

Department of Health and Social Services

Division of Public Health (DPH)

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Accomplishments



Laboratory Operational Expansion

The DPH Laboratory will nearly double in size to enhance testing capacity.



Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

We prevent childhood lead poisoning and promote health in children under 6 through education, safe environments, screening, and early intervention.



Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Equipment

Office of Emergency Medical Services oversees the statewide EMS system with real-time emergency communications.



FY 2026 Governor’s Recommended Budget

(\$ in Thousands)

	GF	ASF	NSF	Total
FTEs	335.8	61.1	345.9	742.8
Dollars (\$)	60,276.0	38,836.5	68,466.1	167,578.6



Budget Definitions:

- GF – General Funds
- ASF – Appropriated Special Funds
- NSF – Non-Appropriated Special Funds
- FTEs – Full Time Equivalent Positions

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FY 2026 Governor’s Recommended Budget

- \$400.0 – Increase Caseload for Office of Animal Welfare
- \$2,227.2 – Increase Clients and Caseload for Birth to Three
- \$50.0 – Supports the Cardiac Arrest Registry



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Looking ahead



DPH
Mobile Health Units

DPH Telehealth
Care Access

My Healthy Community
(MHC)

THANK YOU

