

# Alabama Department of Public Health

FY 2022  
Budget Request

# MISSION

To promote, protect, and improve Alabama's Health

# VISION

Healthy People. Healthy Communities. Healthy Alabama.

## ADPH CORE VALUES



### EXCELLENCE

We believe in providing the highest quality services to our clients. We believe that all clients should be served with compassion, empathy, fairness, and respect.

### INTEGRITY

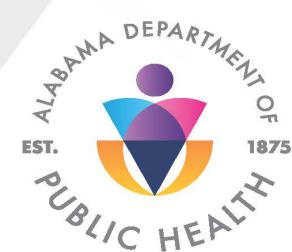
We believe our employees should be professional, competent, honest, and knowledgeable; maintaining the highest level of integrity, accountability, confidentiality, and concern for our clients. We believe in always striving to maintain the public trust.

### INNOVATION

We believe that we should demonstrate the ability to adapt to change and to be flexible in our approach to solving problems and providing services.

### COMMUNITY

We believe that we should build and maintain internal and external partnerships to address public health challenges including effectively utilizing resources, solving problems, and building relationships.



# Public Health in Alabama Protective Services

- License hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities
- Permit/inspect restaurants, food processors, dairies, seafood
- Radiation control – nuclear power plants, medical and industrial x-ray machines
- On-site sewage disposal systems
- Vector borne disease (West Nile, encephalitis, rabies)

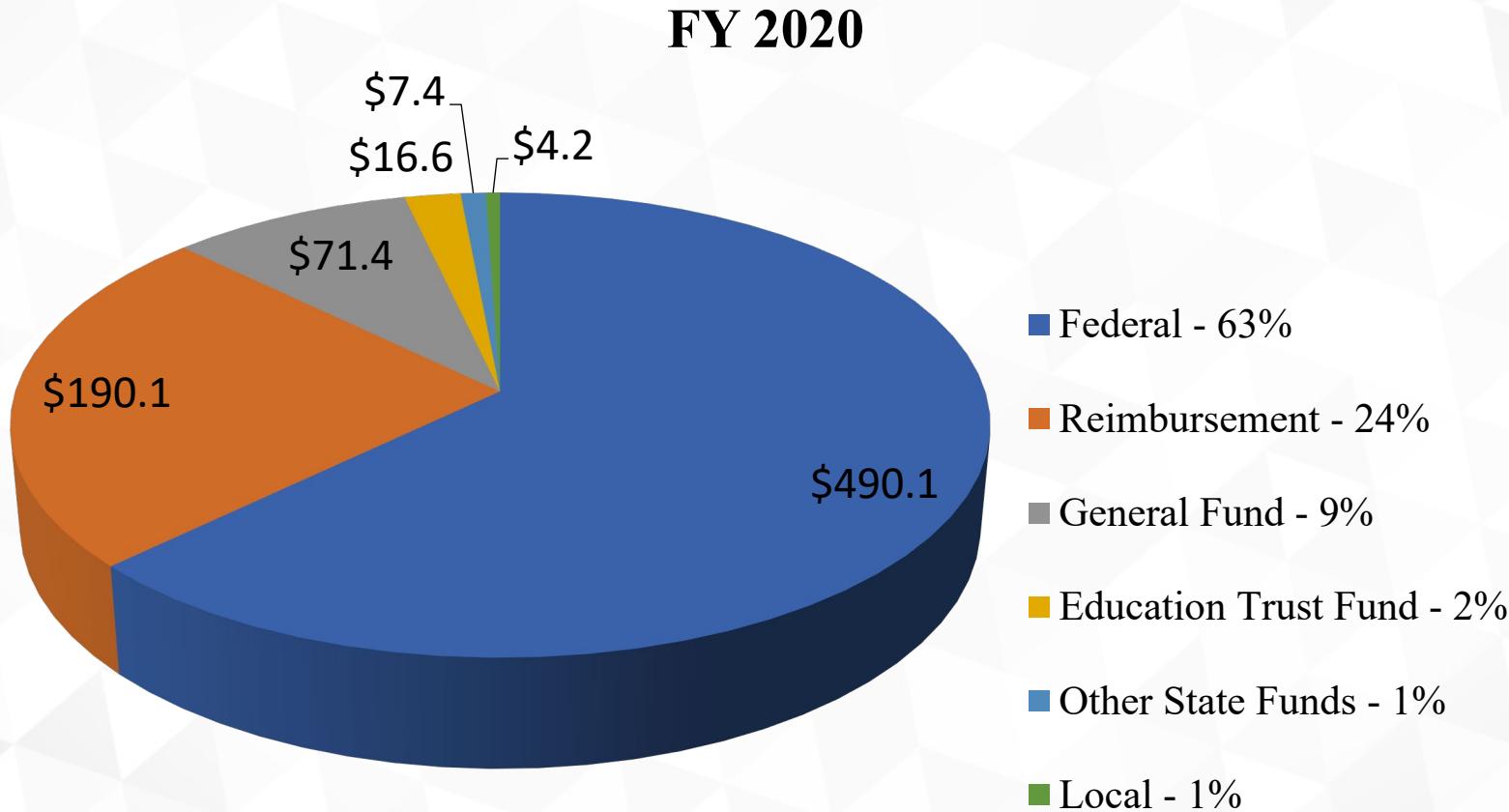
# Public Health in Alabama Clinical Services

- Immunizations
  - COVID-19 vaccinations
- Epidemiology
  - COVID-19 case investigations
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutritional Program
- Family Planning
- Chronic Disease Management
- Newborn Screening
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Tuberculosis
- HIV/AIDS
- Cancer Prevention
- Home Health

