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Maintain full funding of the \$17.1 million Local Health Protection Grant:
the primary funding source for basic public health protection measures

THE LOCAL HEALTH PROTECTION GRANT (LHPG) IS THE BASIC STATE FUNDING SOURCE THAT SUPPORTS VITAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES provided by all 97 certified local health departments in Illinois to control disease and protect communities from environmental hazards. It supports a statewide system of local health departments to assure the protection of the public through the provision of various health protection programs that:

- safeguard the public against communicable diseases
- provide for safe food and a potable water supply
- ensure proper private sewage disposal

THESE ARE CORE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT ARE THE STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY of the Illinois Department of Public Health and are delegated to certified local health departments for the delivery of services. The actions provided by LHPG are not only codified statutory requirements, but are the foundational and most basic elements of the statute to protect public health and safety through prevention.

THE LOCAL HEALTH PROTECTION GRANT IS NEEDED SO THAT BASIC LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTIONS CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

- Public health agencies are called to prevent, respond to, investigate, track, and control communicable diseases such as norovirus (commonly known as the stomach flu), whooping cough (pertussis), and measles outbreaks. Earlier this year local public health departments were instrumental in controlling the outbreak of measles associated with a daycare in Cook County by holding vaccination clinics, working with medical providers and educating the public.
- Local health departments across the state prevent and respond to food safety concerns using LHPG funding, such as the outbreaks of *Salmonella* in cantaloupe and ground beef and *Shigella* linked to a popular chain restaurant.

YOUR SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL HEALTH PROTECTION GRANT IS CRUCIAL to sustaining a strong public health infrastructure, which in turn benefits all residents and visitors of the state.

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