

# Grant County Health Department

2025 Annual Report

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This report is organized by the Foundational Public Health Services from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). The FPHS framework outlines the minimum requirements or responsibilities for governmental public health. Visit this website for more information on the FPHS model.

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# Grant County Health Department Staff

**Health Officer/Director:** Kessa Klaas

**Assistant Director/DON:** Amy Miller until February, then Kim Moore

**Quality & Control RN:** Kim Moore until she became Assistant Director/DON- this position was then eliminated

**Administrative Specialist:** Lorna Wolf

**Administrative II/Fiscal:** Amy Belscamper

**Administrative II/Billing:** Denise Davis

**Administrative I:** Cathy Rosch

**Clerical:** Steve Straka

**Hospice Social Worker:** Melissa Hill

**WIC Clerk/CNA:** Shawn Handfelt

**Public Health Aide/CNA:** Jamie Kreul

**CNA:** Jennifer Elsner

**Environmental Specialist:** Troy Moris

**Home Health RN:** Ashley Sullivan

**Home Health RN:** Cari Schmidt

**Home Health RN:** Beth Edge

**Home Health RN:** Staci James-Sauer

**Jail/Home Health RN:** Selina Baus

**Hospice RN:** Kim Martens

**Hospice RN:** Tracy Mezera

8 Hospice volunteers

**Public Health RN:** Casey Gradel

**Public Health RN/WIC Director:** Charissa Fecht

**Public Health RN:** Sydney Anderson

**Public Health RN:** Heather Meier

**LTE Home Health/Hospice RN:** Michelle Young

**LTE Public Health RN:** Julie Atkinson

**LTE Home Health LPN:** Jenna Yager

**LTE PT:** Andy Fessler

**LTE PTA:** Danielle Ackerman

**LTE OT:** Joanna Schindler

**LTE COTA:** Nicole Runde

**LTE Hospice Spiritual Counselor:** Pam Strakeljahn

**LTE Hospice Nurse Practitioner:** Maria Kindrai

**LTE Hospice Nurse Practitioner:** Kate Reuter

**LTE WIC Dietician:** Melissa Dunlap

**WIC Interpreter:** Jenny McFall

**LTE CNA:** Shannon Wilkinson

**Hospice Medical Director:** Sheirlie LaMantia

**Hospice Pharmacist (Contract):**

Michelle Farrell, Boscobel Pharmacy

**Volunteer Public Health Medical Director:** Neil Martin

## Grant County Health & Human Services Board Members for 2025

**Gary Ranum- Board Chair**

**Carol Beals**

**Diane Nelson**

**Richard Dhyanchand**

**Dr. Neil Martin-Medical Director**

**Holly Muench**

**John Beinborn**

**Richard Sanson**



Thank you to the dedicated staff of the Grant County Health Department, as well as our Health & Human Services Board Members, the Grant County Administrator, the County Board Chair, and the entire County Board, for making 2025 another successful year in service to the residents of Grant County.

Our mission at the Grant County Health Department is simple but powerful: *“To promote the health and wellness of all residents of Grant County—Everyone Living Better, Longer.”* As you read this annual report, I hope you gain a strong sense of the commitment, compassion, and effort our staff bring each day to fulfill this mission.

In 2025, the Health Department continued to face staffing challenges, including the retirement of our Assistant Director/Director of Nurses, Amy Miller. We extend our sincere gratitude to Amy for her many years of dedicated service and wish her all the best in her retirement. 2025 also held our DHS 140 Review. We are proud to say we were successfully recertified as a Level II Health Department.

The Grant County Health Department effectively sustained and advanced a wide range of programs, many of which are highlighted in this report. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our work and our ongoing commitment to serving the people of Grant County.

## Foundational Areas

### Communicable Disease Control



- Communicable Disease Assessment & Surveillance
- Animal Bites
- Immunizations

### Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention



- Car Seat Checks
- Rural Safety Day
- Sharps Disposal
- Tobacco Prevention Education
- CPR Training

### Environmental Health



- Human Health Hazard Follow Up
- Lead
- Radon
- Public Health Preparedness and Response
- Water Test Kits

### Maternal Child & Family Health



- WIC
- MCH
- New baby home visits
- Healthy Beginnings

### Access & Linkage to Clinical Care



- School Health Services
- Jail Health
- Health Check
- Loan Closet
- Home Care
- Hospice

## Foundational Capabilities

- Assessment & Surveillance
- Community Partnership Development
- Organizational Competencies
- Policy Development & Support
- Accountability & Performance Management
- Emergency Preparedness & Response
- Communications
- Equity

# Communicable Disease Control

## Communicable Disease Assessment & Surveillance

Under DHS Chapter 145, all local Health Departments are required to follow up on all Category I and Category II diseases. Follow up actions include case investigation interviews with patients, educating about disease control, identifying exposed contacts, performing contact tracing, and enforcing quarantine and isolation guidelines. Below is a summary of the communicable diseases reported to the Grant County Health Department in 2025.

