NCDHHS Allocates $35 Million to Local Health Departments for COVID-19 Response

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The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is allocating $35 million in federal funding to local health departments to support the COVID-19 response. Per federal guidelines, counties will be able to use these funds to support COVID-19 staffing, infection controls, testing and tracing, IT infrastructure and data sharing and visualization.

“Our local health departments are critical partners with the state as we fight this virus, and this funding will help them continue and expand their important work,” said Governor Roy Cooper.

“Since the start of the pandemic our local health departments have been working around the clock to protect their communities and slow the spread of the virus. These funds continue to support their ability to address the overwhelming demands they are facing,” said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen, M.D.

North Carolina's local health departments are on the frontlines supporting people in getting tested for COVID-19 and knowing if they have been exposed. Testing and contact tracing are core public health activities and key components of North Carolina's strategy to responsibly ease restrictions, while continuing to slow the spread COVID-19. These responsibilities are in addition to their ongoing work to promote health and prevent disease.

Local health departments will receive a base allocation of $90,000 per county with additional funding based on population size and their cumulative positive COVID-19 caseload. Some local health departments represent multiple counties. CLICK HERE (https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=39781839&msgid=478846&act=20YB&c=1346310&destination=https*3A*2F*2Ffiles.nc.gov*2Fncdhhs*2Fdocuments*2FELC-LHD-Funding-Allocation.pdf&cf=13425&v=238becc819fc29f3ba4f2300ee66786750039e66dcf5e93c74695b8792832777__;JSUlJSUl!!HYmSToo!OdnSPMdFCIF7bkYCnhbXnkbdEDx0zXrYwIsf8VufXGO92H590v$) to see how much each health department will receive.

This one-time, non-recurring funding is part of NCDHHS' cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC), which awards annual funding to state, local and territorial health departments to support vector-borne disease surveillance and response. The coverage period runs from the beginning of the 2020 calendar year through the end of FY 2021-22.

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