

# Wheeling – Ohio County Health Department

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To: Bob Herron  
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From: Howard Gamble, MPH, LHA  
Administrator, Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department

Re: Budget Request: FY 2025-2026

Date: January 23, 2025

The mission of the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department is to prevent disease and protect and promote the health of the people in Wheeling and Ohio County. We strive to provide cost effective public health programs and services that are effective in preventing future health problems. As a city-county health department, our agency is the official governmental entity with the responsibility for protecting the public's health.

The Wheeling-Ohio County Board of health requests funding for public health services in the amount of **\$70,000** from the City of Wheeling for FY 2025-2026. Our current level of funding from the City is **\$70,000**. The requested funds are used to partially cover the cost of investigating and enforcing health related sections of the ordinance code of the City of Wheeling.

The Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department oversees several public health clinical programs, including immunizations, flu shots, public health homeless outreach, cancer screening, international travel, women's clinic, blood pressures screening, STD/HIV clinic and more for the residents of Wheeling and Ohio County.

Funding for the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department comes from a variety of sources, including local support from the City of Wheeling and the Ohio County Commission. A large part of the health department's budget comes from State Grants. This funding covers our WIC program (operating in Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel & Tyler counties) and several other disease prevention clinics.

In recent years, we have seen a decrease in funding from the State of West Virginia for many of our basic public health programs. Our overall operating costs continue to increase for all our programs. We do not anticipate a wage adjustment this year for staff, unless funding is provided by the State of West Virginia.

The health department is seeing an increase in city-wide public health activity, either for general inspections, complaint responses or other public health services. The requested funds will assist us in meeting our responsibilities to the public.

The Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department remains open to other partnerships with the City of Wheeling for future public health related programs or projects. If you have any questions concerning our budget request, please give me a call at 304.234.3682.



**Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department  
Current Budget FY 24-25**

**Funding Sources**

Government Support		Grants	
State Support	\$350,021.00	Homeless Funding	\$20,000.00
City of Wheeling	\$70,000.00	Other Grant/Funding	\$1,500.00
Ohio County Commission	\$70,000.00	Immunization Grant	\$7,000.00
Ohio County Board of Education	\$6,000.00	HOPE Fund ( <i>restricted</i> )	\$180,272.00
Program Contracts		Reimbursement Fees	
Regional WIC Program	\$1,033,273.00	Clinical Fees	\$5,000.00
Threat Preparedness	\$67,403.00	Clinical Reimbursements	\$1,500.00
CDC Grant	\$74,007.00	Environmental Permit Fees	\$190,000.00
State Carry Over	\$19,823.00	Environmental Ser Fee	\$14,000.00
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>\$2,109,799.00</b>	

**Expenditures**

Personnel	\$1,157,025.00	
Benefits	\$507,658.00	
Equipment	\$2,000.00	
Materials & Supplies	\$21,018.00	
Professional Services	\$43,600.00	
Rental Costs	\$4,800.00	
Other (Ins., Utilities, etc)	\$175,593.00	
Contractual	\$18,643.00	
HOPE Program	\$30,000.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$1,960,337.00</b>

**Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department  
City of Wheeling Funding Request FY 25-26**

Description	Item	Total
Public Health Services	General Operating Expenses	Non-State funded activities
	Salary & Benefits (partial)	Registered Sanitarian
		Registered Sanitarian
	Supplies	Paper, postage, toner
	Travel	@ WOCHD travel rate
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$70,000.00</b>

**Budget Narrative**

Public Health Services: Funding a portion of the department's general operating expenses and covers 15% of salary and benefits for WOCHD's environmental staff and provides funds for supplies associated with city inspections as well as funds to cover travel expenses.



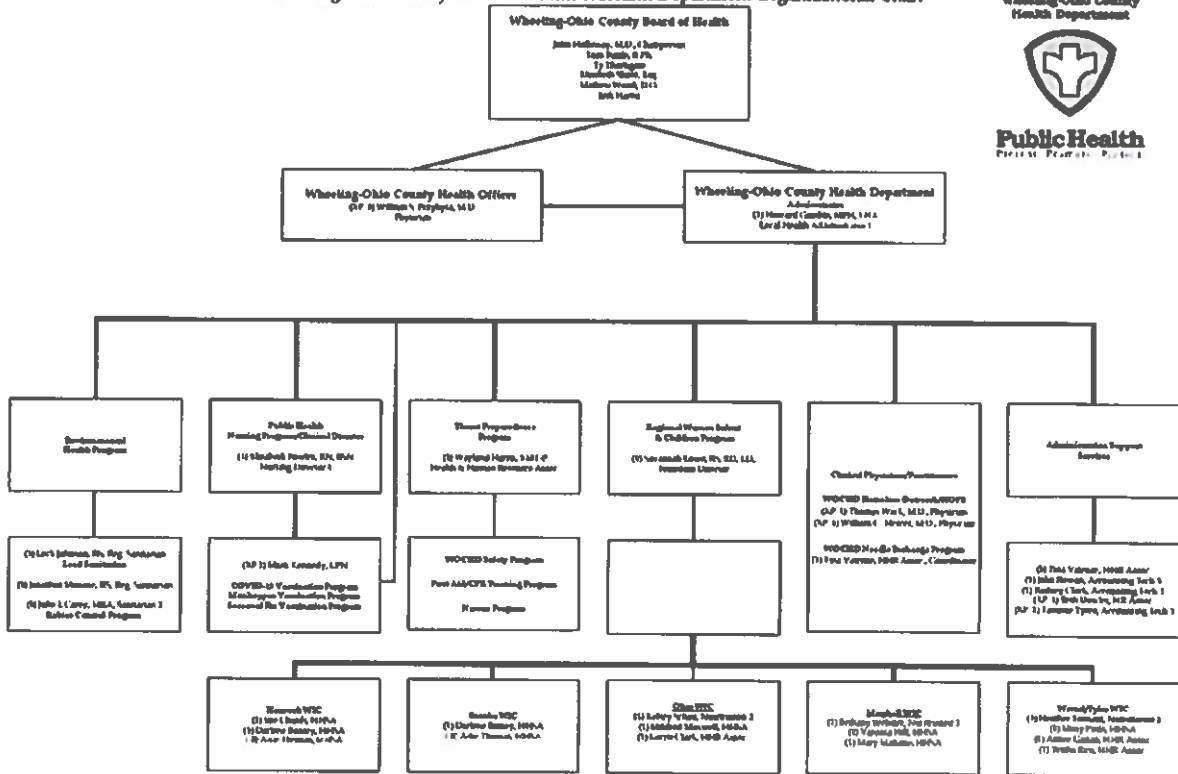
# Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department Organization Chart

## Wheeling-Ohio County Board of Health & Health Department Organizational Chart

Wheeling-Ohio County  
Health Department



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