The Grant County Health Department continues to have three nurses who are specially trained in HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral Program (CTR). This program provides risk assessments, education, and free testing to eligible Grant County residents. We are currently working with the LaCrosse County Health Department for Partner Services.

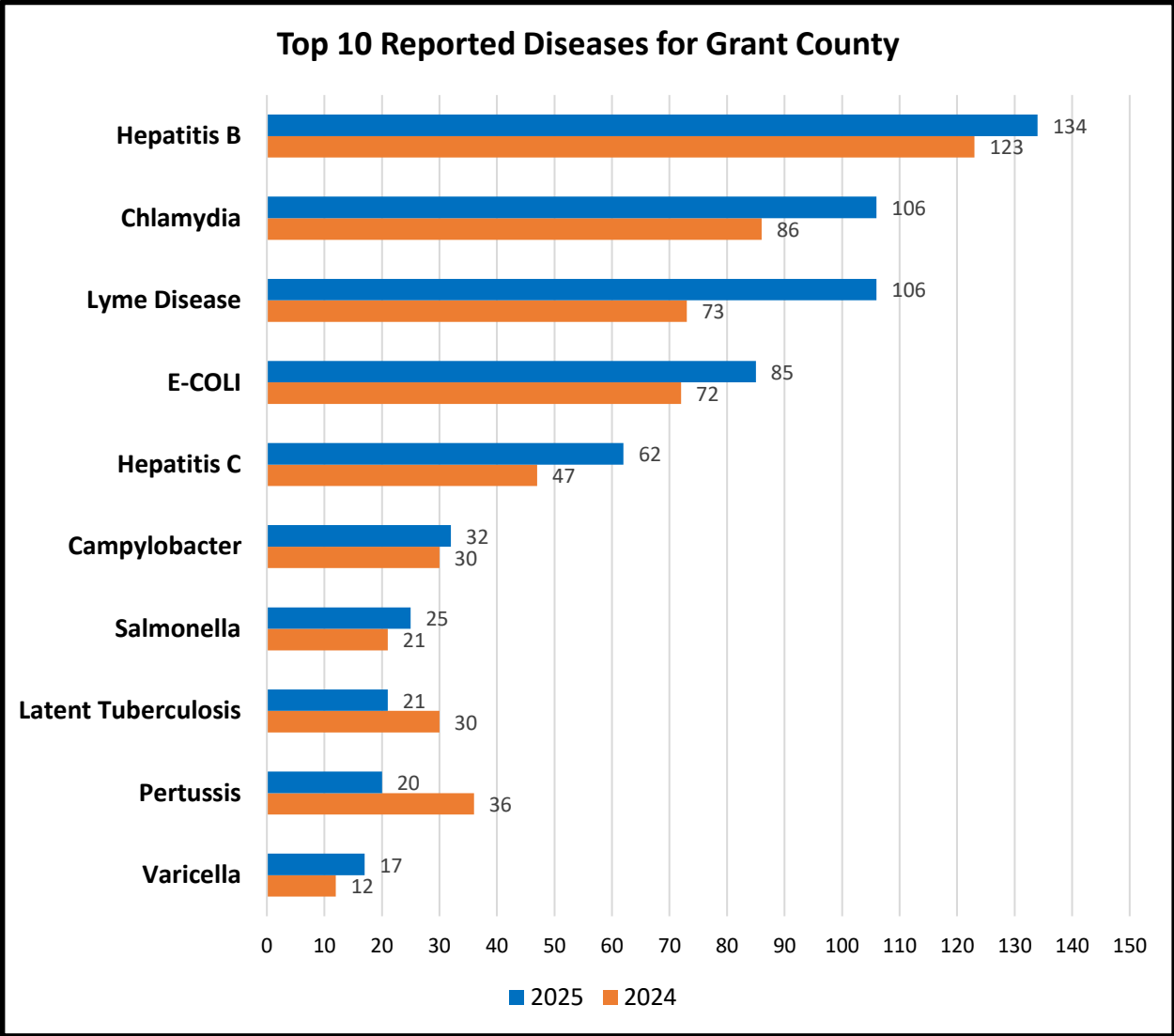
### Total # of Communicable Disease Cases Reported in 2025: 1,297

1,383 cases reported in 2024

These are cases marked suspect, probable, confirmed, & not a case in WEDSS (Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System)

### Other Notable Reportable Diseases in 2025:

- 2 Confirmed cases of West Nile in horses
- 1 Positive Tuberculosis Case
- 2 confirmed cases of Legionellosis



## Animal Bites



In coordination with law enforcement, veterinarians, and local providers, the Health Department is charged with enforcing a rabies control program under Wisconsin Statute 95.21. This entails phone interviews/follow up after receiving notice of an animal bite. Each bite order received requires a minimum of four phone call follow ups, touching base with the animal owner, victim of the bite, and the veterinarian at the start and end of the quarantine process to ensure prevention of rabies transmission.

