



# Overview of Local Health Departments in Kansas

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# What Is KALHD

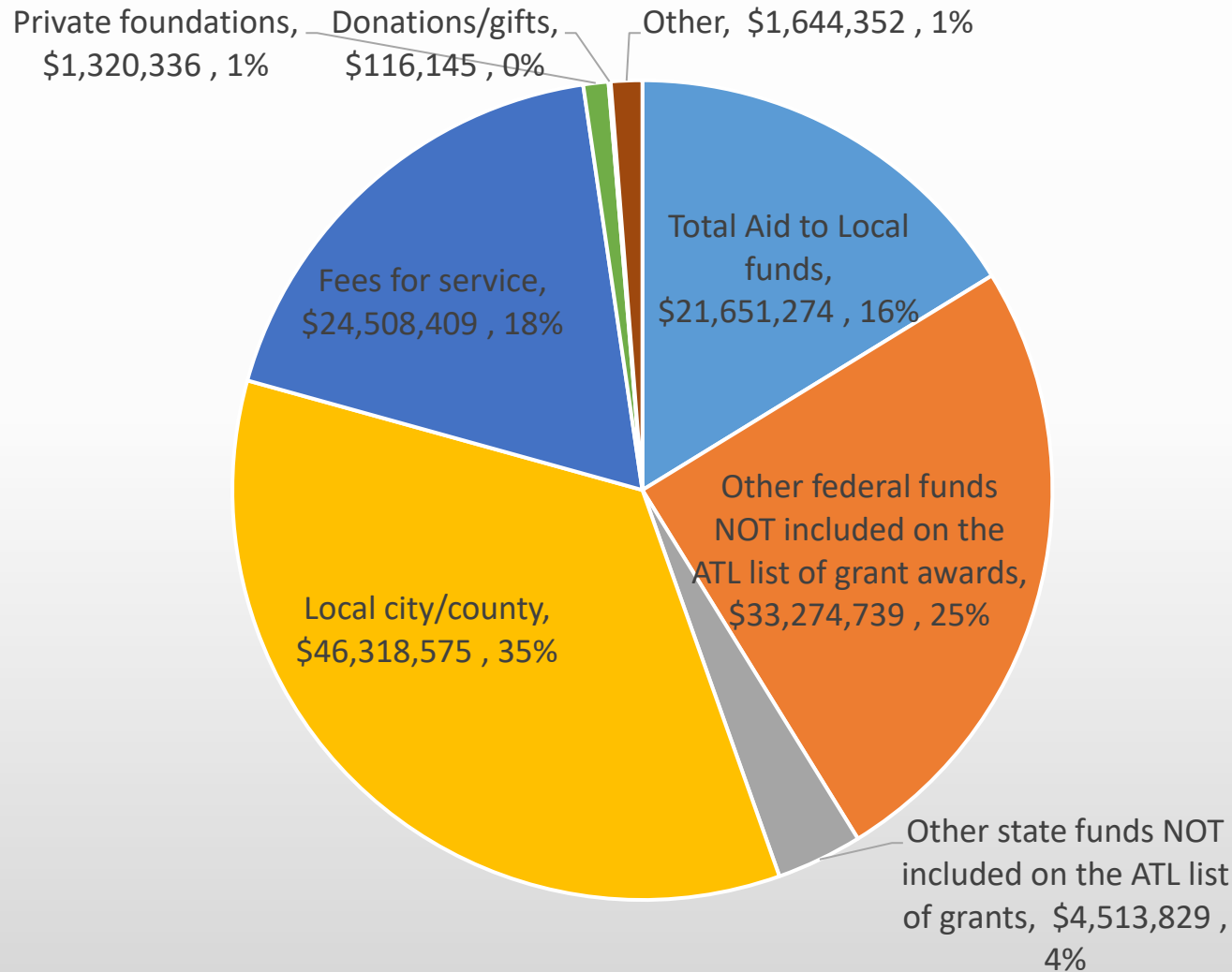
- 501(c)3 nonprofit; 2 FTEs
- Membership is voluntary and currently consists of all 100 local health departments (LHDs)
- Key services:
  - Liaison between the LHDs and KDHE
  - Technical assistance (e.g., resources guides and manuals) and education
  - Facilitating communication between LHDs
  - Expressing LHD concerns to the legislature

# KS LHD Organizational Structures



- **Hospital led:** Cheyenne, Haskell, Stanton, Morris
- **EMS led:** Ellis, Phillips, Dickinson, Leavenworth
- **FQHC led:** Lyon
- **Multi-county (Consolidated):** NEK (Brown, Atchison, Jackson) and SEK (Bourbon, Allen, Anderson, Woodson)
- **City-County:** Lawrence-Douglas County, City-Cowley County
- The remaining 86 are county departments

# Local Public Health Funding by Source, SFY 2021



# Federal Funding

- Notable Streams
  - PHEP
  - Family Planning (Title X)
  - HIV Prevention
  - MCH
  - WIC
  - VFC
- Note: As shown above, Federal funding tends to be very categorical

# State Funding

- State Formula (K.S.A. 65-242)
  - Minimum \$7,000/LHD (since 1992). ~2/3 of LHDs get this amount
    - Temporarily raised to \$12,000 via proviso since SFY 2021
    - KALHD is seeking a bill to make a base \$12,000 and adjust the formula to base + population (likely to be heard in Ways & Means)
  - Total allocation: Was \$2.2 million since 1992 until the last two fiscal years
    - Now is \$4 million
    - KALHD seeking \$1.4 million additional to finish catching this funding up for inflation/population changes since 1992
      - Also seeking extension of the \$12,000 proviso
- Some other state funding to LHDs does exist (~\$6 million listed in KDHE-Health FY 2024 budget for LHDs, including State Formula)

# Local Funding

- Property tax is the vast majority of this
- Sometimes counties allocate part of a sales tax to public health
- City funding via tax support does come into play for those city-county departments (Lawrence-Douglas, City-Cowley)
- Local tax support is often necessary for various match requirements for other funding (e.g., State Formula)

# Fee for Service

- This category involves charging for clinical services. Funding tends to come from three major sources:
  - Medicaid (KanCare)
  - Private insurance
  - Direct out-of-pocket from clients



# Services Local Health Departments Do Directly



- Blood lead testing **(72)**
- Breastfeeding support **(90)**
- Car seats **(55)**
- Chronic disease management **(22)**
- Dental preventative services **(13)**
- Diabetes education **(40)**
- Disease investigation/follow-up **(91)**
- Environmental (e.g., water testing) **(30)**
- Family planning/women's health **(60)**
- Foot care **(50)**
- Health promotion **(91)**
- Health screening **(84)**
- Home health **(15)**
- Immunizations **(98)**
- KanBe Healthy Screening **(70)**
- Laboratory services **(62)**
- Mental health first aid **(17)**
- Preparedness **(98)**
- School health services **(42)**
- Senior services **(37)**



KALHD is a nonprofit association dedicated to strengthening local health departments for the purpose of improving and protecting the health of all Kansans. KALHD's membership consists of all 100 local health departments in Kansas.

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