



## How to maximize health department performance— **FINANCIAL PRACTICES**

### Allocate Resources for Development of A-EBPs

Allocation of resources in ways that promote use of evidence-based practices can improve health departments and community health.

- Resource allocation for quality improvement, evidence-based decision making, information access, training and implementation
- Allocate funds for staff training, computer technology, time, etc.
- Hire and train competent public health financial managers

### Obtain Funding from Multiple Diverse Sources

- Secure core funding and grants from federal, state, and local sources
- Promote policy proposals that would assist health departments and develop secure funding sources

### Outcomes-Based Contracting

- Payments linked to completion of mutually agreed upon tasks—focusing on impact/results

**Administrative Evidence-based Practices (A-EBPs) are agency-level structures and activities that a LHD can put into place that have been shown to improve performance.**

## SUCCESS STORIES

- ♦ Using outcomes-based contracting was related to a more effective use of funds by linking it with other community investments.
- ♦ LHDs with diverse funding sources improve public health outcomes by providing a combination of prevention services needed.

## TOOLS & RESOURCES

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