## 147 Reported Animal Bite Incidents in 2025

*This is an increase from the 125 incidents  
reported in 2024*

### Animals Involved:

- 91 Dogs
- 46 Cats
- 2 Racoons
- 1 Ferret
- 1 Goat
- 1 Horse
- 1 Mule
- 1 Rat

- 4 bats were sent to WSLH for testing, all were negative.
- The raccoons, ferret, goat, horse, and mule were also sent to WSLH for rabies testing, all were negative.
- Out of the 91 dogs involved, 2 were strays, 30 were unvaccinated, 59 were vaccinated against rabies.
- Out of the 45 cats involved, 23 were strays, 10 were unvaccinated, 13 were vaccinated against rabies.
- Two public health nurses became certified rabies observers in 2025 through the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

## Immunizations

The Immunization Program remained a critical component of the health department's efforts to prevent vaccine-preventable diseases and protect community health over the past year. Through ongoing collaboration with healthcare providers, schools, and community partners, the department continued to work to increase vaccination coverage rates among residents of Grant County. Routine childhood immunizations, seasonal influenza vaccinations, and updated COVID-19 vaccine efforts were prioritized through clinics, mobile services, and public education campaigns. 2025 brought new immunization challenges that unfortunately deepened vaccine hesitancy nationwide. The Grant County Health Department continues to work toward being a trusted immunization provider.





**Number of Doses of Vaccine provided by the Grant County Health Department using VFC, VFA, and private stock vaccine**

Number of Doses of Vaccine	2023	2024	2025
COVID-19	604	816	502
DTaP – Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	44	25	31
DtaP/Polio (Kinrix)	47	51	34
DtaP/Hep B Hib Polio (Vaxelis)	82	99	58
Polio	26	31	22
MMR – Measles/Mumps/Rubella	57	54	62
MMR – Varicella (Proquad)	49	53	30
Hepatitis A (pediatric)	40	38	41
Hepatitis B (pediatric)	21	24	16
Td – Tetanus/Diphtheria	58	19	12
Tdap (Boostrix)	78	110	65
Hib – Haemophilus Influenza type B	15	14	14
HPV (Gardasil)	79	101	33
Varicella (Chickenpox)	45	25	30
Pneumococcal (pediatric)	77	72	42
RSV			2
Meningitis	69	149	32
Meningitis B	10	1	3
Rotavirus	21	21	11
Influenza – Seasonal	2,060	2,090	1,834
Pneumococcal (adult)	6	8	26
Hepatitis A (adult)	8	2	10
Hepatitis B (adult)	12	12	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,508</b>	<b>3,817</b>	<b>2,920</b>

# Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention


## Car Seat Checks

Grant County continues to receive funding through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to support a car seat program operated by the Health Department. Through this grant, the department is able to provide and properly install one free car seat for families or children in need. The Health Department now has four trained car seat technicians, following the completion of extensive training by two additional staff members in June 2025. This expanded capacity allows the team to offer child safety seat checks to anyone who needs assistance. In 2025, a total of 43 car seats were distributed. Health Department technicians also collaborate with local partners—including police departments, hospitals and clinics, and social services—to help ensure that every child in Grant County travels safely.

## Rural Safety Day

For its 32<sup>nd</sup> year, Grant County Rural Safety Day took place on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Grant County Health Department has had the long-standing responsibility to coordinate the day's events. For 2025, there were 224 children in attendance, with close to 30 adult volunteers also in attendance. Rural Safety Day is a free, one-day safety camp for youth in grades 2-8. It is a day filled with educational sessions, hands-on activities and demonstrations. Rural Safety Day would not be the success that it is without the partnerships, donations, and community support.

