

Division: Public Health

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

Environmental Health Community Programs (EHCP) works to reduce exposure to environmental hazards and promote neighborhood wellbeing. The team fulfills state-required public health functions, including:

- Handling lead poisoning cases and investigating other environmental toxic exposures;
- Building resilience to the health impacts of climate change;
- Working with land use and transportation planners to ensure safe, healthy neighborhoods;
- Maintaining data on environmental hazards and monitoring related health conditions; and
- Providing actionable information to decisionmakers.

EHCP educates people on how to reduce risks from environmental dangers. The program also implements part of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) superfund clean-up at Portland Harbor, enforces the County’s wood smoke ordinance, responds to environmental emergencies, and prepares for future public health challenges. Collectively these activities:

- Reduce chronic disease,
- Improve birth outcomes,
- Avoid injury and neurological harm, and
- Increase social connections and wellbeing.

Equity Statement

EHCP is grounded in environmental justice. This means we address the uneven burden of pollution that falls on communities that experience racism and underinvestment. We partner with communities to understand needs and co-create solutions. We prioritize preventing illness and premature death among those most affected by environmental health inequities.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$940,861	\$1,426,419	\$676,237	\$1,120,093
Contractual Services	\$19,334	\$650,285	\$36,800	\$283,238
Materials & Supplies	\$73,723	\$48,173	\$14,751	\$43,530
Internal Services	\$898	\$271,042	\$275,362	\$164,463
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,034,816	\$2,395,919	\$1,003,150	\$1,611,324
Total Expenses:	\$3,430,735		\$2,614,474	
Program FTE	5.38	8.20	3.15	5.55
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,395,919	\$0	\$1,611,324
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,395,919	\$0	\$1,611,324

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of environmental investigations and violations	N/A	N/A	900
Number of community members receiving information on environmental threats (by event)	11,113,320	8,000,000	6,500,000