

<b>Laboratory Services Bureau Program Goal</b>		<b>Agency/Program #:</b> 6901-07-G5
		<b>Division:</b> Public Health and Safety
		<b>Program:</b> Laboratory Services
<b>Agency Name:</b>	Department of Public Health and Human Services	
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**Program or Project Description:**

Laboratory Services - Provide laboratory testing services in support of public health programs.

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source					
Fund Name:	2008		2009		Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of August 29, 2008
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund	1,281,614	1,281,604	932,387	0	
State Special	2,521,743	2,208,479	2,827,320	437,051	
Federal Funds	848,611	686,880	677,773	68,930	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,651,968</b>	<b>\$4,176,963</b>	<b>\$4,437,480</b>	<b>\$505,981</b>	

**Legislative Goal(s):**

Reduce communicable disease in Montana through a surveillance system based upon public health laboratory disease diagnosis and assessment

**Legislative Performance Measures:**

1. By November 30, 2007, distribute grant monies to Board(s) of Health for tremolite asbestos-related disease benefits programs.
2. By June 30, 2009, summarize use of tremolite asbestos-related disease benefits grants, including the number of Montanans served and a breakdown of the services provided.
3. Through June 30, 2009, maintain accurate, reliable laboratory testing services (including human clinical and drinking water) that are accessible to 95% of local health jurisdictions and public clinics.

	2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:	Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1	Distribute grant monies to Board of Health for tremolite asbestos-related disease benefits programs.	11/30/2007	2/14/2008
2	Summarize the use of tremolite asbestos-related disease benefits grants, including the number of Montanan's served and a breakdown of services provided	6/30/2009	in progress
3	Clinical testing done by the Public Health Laboratory was provided to 55 of 56 counties during FY08.		
4	Analysis of data for drinking water testing provided by the Environmental Laboratory is pending due to temporary loss of summary reporting functionality during database upgrade process.		
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**Agency Performance Report:**

A Request for Proposal was posted on 9/19/07 for Montana Boards of Health to apply for tremolite-asbestos benefits funding. The Lincoln County Board of Health was the only respondent, and after a request for additional information and negotiation, the contract was finalized on 2/1/08. The first year payment was sent on 2/15/08 and was to be used for health care benefits provided from 7/1/07 to 6/30/08. The second year payment to Lincoln County Board of Health was sent on 8/18/08, and is to be used for benefits provided from 7/1/08 to 6/30/09.

2. Complete data for the first reporting period from 7/1/07 - 12/31/07 was due on 6/30/08 and was received by DPHHS on 8/21/08. Compilation of the raw data is in progress, and a complete report for this time period will be done by 9/30/08. There were 662 individuals served during this time period, and the amount expended was between \$333,805 and \$371,667 (reconciliation is in progress).

3. Public Health Laboratory (PHL) services were done for 45 counties directly through client services provided by local health jurisdictions or community health centers. This includes the 5 counties serviced through the Central MT Health District. In addition, PHL services were done for 10 counties indirectly through client services provided by their local hospital or health center. Only McCone County could not be documented as receiving PHL testing services, but residents may have traveled to other health care facilities. Environmental Laboratory (EL) services are available state-wide, but data could not be generated at this time to show the distribution of the services provided. During our transition to an updated database, we are able to produce tests results reporting, but not summary data.

**LFD Narrative:**

LFD ASSESSMENT: On Track

DATA RELEVANCE: Yes

APPROPRIATION STATUS: Appropriation and expenditure data were provided. General fund decreases for the program in FY 2009 due to recording a general fund transfer of authority of \$350,000 from Health Resources Division in FY 2008

COMMENTS/ISSUES: The workgroup may wish to discuss the implementation of the database and the additional functionality gained for the environmental program and the anticipated date functionality will be restored. The most recent EPA audit discusses concerns with public drinking water compliance, the workgroup may also wish to discuss how the environmental lab interfaces with the DEQ in relation to drinking water testing and compliance with standards.

OPTIONS: Upgrade or downgrade the rating - options for workgroup in relation to the rating are No further review or Progress Report Requested



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