**Grant County Rural Safety Day 2025**  
June 10th, 2025

*Register here* 

**Grant County**  
FIRST AID  
Rural Safety Day

<p><b>ONE DAY CAMP</b></p> <p>9:30AM-3:00PM</p> <p>Rural Safety Day is designed to provide youth with the skills to keep their families and themselves safe on the farm and around the home. They'll learn how to identify potential hazards, prevent possible accidents and to respond correctly if an accident does occur.</p> <p><b>Location</b> GRANT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 913 E. Elm Street Lancaster, WI 53813</p> <p>Drop-off 9AM Pick-up 3PM</p>	<p><b>SAFETY SESSIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ATV/UTV Safety WI DNR</li> <li>• Electrical Safety Scenic Rivers</li> <li>• Nutrition - Fuel your Body Grant Regional Health Center</li> <li>• Animal Safety Dr. Sally Harper, Veterinarian</li> <li>• Substance Abuse Grant Regional Health Center</li> <li>• PTO Safety TBD</li> <li>• Kindness - Humankind, be Both! UW Extension-Grant County</li> <li>• Weather Safety KCRG TV - Meteorologist</li> </ul>	<p><b>REGISTRATION</b> Deadline is June 5th</p> <p><b>Participants</b> Children entering grades 2-8 (must have completed 1st grade)</p> <p><b>Bussing/Transportation</b> Some schools are offering bus transportation to and from Rural Safety. Ask your school if they are participating *Bussing made possible through camp stipend</p> <p><b>There is no cost for this program. Lunch and snacks will be provided.</b></p>
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*substance abuse*

*electrical safety*

*pto safety*

*utv/atv safety*

*kindness-human kind*

*animal safety*

*nutrition*

**Grant County**  
  
  
  
  
**Rural Safety Day**  
 2025



## Sharps Disposal

638 pounds of sharps medical waste was disposed of in 2025

# Tobacco Prevention Education

Through a grant, that did unfortunately end in 2025, we were able to provide some tobacco prevention education to the Grant County schools. Below is a copy of a postcard we gave to all Grant County high schools to send home with each student.

We also share information regularly on our Facebook page regarding tobacco prevention. The Public health nurses are also all providers of the First Breath program through the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation. First Breath is a free statewide program that assists people in making healthy changes to their tobacco, alcohol, and other substance use during pregnancy and after. The nurses help enroll women and their caregivers to the program.

**NOT for Me** is a free, mobile-friendly online program from the American Lung Association to help teens stop vaping or using other tobacco products.

[NotForMe.org](https://www.AmericanLung.org/NotForMe)

**WISCONSIN WOMEN'S HEALTH FOUNDATION**

**American Lung Association.**

## CPR Training

The Grant County Health Department has four certified CPR Instructors under the American Red Cross. In 2025, we held 5 trainings. We had one class for the public, two classes for jail staff, and two classes for the staff from the Health Department. The four trained instructors are able to certify healthcare professionals and the public in First Aid, CPR, and AED use.

### New! Training for parents:

#### Talking to Your Child About Vaping:

A Guide for Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers



The American Lung Association's course Talking to Your Child About Vaping: A Guide for Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers is a free one-hour interactive online learning module designed to help parents, guardians and caregivers talk to their child, ages 8 to 20, about vaping and nicotine product use including e-cigarettes, vaping devices and oral nicotine pouches. Whether you are seeking to prevent your child from ever starting or needing to intervene with a child with a history of use, this training will provide you with the knowledge, skills and confidence to have an impactful conversation with your child.

Visit [Lung.Training](https://www.Lung.org/Training) to access this free training today!

[Lung.org](https://www.Lung.org)





# Environmental Health

## Human Health Hazard Follow Up

In 2025, Grant County continued to share an Environmental Health Specialist with Lafayette and Iowa Counties.

The end of 2025 was spent largely training public health nursing staff to take over the Environmental Health duties starting in 2026 as we looked to replace our long-standing Environmental Health Specialist.

Below are the EH total contacts for 2025:

Number of Contacts	2023	2024	2025
Water	64	62	54
Air Quality	158	99	106
Asbestos	73	67	62
Lead Hazards	108	49	59
Radiation Hazards	127	90	74
Housing	209	102	123
Sewage	78	101	53
Solid Waste	208	115	116
Insects/Rodents/Animal Problems	62	65	52
Home Inspections	210	102	79
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>699</b>

