



Local Health Support December 2016

The two primary programs in this section are Water Recreation Facilities and School Environmental Health and Safety.

Water Recreation Facilities: The design, operation, and maintenance of Washington's 6,000 water recreation facilities can make the difference between an enjoyable outing and disease, injury or tragedy. The water recreation field is constantly changing. Innovative designs, such as water slides and lazy rivers – once only found at water parks – are now included in community water recreation facilities.

The Department of Health is required by statute to conduct plan reviews of new or renovated water recreation facilities and ensure compliance with State Board of Health rules. We enter into Joint Plans of Responsibilities with local health jurisdictions (LHJs) to conduct permitting, compliance, and some plan review activities.

Services

- Conduct plan reviews and issue construction permits to assure state rules and technical standards are met.
- Conduct compliance inspections and issue operational permits where local health has opted out due to resource issues.
- Develop and update rules. Provide training, technical assistance, and develop guidance for local health staff, designers and builders on rules, standards, innovative designs, and federally imposed requirements.

Stakeholders

- State residents and visitors
- Pool and spa designers, builders and operators
- Local health jurisdictions
- Washington State Drowning Prevention Network

School Environmental Health and Safety: Over one million Washington children each spend about 1300 hours a year in a school environment. Children are more sensitive to environmental hazards because they are still growing and have faster respiration and metabolism rates than adults. Health and safety issues at schools include physical, chemical, and biological hazards associated with both the indoor and outdoor environments, curricula, and activities.

We work closely with LHJs and a wide variety of school and district nursing, maintenance, and risk management staff to identify and control potential health and safety hazards in school environments.

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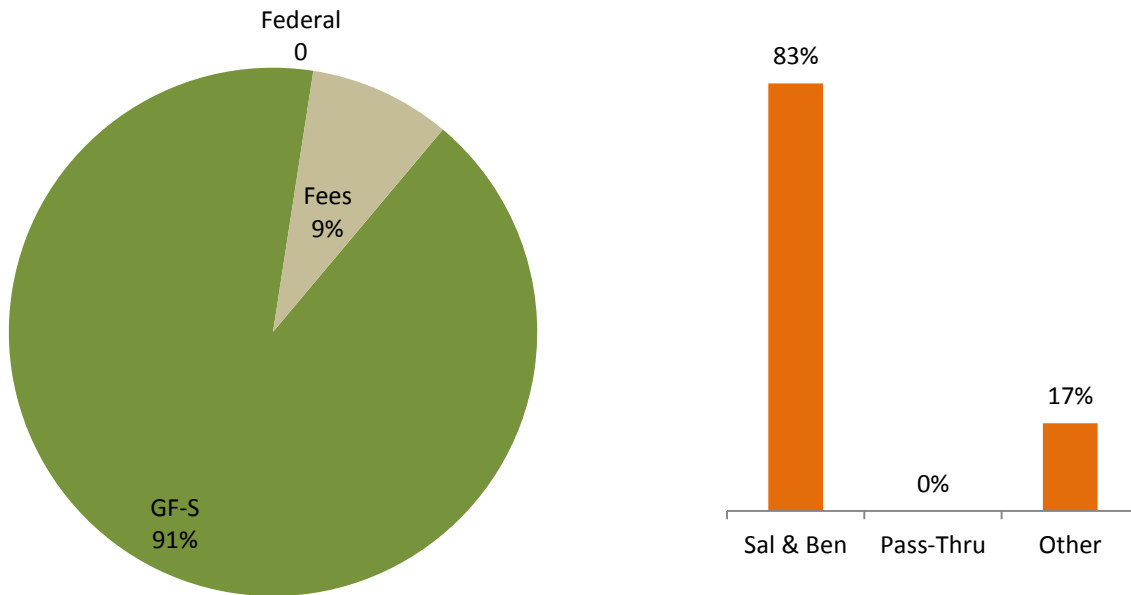
- Develop and update rules, and K-12 Environmental Health and Safety Guidance Document.
- Provide technical assistance and training to LHJs and various school and district personnel on technical design, maintenance and operation issues, remediation of hazards, and best practices.

Stakeholders

- Office of the Superintendent for Public Instruction
- Students, parents, communities
- School Nurse Corp, maintenance staff
- Local health jurisdictions
- School administrators, business officials, risk managers

Local Health Support Fiscal Information

2013-15 biennium



	GF-S	Federal	Dedicated	Fees	Total	Sal & Ben	Investments	Other
Total	746,018		0	70,844	816,862	679,422	0	137,440

Recent Funding History

2009-11 biennium: The supplemental budget for FY11 reduced the GF-S allotments for the Water Recreation Facilities program by \$80,000 per year ongoing.

2011-13 biennium: As part of the legislatively mandated administrative reductions, the Local Health Support Section Manager position was eliminated for a total biennial GF-S reduction of \$167,000.