# Public Health COVID-19 Update

- March 30, 2020 to January 22, 2021: 2,608 COVID testing clinics held
- December 27, 2020 to January 22, 2021: 353 COVID vaccination clinics held
- Through January 21, 2021:
  - 202,643 doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered
  - 436,087 COVID cases
  - 6,486 COVID related deaths

# Source of Funds (In Millions)



\$36.6 million of Reimbursements is from CARES

# Public Health Budget Request Outline

- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), ALL Kids
- Communicable Disease
- Environmental Services
- Licensure and Certification
- Data Analytics
- Office of Health Equity
- Family Planning Program

# FY 2022 State Funds Requested Increase (In millions)

	General Fund	Education Trust Fund
<b><u>Continuation Costs</u></b>		
Merit Raises	0.7	0.2
Est Supplies and Utility Cost Increases	0.1	
CHIP Continuation	(6.1)	
<b><u>Initiatives</u></b>		
Communicable Disease	2.0	
Environmental Services	1.5	
Licensure and Certification	1.0	
Data Analytics	1.5	
Office of Health Equity	1.0	
Family Planning Program	3.5	
<b>Total Request Increase</b>	<b>\$5.2</b>	<b>\$0.2</b>

# General Fund

(In millions)

	2020 Actual	2021 Budgeted	2022 Requested
<b>Appropriation (excluding CHIP)</b>	\$36.4	\$48.7	\$59.9
<b>General Fund- CHIP</b>	\$35.0	\$60.7	\$54.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$71.4</b>	<b>\$109.4</b>	<b>\$114.6</b>

# Children's Health Insurance Program

	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Request	FY 21 – 22 Change	FY 21 – 22 % Change
<b>YEND Caseload</b>	78,338	82,379	86,628	4,249	5.0%
<b>Avg Enrollment</b>	83,600	80,510	84,663	4,153	5.0%
<b>Cost PMPM</b>	\$232.67	\$255.32	\$251.68	\$(3.64)	(1.4)%
<b>General Fund</b>	\$26.5m	\$60.7	\$54.7m	\$(6.0)m	(9.9)%

**Note: The state share in FY 2020 is 8.12%, FY 2021 is 19.19%, and in FY 2022 19.34%.**

# Communicable Disease

## \$2 million request

### ➤ STD

- Staff for investigations, intervention and quality assurance
- Increase funding from \$200K to \$400K to support at-home STD/HIV test kits

### ➤ Tuberculosis

- Staff to assist with increased, complex TB cases and host provider education training
- Physician to assist the Disease Control and Prevention Medical Officer

### ➤ Surveillance

- Staff to build surveillance and investigative infrastructure
- COVID-19 cases and investigation burden continues to increase with more contagious variants likely already in Alabama

# Environmental Services

## \$1.5 million request

- Add environmental staff including Soil Scientists so that each District would have adequate management coverage & oversight for environmental programs
- Add environmentalists with onsite expertise so that small-flow engineered design onsite systems can be inspected for:
  - Rural underserved communities with no sewer systems
  - Development of a long-term plan model for correcting improper wastewater disposal by implementation of the Lowndes County Unincorporated Wastewater Program (LCUWP)
- Promote food, onsite, and soil training per District for establishment owners, engineers, land surveyors, and environmentalists

# Licensure and Certification Program

## \$1 million request

The Assisted Living Facility (ALF) Unit is 100% funded with state dollars.

- Responsible for surveying 193 Licensed Assisted Living Facilities, 101 Licensed Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities (SCALF) and all unlicensed health care facilities.
  - Surveys conducted in FY 2020 prior to the suspension of routine surveys due to COVID-19
    - ALF – 58 in 122 facilities
    - SCALF – 35 in 72 facilities
- The Department has 36 pending unlicensed health care facility complaints for calendar years 2018, 2019, and 2020
- COVID-19 has impacted our ability to conduct routine licensure surveys.

# Data Analytics

## \$1.5 million request

- Create an office to serve as the hub for data resources within the Department
  - Increase and improve data integration and utilization within ADPH
  - Add Epidemiologists, Public Health Research Analysts, and Visualization Support
- Increase computer and server capacity/storage for high volume, rapid data analysis
- Obtain and maintain data analytic software
- Provide 21<sup>st</sup> century technology training

# Office of Health Equity

## \$1 million request

- Establish the Alabama Office of Health Equity to reduce health disparity and improve health equity, especially in vulnerable and disadvantaged populations to address:
  - Prevalence of major chronic conditions
  - Risk factors in health care access and quality
  - Risk factors in mortality
- Evaluate interventions in Alabama and the United States that address poor social determinants of health
- Identify the measures and pathways of success so return on investment (ROI) for interventions may be measured

# Family Planning Services

## \$3.5 million request

	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Clients	63,953	57,897	40,804
Service Visits	129,646	121,047	90,514
Total Cost	\$31,751,314	\$31,099,234	\$27,011,075
Medicaid Match	\$1,747,507	\$1,955,163	\$1,310,699
Problem Visit Cost	\$3,480,384	\$3,074,289	\$1,775,597

- Provide contraceptive and gynecological services to women and men of childbearing age
- ADPH pays a 10% match rate on all Family Planning costs covered by Medicaid
- About \$3.5 million of Family Planning costs is uncompensated (previously covered by local appropriations and case management revenue)
- ADPH does not receive reimbursement for problem visits