## Lead

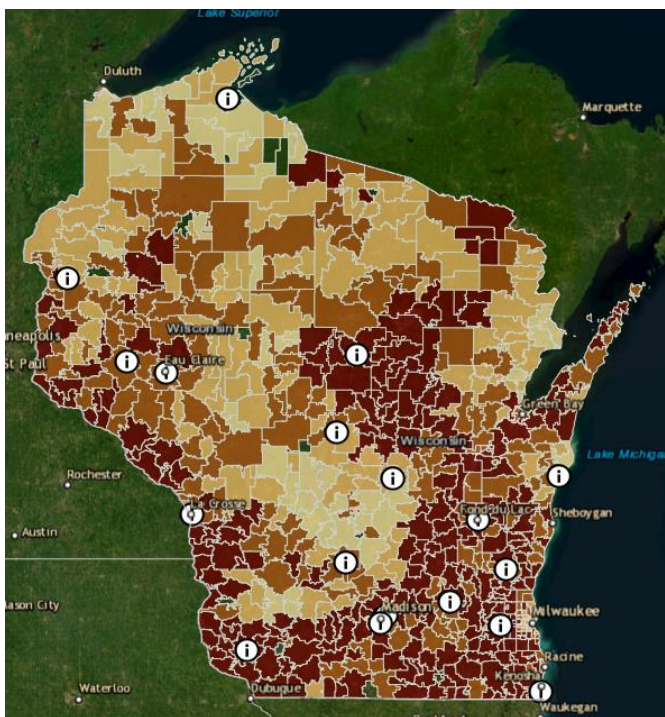
In 2025 the Health Department continued the Wisconsin Lead-in-Water Remediation grant which we originally started providing in 2024. We have completed 9 daycare checks in Grant County since we began the program. This program is provided in coordination with DHS WI and allows a public health nurse to go out and test for lead in the water sources of daycares and Head Start programs. The program then helps the impacted facilities remediate, for free, any possible findings of sources of lead.

The Health Department also continues to offer free lead screening for children. In 2025, 361 children received lead testing in Grant County according to the Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Surveillance System (HHLPSS). The Health Department worked to promote and educate the importance of lead screening in 2025.

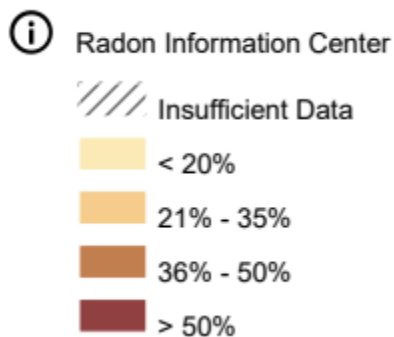


## Radon

Grant County remained the Radon Information Center or RIC, for a six-county region (Grant, Iowa, Richland, Lafayette, Vernon, Crawford). The six counties serve as hubs for distribution of radon test kits. These test kits can be given to homeowners, with some education. In 2025, a total of 605 radon test kits were distributed. 68% of these tests were returned/completed with 133 returned test results falling between 4-8 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) and 128 tests resulting above 8(pCi/L). Radon mitigation is recommended if the results of two tests is greater than 4 (pCi/L).



This map is an interactive map of radon test results. The percentage is based those results that are greater than or equal to the EPA recommended limit of 4 pCi/L.



You can find this map, and more information about radon at:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/radon/index.htm>

## Water Testing

Through coordination with Wisconsin Well Testing Access Program and the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH), the Health Department was able to provide free well water test kits to pregnant moms and households where a child under 1 year of age resided in 2025. We also continued to work with the Department of Health Services (DHS), WSLH, and our local wastewater treatment operators performing wastewater surveillance. Once a week a PH nurse obtains a sample of wastewater from the local wastewater plant and sends it in to the WSLH for testing. In 2025, the water was only tested for SARS-CoV-2 for Grant County, we are hoping to be a site with more testing in the future. If you visit the website below you can see more information about the Wisconsin Wastewater Monitoring Program.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wastewater>

# Public Health Preparedness & Response

The Grant County Health Department continues to play a role in protecting community health during emergencies by maintaining a high level of preparedness, coordination, and response capability. Efforts in 2025 focused on strengthening preparedness plans, enhancing staff readiness, and deepening partnerships across agencies.

In 2025, the Grant County Health Department strengthened its emergency preparedness efforts through the following activities:

- The Health Department reviewed and updated its Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Plan, Grant County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), and its Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) to ensure alignment with current public health guidelines and emerging threats.
- All employees stayed up to date on ICS trainings to strengthen staff response capabilities.
- The Health Department maintained strong partnerships with Grant County Emergency Management and local hospitals and clinics to support coordinated emergency response.
- Public Health continued as a member of the Southwest Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition (SCWIHERC). This allows the health department to engage in trainings, exercise opportunities, and a multitude of resources.
- Emergency Preparedness staff participated in a medical surge tabletop exercise in collaboration with local partners and SCWIHERC.
- Health Department staff completed respirator fit testing to ensure staff readiness for respiratory protection during public health emergencies.
- Emergency Preparedness staff completed the Functional Assessment Service Team (FAST) training through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS).
- Public Health hosted a measles response tabletop exercise with local partners to enhance infectious disease preparedness.
- Collaborated with Grant County Emergency Management to promote the CodeRed Alerting System



# Maternal Child & Family Health

## WIC

Grant County WIC operates within the Health Department, with a public health nurse also serving as the WIC Director. The WIC program is a supplemental nutrition and health initiative designed to improve the nutrition and overall well-being of families. The program functions under a Consolidated Contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). For detailed grant funding amounts, refer to page 26.

