

Summary of The Fund for a Healthy Maine Community and School Grants and Statewide Coordination Appropriation: Commission to Study the Incidence of and Mortality Related to Cancer

Program Description:

The Maine CDC utilizes the Community and School Grants and Statewide Coordination appropriation of the Fund for a Healthy Maine to strengthen the local Public Health infrastructure, address tobacco use and obesity, and improve access to healthcare for adolescents. These efforts are supported through the efforts of District Liaisons, including the Tribal Liaisons, the Healthy Maine Partnership initiative, and School Based Health Centers. The local Public Health infrastructure and Healthy Maine Partnerships are defined and established in Title 22 §411-412.

Community & School Grants and Statewide Coordination Funding Description:

	SFY10 Actual	SFY11 Actual	SFY12 Actual	SFY13 Actual	SFY14 Budget
Total	\$8,489,746	\$7,876,458	\$7,262,208	\$6,063,586	\$5,008,518

SFY'14 Contracted Services:

- a. Healthy Maine Partnerships: \$3,495,024 (includes Tribal HMP)
27 local Comprehensive Community Health Coalitions funded through 9 leads that focus on helping municipalities, businesses, schools and local organizations address tobacco use and obesity.
- b. Tribal Public Health Liaisons \$235,000
2 District Liaisons that work across Maine's 5 Tribes in 3 Counties.
- c. School Based Health Centers: \$511,910
17 School Based Health Centers provide preventive care such as exams, immunizations, and screening for participating students, including a health risk assessment and early intervention for adolescents for both physical and behavioral health issues. The centers educate youth about healthy / unhealthy behaviors and how these affect future health.

Goals & Outcomes:

1. Associated Goals of the Appropriation:
 - a. Oversight and coordination of the local Public Health Infrastructure
 - b. Improved health for all Maine residents by working in communities and schools to:
 - i. Ensure that Maine has the lowest smoking rates in the nation
 - ii. Prevent the development and progression of obesity and chronic disease related to or affected by tobacco use
 - iii. Optimize the capacities of Maine's cities, towns and schools to provide health promotion, prevention and education and self-management of health
 - iv. Develop and strengthen local capacity to deliver essential public health services across the State of Maine

- c. Provision of a liaison role between Maine's tribes and Maine CDC to support coordination of a local public health infrastructure for Maine's Tribal members and support community-based prevention activities.
 - d. Improved access to healthcare for adolescents through the provision of school-based health services
2. Measurable outcomes:
- a. Healthy Maine Partnerships have played a complementary role to the Partnership For A Tobacco-Free Maine in helping to significantly reduce Maine's youth and adult smoking rates by implementing tobacco strategies at the local level.
 - i. High school youth smoking rate has decreased from a recent high of 39% in 1997 to the most recent figure of 15% (YRBS).
 - ii. Adult smoking rate has decreased from 24% in 2001 to the most recent figure of 18% (BRFSS).
 - b. Since 2007, 9 District Coordinating Councils have been convened and sustained to support efforts at the Public Health District level. These entities are able to coordinate and enhance public health services in response to the needs of the communities contained within the respective Public Health District.
 - c. In the 2011-2012 school year, 5,493 students were enrolled in a School Based Health Center and received a total of 12,108 visits.