WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

WASHINGTON

Agency Mission
To protect and improve the health of all people in Washington state.

Top Five Priorities
1. Implement plans to achieve End AIDS Washington goals
2. Describe, plan for, track, and begin mitigating and adapting for the public health impacts of climate change
3. Secure sustainable funding for Foundational Public Health Services
4. Reduce the use of tobacco, e-cigarettes/vaping devices, and marijuana in persons under 21 years old
5. Ensure health equity and improve population health

Structure and Relationship with Local Health Departments
The state/territorial health agency is a freestanding/independent agency and has a decentralized relationship with local health departments.

- **35** Independent local health agencies (led by staff employed by local government)
- **0** State-run local health agencies (led by staff employed by state government)
- **0** Independent regional or district offices (led by non-state employees)
- **4** State-run regional or district offices (led by state employees)

Organizational Structure
The health official does not report directly to the governor. The state does not have a board of health.

Planning and Accreditation
The state/territorial health agency has developed the following within the past five years:
- Health Assessment
- Health Improvement Plan
- Strategic Plan

The state/territorial agency has achieved accreditation.

Agency Workforce
The state/territorial health agency has 1,576 FTEs, including 273 state/territorial workers assigned to local/regional offices.

Agency Finance (FY15*)
Source of Funding

Federal Funding Sources

Total Revenue FY15: $510,767,432
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*FY15 was defined as 7/1/2014 – 6/30/2015.