus, and to monitor and review the performance of CNHC, Inc. to ensure compliance with contract provisions.	\$ 4,960,624	\$ 4,946,414	\$ 5,046,605	\$ 5,029,260	0	0	0	0

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Occupational Health and Safety	To identify workplace hazards in city divisions and facilities, evaluate the identified hazards and implement strategies to control them, and develop employee exposure monitoring requirements and written programs for specified OSHA standards.	\$ 48,750	\$ 80,871	\$ 86,442	\$ -	1	1	1	0
Health Administration	To provide leadership and direction for the department and to provide related administrative and clerical functions in the areas of fiscal, human resources, information systems, and facilities management.	\$ 4,157,346	\$ 4,460,895	\$ 4,591,584	\$ 4,490,398	33	38	41	40
Employee Assistance Program	To provide voluntary, confidential, professional and short-term counseling to city employees and their families experiencing personal problems that affect their job performance; to make referrals to community resources if appropriate, and to provide education and training on related topics.	\$ 423,035	\$ 374,964	\$ 407,616	\$ 436,147	5	4	5	5

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Neighborhood Health Administration	To provide the administrative and clerical support functions for the Neighborhood Health Division.	\$ 678,948	\$ 622,918	\$ 631,145	\$ 174,938	8	6	6	1
Strategic Nursing Team	To assist in disaster response, provide school immunizations, assist in communicable disease outbreaks, and conduct community health screenings at various sites.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 776,382	0	0	0	8
Healthy Neighborhoods	To assist individuals in identifying opportunities for health improvement and provide linkage to other health and community agencies.	\$ 973,934	\$ 1,162,580	\$ 1,116,555	\$ 781,841	10	11	11	8
Alcohol and Drug Abuse	To provide alcohol and drug abuse prevention and education services to Columbus residents, the courts, and EAP-referred clients in a clinic setting, and to provide education and prevention services to students in public schools.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225,485	0	0	0	2

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MCH Home Visiting	To provide interdisciplinary home visits (public health, social worker, paraprofessional) for the assessment of health status, home environment, parenting skills and social support; to provide education and training to families; and to make linkages with community resources.	\$ 644,452	\$ 565,048	\$ 475,149	\$ 601,877	6	5	4	6
Injury Prevention	To attempt to reduce death and preventable injuries to children ages 14 and under by developing public awareness and education programs and to advocate for more comprehensive public policy regarding safety issues.	\$ 31,724	\$ 37,353	\$ 49,711	\$ 51,757	0	0	0	0
Clinical Health Administration	To provide the administrative and clerical support functions for the Clinical Health Division.	\$ 537,035	\$ 711,458	\$ 693,161	\$ 363,902	6	7	7	3
Laboratory Services	To provide laboratory services for the department.	\$ 517,784	\$ 524,863	\$ 589,793	\$ 629,971	2	2	4	4

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Sexual Health	To provide sexually transmitted infection (STI) diagnosis, treatment, prevention, education and referrals to people in need of sexual health services to avoid complications and transmission of STIs.	\$ 1,704,213	\$ 1,824,528	\$ 1,858,789	\$ 1,799,593	17	18	21	19
Immunization and Communicable Disease	To provide immunization services to residents of all ages, to provide outreach services and educate providers and parents to immunize against preventable disease, to provide prevention/control services through investigation and testing.	\$ 1,027,617	\$ 1,084,058	\$ 1,128,927	\$ 1,086,313	9	9	10	9
Chronic Disease Prevention	To reduce the incidence of obesity, heart disease, lung disease, and other chronic diseases by promoting healthy lifestyles.	\$ 70,500	\$ 120,397	\$ 528,479	\$ 560,506	1	1	7	6
Center for Epidemiology, Preparedness and Response	To prevent and/or reduce morbidity and mortality associated with public health threats by analyzing health indicators, investigating infectious diseases, and implementing public health interventions.	\$ 524,876	\$ 623,935	\$ 620,758	\$ 1,263,880	6	7	7	12

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Minority Health	To create, implement and coordinate a plan for effective and efficient communication between CPH staff and customers with limited English proficiency or hearing impairments, and to assess data collection within the department in regard to racial and ethnic minorities, providing input on their needs in the development of policies, programs, and allocation of resources.	\$ 379,087	\$ 397,587	\$ 399,542	\$ 744,384	2	2	2	5
Environmental Health Administration	To provide administrative and clerical support functions for the division.	\$ 488,371	\$ 720,740	\$ 707,755	\$ 722,449	6	8	8	8
Vector Control	To monitor and control mosquito populations in Columbus through counts, treatment and environmental control.	\$ 167,987	\$ 192,769	\$ 207,205	\$ 200,933	1	1	1	1

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Dangerous Animals and Rabies	To conduct animal investigations for all bites and dangerous animals, and to conduct seven rabies clinics annually.	\$ 218,118	\$ 213,473	\$ 211,324	\$ 219,496	2	2	2	2
Hazardous Waste/Chemical Hazards	To provide inspections for hazardous waste, underground storage tanks, etc., to monitor compliance with various rules and regulations, and to act as a clearinghouse for information about chemical hazards to be used by various organizations such as the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency.	\$ 472,325	\$ 470,300	\$ 495,223	\$ 500,069	5	5	5	5
Lead Poisoning and Indoor Air	To evaluate and reduce lead poisoning among Columbus children aged six months to six years through screening, inspection, and public information.	\$ 502,541	\$ 465,042	\$ 478,835	\$ 502,948	6	5	5	5

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Water Protection	To inspect all licensed swimming pools and spas, respond to citizens' complaints, and conduct surveys and seminars for pool operators as needed.	\$ 339,044	\$ 357,561	\$ 371,728	\$ 463,088	4	4	4	5
AIDS Housing	To provide community project sponsors with the resources and incentives to devise and implement long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the array of housing needs of low income persons infected with HIV/AIDS and related diseases.	\$ 54,016	\$ 58,862	\$ 59,709	\$ 60,940	1	1	1	1
Child Fatality Review	To reviews deaths of children up to age 17 to help prevent future child deaths in Franklin County.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,837	0	0	0	0
Take Care Columbus	To facilitate and support a community health improvement initiative which aims to improve health and reduce disparities.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 183,795	0	0	0	2

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Family Health Administration	To provide the administrative and clerical support functions for the Family Health Division.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 174,281	0	0	0	1
		\$ 23,881,176	\$ 25,237,006	\$ 26,009,933	\$ 26,864,656	186	193	207	212