In 2025, the Grant County WIC program served 1,056 participants, comparable to the 1,072 individuals served in 2024. The majority of WIC appointments continue to be conducted by phone, though efforts are underway to increase the number of in-person visits in the coming years.

A Management Evaluation was conducted in July 2025. During this evaluation, a State WIC Program Regional Consultant observed staff during appointments, reviewed the program budget and training logs, and assessed 113 criteria used to ensure high-quality services. The program was approved to continue operations, with the next Management Evaluation scheduled for 2027.

One thing I really like from participating in WIC is:

- *The support and knowing that I have resources to help feed my little one*
- *They listen to your need and questions and don't judge you. They are very helpful and informative!*
- *They are very understanding and listen to everything you have to say or ask.*
- *great support and help on health nutrition!*
- *Everyone is always so friendly and great to work with!*
- *Spanish participant translation: Thank you for giving good care*
- *It's honestly helped my family get healthier snack choices*
- *How sweet WIC employees are.*
- *The support and knowing that I have resources to help feed my little one*
- *having access to healthy recipes that support my family's needs.*
- *The staff are friendly & educational. They listen to me and answer any questions I may have.*

Also notable in 2025 was the government shutdown that lasted from October 1 to November 12. WIC benefits were fortunately not affected due to the availability of emergency funds. However, weekly updates were provided throughout the shutdown, along with contingency planning in case it had extended further and begun to impact benefits.



## MCH (Maternal Child Health) -Home Visits-Healthy Beginnings

We held two Community Baby Showers in 2025. One was held in Lancaster in March, the other was held in Boscobel in June. During these events, we focus on our MCH objective, which for 2025 was Perinatal Mental Health. Mental health resources were available, as well as new mom and baby education/resources, to the participants. We are thankful to have community partners involved either through donations, or present at the events at booths.

We offer home visits for all mothers in Grant County. To support this service, we ask that hospitals notify us when a baby is born. Once we receive notification, we reach out to the family to offer a home visit. During the visit, we can complete a weight check and provide a goody bag that includes helpful information, community resources, and small gifts.

In addition, we offer a program called *Healthy Beginnings*. Through this program, a Public Health Nurse provides prenatal education to expectant mothers in coordination with their OB appointments. These visits typically take place in the mother's home or in another location where she feels most comfortable.

join us for a

**GRANT COUNTY  
COMMUNITY  
BABY SHOWER**

**JUNE 7, 2025**

10am - 12:00  
Food and refreshments from 10-10:30,  
games and door prizes to follow.

**LOCATION: TUFFLEY CENTER  
104 E OAK STREET, BOSCOBEL, WI**

**EXPECTANT MOMS AND PARENTS OF NEWBORNS UP TO 3  
MONTHS OLD ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

Hosted by: Grant County Health Department  
& Family Connections of SW WI

**PARENT RESOURCES**

**DOOR PRIZES**  
PACK & PLAY, BABY CARRIERS,  
BATH TUBS & MORE

**REGISTER HERE**

**GIFTS**  
BABY CLOTHES, BOOKS, HYGIENE,  
MOM SELF CARE & MORE

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

**Why choose Healthy Beginnings?**

- Personal visits for you: at home, at the library, in our office, or wherever you are most comfortable.
- Information on becoming a new parent.
- Support to stop or reduce tobacco.
- Connect with community resources and services.
- Any other topics you want to learn more about.
- FREE regardless of insurance status.

**Free Welcome Home Baby Gift**

**Healthy Beginnings+**

Grant County Health Department  
608-723-6416

**Contact Info**

- 608-723-6416
- health@co.grant.wi.gov
- Grant County Health Department
- 111 S. Jefferson St.  
Lancaster, WI 53813
- Monday-Friday  
8:00-4:30

Give us a call

# Access & Linkage to Care

## School Health Services

Grant County public health nurses each take responsibility for specific schools in their area. They serve as consultants to these schools who are not able to employ a full-time school nurse. Grant County also provides immunization clinics and communicable disease support to schools that do have a full-time nurse, including Lancaster, Cassville, Boscobel, Platteville, and Riverdale. In 2025, we added the Fennimore School District to our list of schools we assist.

In 2025, nurses spent a total of 278 hours related to school health, this does not include the hours spent at the immunization clinics or on communicable disease efforts.

