

Additional State Investment in Public Health Activities – Potential Criteria

To guide state policymakers in providing state funding for new investments, the following criteria should be utilized in making funding choices:

- a. The activity or service has implications across local health jurisdictions – either regionally or statewide.
- b. The activity or service is essential for addressing health disparities among state populations, including geographic disparities.
- c. The investment will achieve a fundamental public health infrastructure improvement, affecting a number of service areas and/or most LHJ's.
- d. The added investment will significantly contribute to averting a health threat to a significant portion of the community.
- e. The added investment will significantly improve public health outcomes, based on existing evidence.
- f. A significant portion of the community will benefit directly or indirectly from the investment.
- g. The added investment will expand the capacity of LHJ's to fulfill existing mandates.
- h. Added investment avoids future costs.
- i. Funding purchases service(s) that fulfills a primary role of public health that is not being addressed by any other organization or agency.