

The Erie County Health Department operates from three separate levies, a .2, .3, and .5 mill levy. These levies account for just 28.5% of our annual budget. Conversely, a full 71.5% comes from outside funding through grants and other sources. As we continue to use financial guideposts to plan our service expansions, our county residents can expect to see this trend of decreased reliance on levy funding continue into the future. We are proud of this conservative management and our ongoing ability to provide service excellence in these tough times.

GRANTS SUMMARY

Opportunities to secure funding that help support the Health Department’s strategic priorities are pursued on a continual basis. Funds are made available from federal and state agencies, national organizations, and local foundations. Awarded grant funds make up 23% of the Health Department’s annual operating budget and are an important source of external funding to help us implement programs and services that meet the public health needs of community residents.

Federal, State and Local Grants Summary

Title	Award	Funding Source	Purpose
Drug Free Communities	\$125,000	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services – SAMHSA	Establishes a community coalition for prevention activities regarding youth drug use.
Child and Family Health Services	\$62,998	Ohio Department of Health	Provides community-wide health planning and child nutrition and Infant Safe Sleep message/education campaigns.
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	\$86,512	Ohio Department of Health	Develops and maintains emergency preparedness within the local community.
Happiest Baby on the Block	\$2,502	Wightman-Wieber Foundation of Erie County	Conduct new parent and infant care giver classes to include discussion of infant behavior and safe sleep.
Sewage Treatment Systems	\$70,000	Ohio Department of Health/Ohio Environmental Protection Agency	Assists eligible households with cost of repairing/replacing household sewage treatment systems.
2-1-1 Information & Referral	\$8,500	Sandusky Community Development Block Grant	Provides for a free phone/website information and referral service for Erie County residents searching for assistance.
Sandusky Wellness	\$10,000	Sandusky Community Development Block Grant	Engages targeted residents in wellness education and preventive health activities.
Opioid Reversal for Rural Areas	\$100,000	U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services – HRSA	Provides training to first responders and family members for administration of a reversal drug used in the event of opioid overdose
Beach Water Monitoring	\$32,400	Ohio Department of Health	Provides assessment of water quality at all bathing beaches in Erie County along with public notification.
Safe Communities	\$35,000	Ohio Department of Public Safety - Traffic Safety Office	Establishes a local coalition to reduce fatal motor vehicle crashes and injuries through impaired driving, seat belt, motorcycle awareness campaigns.
Women, Infants & Children (WIC)	\$689,362	Ohio Department of Health	Provides supplemental foods, nutrition education and breastfeeding support to women, infants and children in Erie and Huron Counties.
Infant Mortality	\$20,000	RCHN Community Health	Addresses disparities in local infant mortality rates through education

		Foundation	and awareness activities.
Local Conversations	\$5,000	Ohio Commission on Minority Health	Determine priorities and create a strategic plan to address local health disparities.
Minority Health Month	\$3,000	Ohio Commission on Minority Health	Conduct educational community forums regarding safe sleep and infant mortality in the African American population in April.
Injury Prevention	\$77,000	Ohio Department of Health	Establishes a local community coalition to focus on prevention of falls among older adults.