

Office of Healthy and Safe Communities

The Office of Healthy and Safe Communities works to increase health equity and wellness for all people in Washington state. We do so by engaging communities and key partners across sectors to identify and implement community led efforts to address health inequities. We are dedicated to the prevention of death and disease and promoting health by implementing policies, systems, and environmental changes, and community clinical linkages. We ensure communities have access to important state-wide data to ensure data driven solutions. OHSC strives to build capacity and sustainability to promote, develop, and implement prevention-based systems beyond the established program funding areas. Our areas of expertise include community-based prevention, injury and violence prevention, and cancer prevention and control.

POPULATION OF FOCUS

All residents of Washington State

SECTIONS

- Community-based Prevention, including Cancer Prevention and Control
- Injury and Violence Prevention
- Surveillance and Evaluation

MAJOR FUNCTION

Increase health equity across the lifespan

Collect, analyze, and disseminate data to inform public health prevention research and practice (e.g., cancer and violent death registry systems)

Monitor trends related to chronic disease, injury, and violence to improve public health prevention

Promote access and connections to preventive services through community clinical linkages

Support policy, system, and environment changes
Prevent unintentional injury, violence, and chronic disease

Foster resilience and social connectedness

Eliminate stigma and other barriers related to social determinants of health

Fund community efforts that promote primary prevention

MAJOR PRIORITIES

Enhance behavioral health systems to support people in crisis and prevent suicide (e.g., 988)

Support comprehensive cancer prevention and control

Conduct community-based programming to address commercial tobacco/vape and cannabis use

Support healthy, equitable, and culturally relevant food systems (e.g., fruit and vegetables incentives program)

Support community environments with increased access to active living

Prevent heart disease, stroke, and diabetes

Prevent unintentional injury, including motor vehicle accidents, traumatic brain injuries, and older adult falls

Prevent violence, including suicide, firearm- and gender-based violence

Promote oral health

BUDGET

For the 2023–25 biennium, the Office of Healthy and Safe Communities budget is \$121.9 million with interagency reimbursements (IARs) included. This includes Federal (22%), General Fund State (8%), and total dedicated funds (69%) for youth tobacco prevention, call centers, dedicated marijuana funds and other sources.

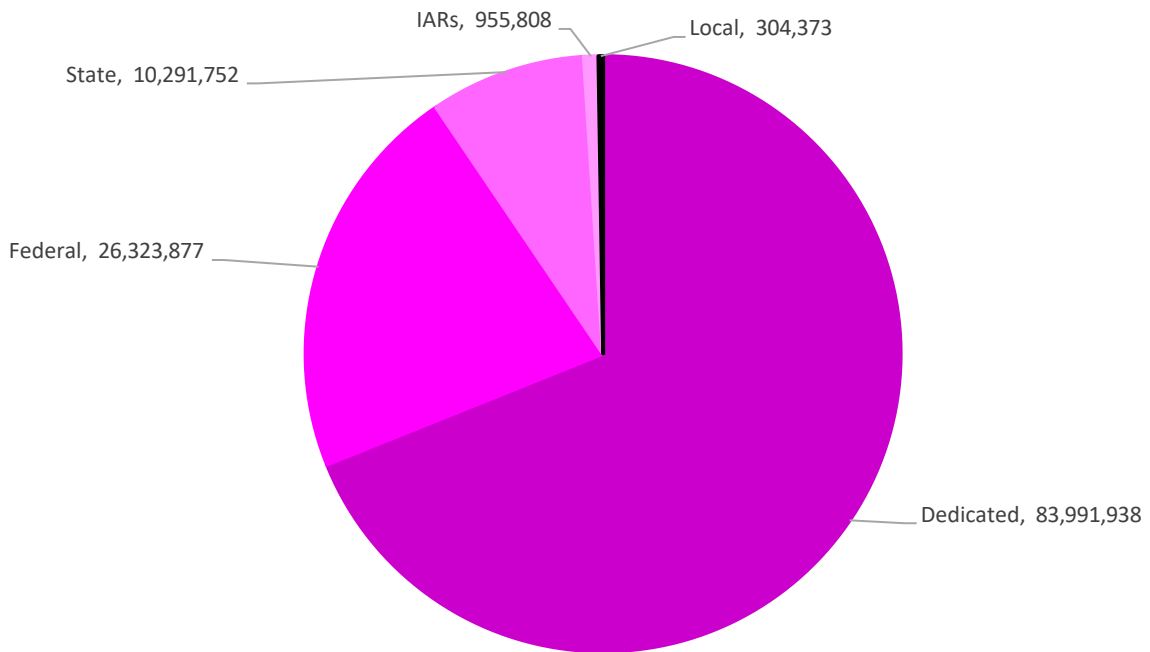
The office has 81 FTEs consisting of full time and project staff, plus IT support staff. Staff are located in Tumwater.

TOTAL ALLOTMENTS BY FUND TYPE

Division of Prevention and Community Health – Office of Healthy & Safe Communities
 2023–25 Biennium

Total (with IARs)	=	\$ 121,867,748
Total (without IARs)	=	\$ 120,911,940

TOTAL (with IARs)



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