



Health First Wells County Request for Proposals (RFP) 2024
Due Friday September 27, 2024 by 4:30p.m.
Questions should be sent to: sahara.wall@wellscounty.org

I. Background/Overview

August 2021, established by Executive Order 21-21 by Governor Eric J. Holcomb, the Governor's Public Health Commission was charged with studying the strengths and weaknesses of Indiana's existing public health system and making recommendations for improvement in the following focus areas: governance, infrastructure, and services; dedicated public health funding; public health workforce, data and information systems; emergency preparedness; and child and adolescent health.

Senate Enrolled Act 4, now named "Health First Indiana", is the state's initiative focusing on creating a set of core public health services, accessible, recurring, and dedicated funding, and defined measurements for success and progress with the goal of ensuring every Hoosier can achieve optimal health.

Focus

Health First Wells County aims to transform public health through local partnerships to deliver core services at a county level. With many existing and thriving partnerships, the Wells County Health Department understands that to achieve the best outcomes for the core public health services, the community is best served when a well-developed plan is created utilizing internal WCHD programming combined with existing or new community partner programming, projects, and/or activities in several core service areas.

This request for proposals is seeking out organizations, etc. to support the Health Departments ongoing work and assist in the following key core service areas:

- Tobacco Prevention & Cessation
- Student Health
- Fatality Review & Prevention Programs
- Maternal & Child Health
- Access and Linkage/Referrals to Clinical Care
- Chronic Disease Prevention & Reduction
- Trauma & Injury Prevention & Education

Applicants are asked to submit proposals for only one of the listed core public health service areas. Proposals will include a detailed budget with a budget narrative as well as an evaluation plan of key performance indicators (KPI's) for the spending period which will be twelve (12) months (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025). In order to apply for additional funding, all awarded applicants must submit all required reports, including an annual report of the program, project, or activity.

Other state identified Key Performance Indicators that are not listed above and would be taken under advisement if applicable to you are:

- Food Protection
- Health Related Areas during Emergencies/Disasters
- Lead case management and Risk Assessment
- Immunizations
- Infectious Disease Prevention and Control
- Tuberculosis Prevention and Case Management
- Vital Records
- Environmental Health

Eligibility

Health First Wells County award grant contracts for funding and services completion to an individual, business, nonprofit organization, for-profit organization, higher education institution, medical or healthcare entity, or any combination of the mentioned for the purpose of providing core public health services in Wells County.

II. Overview of RFP

While Health First Indiana identifies 22 core public health service areas, the Wells County Health Department has identified 7 priority core public health service areas for potential external funding opportunities in 2025. The core public health service area, as well as the state required KPI, is listed below.

Tobacco Prevention and Cessation

KPI: Through a tobacco prevention and cessation coalition have a comprehensive program to address youth tobacco and addictive nicotine prevention including vaping.

Student Health/School Wellness (immunization support, health & wellness programming)

KPI: Partnership with schools, based on community need, to implement wellness policies and comprehensive strategies to promote student health

Fatality Review & Prevention Programs

KPI: Number of counties that identified a leading cause of fatality in their community and implemented an evidence-based or promising prevention program or activity.

Maternal & Child Health

KPI: A documented process to refer families to needed services including reproductive care, WIC, home visiting, prenatal care, substance use disorder treatment, and insurance navigation.

KPI: Identified opportunities to improve birth outcomes and implementation of an evidence-based or promising program or activity to improve birth outcome.

Access and Linkage/Referrals to Clinical Care

KPI: Number of local health departments engaging with the local and state health delivery system and public transportation to address gaps and barriers to health services and connect the population to needed health and social services that support the whole person, including preventive and mental health services

Chronic Disease Prevention & Reduction

KPI: The establishment of a health community coalition that has a comprehensive, evidence-based program to address obesity and obesity-related disease prevention.

Trauma & Injury Prevention & Education

KPI: Number of counties that identified a leading cause of injury and/or harm in their community and implemented a comprehensive, evidence-based program or activity for prevention

Proposal Requirements/Deadlines

Each proposal must include the following:

- Completed Grant Application
- Detailed description of how the proposed program, project, or activity will address/impact the current health gaps in the entities chosen core public health service area (please choose 1 core public health service to address).
- Identify measurable key performance indicators and specific improvements in one core public health service area within a defined population; can be defined by any health, demographic, or geographic criteria or a combination of these.
- Timeline to achieve the proposed funding measurable improvements/outcomes, ideally, ones achieved within the proposed funding timeline (one year)
- A plan to sustain the program, project, or activity after the funding period ends.
- Evidence-based programs to prevent or reduce the negative impact on the health of those who reside in Wells County are strongly preferred.

Submission Requirements/Deadlines

Applications are due by Friday September 27, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. All sections of the application must be complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Required Reporting

Awardees will be required to submit de-identified, aggregate information on the implementation and outcomes of the funded project and as it relates to the core public health service as required by IC16-20-1-12€. The Wells County Health Department reserves the right to request additional information as needed.

Awardees will submit four (4) reports during the funded year of the program, project, or activity; 3 quarterly reports and one annual report at the conclusion of the program, project or activity.

Applicable Dates/Timelines for Submission and Reporting 2025 Awardees

*Timeline is subject to change

Grant Program Step	Due Date
Request for Proposal Posted Publicly	August 14, 2024
Proposal Application Open	August 26, 2024
Application Due	September 27, 2024 by 4:30pm
Review Period	October 31, 2024 – November 21, 2024
Public Presentation (if needed)	November?
Board of Health Approval	December 19, 2024
Notice of Awards	December 20, 2024

In accordance with Indiana law, all local health departments must post all prospective employment or grant contracts to the public for at least thirty (30) day prior to entering into a final contract. The Wells County Health Department will post all documents on its website. Once award announcements are made and contracts have been drafted, a list of all grant awardees and their program summaries will be listed on the website as notification to the public, alerting them to our intent to contract with the awarded organizations, etc.