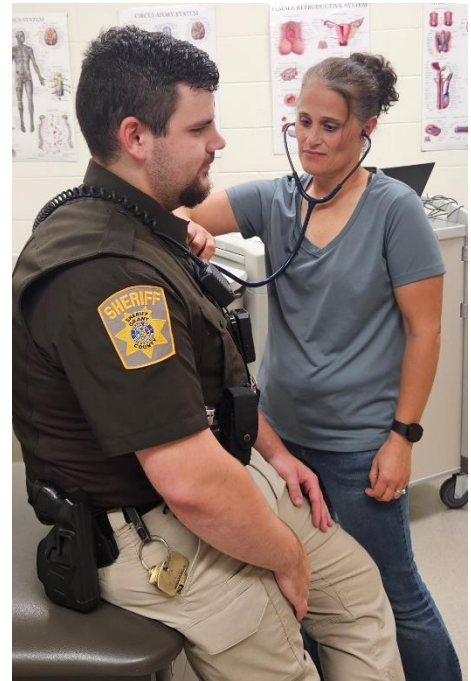
### School districts we provided consultation services to in 2025:

Cuba City	St. Clement (Lancaster)
Potosi	Holy Ghost (Dickeyville)
River Ridge	Immaculate Conception (Kieler)
Southwestern	St. Andrews (Potosi)
St. Mary's (Bloomington)	St. Joseph (Sinsinawa)
St. Rose (Cuba City)	St. Charles (Cassville)
Fennimore	Amish/Mennonite Schools as needed

## Jail Health

Public health nurses from the Health Department continue to offer jail health services to the Grant County Jail. All of the Public health nurses are trained on jail health including medication management, triage, withdrawal protocol, with two of these nurses primarily staffing the jail Monday through Friday during the day. In addition, all of the public health nurses are included in the on-call rotation, providing coverage to the jail as needed after hours, on weekends and holidays.

In 2025, the nurses spent 2,387 hours working in the jail. This averages to 45.9 hours per week. This was again an increase from 2024 when 45.6 hours were averaged. This is again in part to increasing mental health and substance abuse challenges, as well as the implementation of a new Electronic Medical Record that was put in place in 2025. This took extensive training for the nurses and jail staff.



## Health Check

The Health Department continues to offer Health Checks to people aged birth to 21. The Health Checks are for anyone with Medicaid or no insurance, and provided preventative screenings including blood pressure checks, lead, iron, and blood sugar checks, weight and height measurements, immunizations, as well as a head-to-toe assessment.

## Loan Closet

The Health Department operates a short-term use loan closet. Equipment can be picked up at the office, and kept for up to 3 months. Equipment available daily includes wheelchairs, shower chairs, walkers, commodes, transfer benches, and crutches to list the mainly requested items.

Equipment is available to anyone who lives in Grant County with a small deposit, usually at a maximum of \$20.00 for the 3 months of use.



# Grant County Home Nursing

The Grant County Health Department is a proud provider of Home Nursing Services, delivering expert care to residents throughout the county in the comfort of their own homes. These services include skilled nursing, therapy services, and certified nursing assistant support.

Home Care Nurses provide personalized, one-on-one care tailored to each patient's needs. Skilled nursing services may include IV therapy, complex wound care, post-operative care, medication management, and pain management, among other specialized medical treatments.

Therapy services are supported through partnerships with all three local hospitals, in addition to Health Department staff. In 2025, the department expanded its team by adding a Physical Therapy Assistant. The therapy team now includes a Limited-Term Employment (LTE) Physical Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant, Occupational Therapist, and Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant. This comprehensive team helps ensure that Grant County residents have access to essential therapy services within their homes.

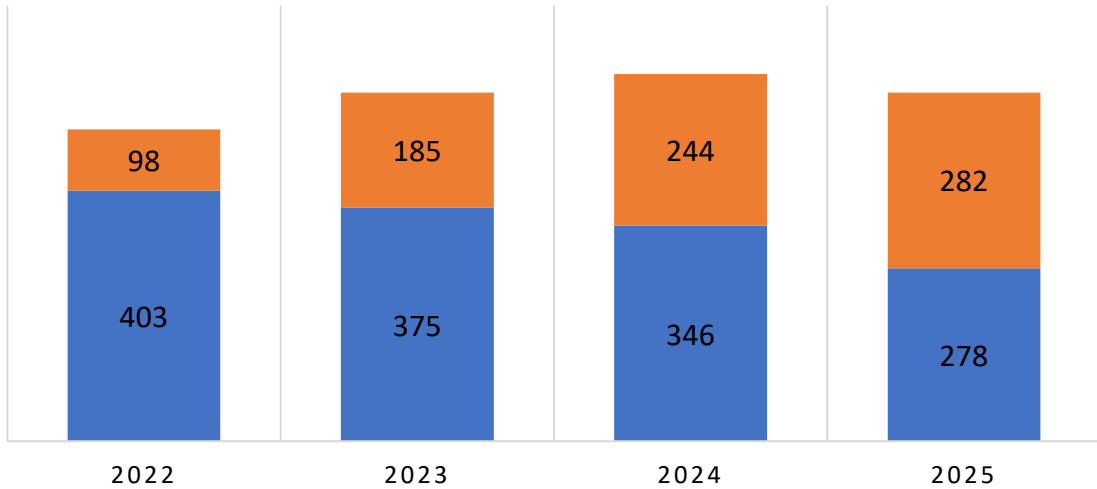
Due to staffing limitations, 2025 was another year in which the department could only serve a limited number of patients. However, the team welcomed a new Home Care Nurse in February 2025 and another in October 2025. Because in-home nursing requires extensive and specialized training, onboarding new staff is a time-intensive process before they can manage a full patient load.

