Strengthening Public Health Workforce and Infrastructure in Michigan Request for Information (RFI)

As part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) <u>Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program</u>, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will be distributing \$31,008,494 in funding to 44 local health departments (LHDs) through the Strengthening Public Health Workforce and Infrastructure in Michigan grant opportunity (the City of Detroit is funded directly by the CDC). Funds will be available for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027.

This funding is intended to support public health infrastructure needs in local jurisdictions related to the public health workforce, foundational capabilities and data modernization. Funding is intended to be flexible to meet the needs of each jurisdiction and can be used for cross-jurisdictional arrangements.

Funding will be split equally among the 44 LHDs, for a total of \$704,738 per LHD (or \$176,184 per year for four years). Funds can be requested as a lump sum or spread across the grant period as desired.

Non-allowable expenses include:

- New building construction (e.g. breaking ground on a brand-new facility)
- Funding restrictions and limitations listed under CDC's general terms and conditions for nonresearch grants (see: https://www.cdc.gov/grants/documents/General-Terms-and-Conditions-Non-Research-Awards.pdf)
 - Includes lobbying activities, advocacy/promotion of gun control, needle exchange programs, certain telecommunications/surveillance services or equipment and other limitations.

Examples of allowable expenses include:

- Expenses related to recruitment/hiring of new staff or retention of existing staff
- Supplies and equipment necessary for staff to complete job functions
- Training and conference expenses
- Software or IT equipment purchases, leases, upgrades or repair
- Investments in workforce engagement, well-being and other related programs and services
- Expenses related to purchasing or leasing office space in an existing building
- Physical infrastructure repairs, improvements etc. (buildings, vehicles, equipment, etc.)

Examples of **allowable** activities:

- Hiring staff to fill new or existing positions
- Holding training events for new or existing staff
- Purchasing/leasing new vehicles, equipment, IT equipment, etc.
- Remodeling existing office space

Grantees will be required to report progress biannually in winter and summer. This will include reporting on staff hired by job classification and program area. More specific dates and details will be provided.

To indicate interest in receiving Strengthening Public Health Workforce and Infrastructure in Michigan funding, please email a completed MI_Infrastructure_Workplan&Budget template to MDHHS_LocalHealthServices@michigan.gov by 09/11/2023.