

Division: Public Health

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Health Inspections and Education program works to eliminate the spread of illnesses by food and water. The program activities are required by law and paid for with fees from the facilities we inspect.

The program works with facility owners and staff to ensure safe food and water by:

- Training licensed facilities on State rules that keep people safe.
- Enforcing those rules through facility inspections.
- Providing food service workers with accessible training.
- Making workplaces safer and reducing accidental injuries.

The program also works to stop the spread of sicknesses carried by food and water by:

- Educating people on how to report illnesses or complaints.
- Investigating outbreaks of diseases that spread through food and water.
- Providing the Public Health Division with data to track communicable diseases.

We make facilities safer for visitors and reduce accidental injuries and illnesses. To do this we raise awareness:

- To help the general public to make safer food and water choices.
- To help facility operators and staff understand safety standards and inspections outcomes.

New facilities open, new employees are hired, and new regulations get enacted on an ongoing basis. This turnover demands an ongoing effort of training, oversight, and investigation to ensure safe food and water every hour of the day and every day of the year.

Equity Statement

The Health Inspections and Education program serves everyone in the county. We offer learning materials in 19 languages in our office, the field, and online. We make sure our efforts respect different cultures, empowering all facility operators to meet the highest safety standards.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$5,982,673	\$31,472	\$6,329,114	\$32,661
Contractual Services	\$514,919	\$0	\$613,900	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$147,337	\$1,585	\$193,383	\$2,439
Internal Services	\$1,172,210	\$4,935	\$1,195,341	\$4,791
Total GF/non-GF	\$7,817,139	\$37,992	\$8,331,738	\$39,891
Total Expenses:	\$7,855,131		\$8,371,629	
Program FTE	38.05	0.20	38.95	0.20
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$7,833,551	\$0	\$8,333,514	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$37,992	\$0	\$39,891
Total Revenue	\$7,833,551	\$37,992	\$8,333,514	\$39,891

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of health violations cited in facilities	14,150	14,301	15,098
Number of facility licenses and food handlers' cards issued	N/A	N/A	25,435