As reflected in the data below, the total number of patients served decreased, while the number of prospective patients increased. With improved staffing levels, the department is optimistic that 2026 will allow for expanded capacity and the ability to serve more residents across Grant County.

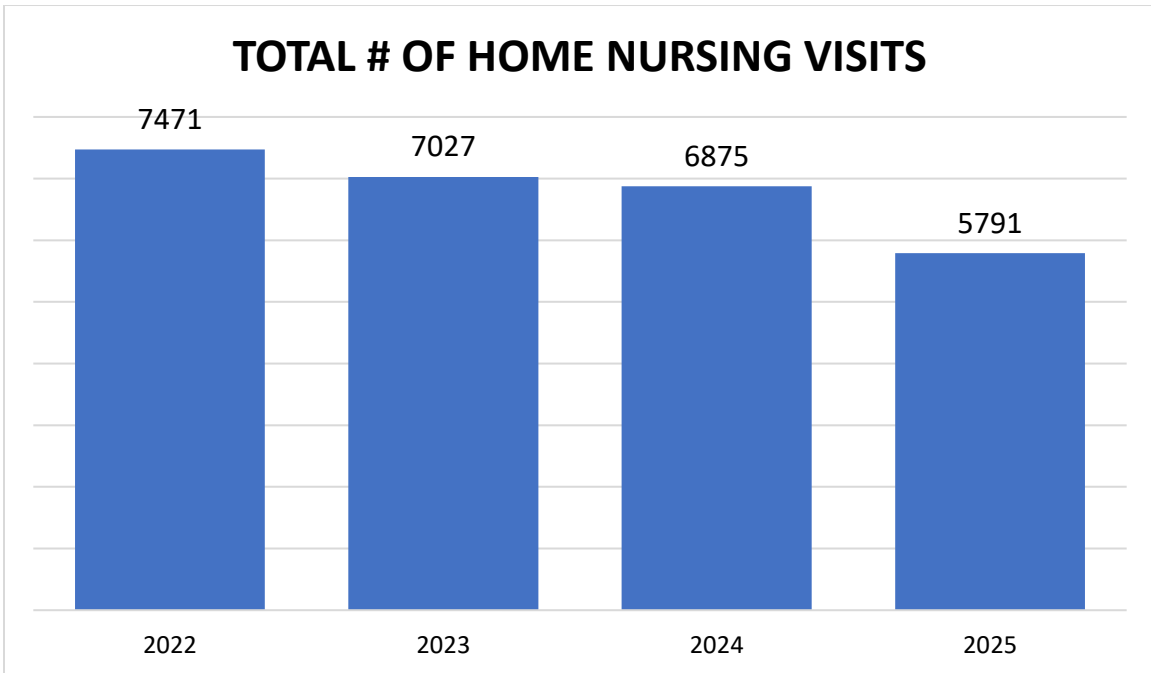


### TOTAL # OF HOME NURSING PATIENTS

■ Active ■ Prospective



### TOTAL # OF HOME NURSING VISITS



# Grant County Hospice

The Grant County Health Department is proud to offer an in-home hospice program. Hospice care services are designed to enhance quality of life while providing compassionate support to patients and their families in the comfort of their own homes or care facilities. Services include skilled nursing visits, care from certified nursing assistants, bereavement support, and volunteer services such as respite care.

The Grant County Hospice team consists of two nurses specially trained in hospice care, a hospice social worker, dedicated volunteers, a local pharmacist who specializes in compounding hospice-specific medications, a medical director, a spiritual counselor, and nurse practitioners. All staff members are local to Grant County and are deeply committed to supporting their patients and families.

In addition, Home Nursing staff are trained in hospice care and participate in the hospice on-call rotation. This ensures that all patients receiving care through the Health Department have access to a nurse at any time—day or night, including weekends and holidays.

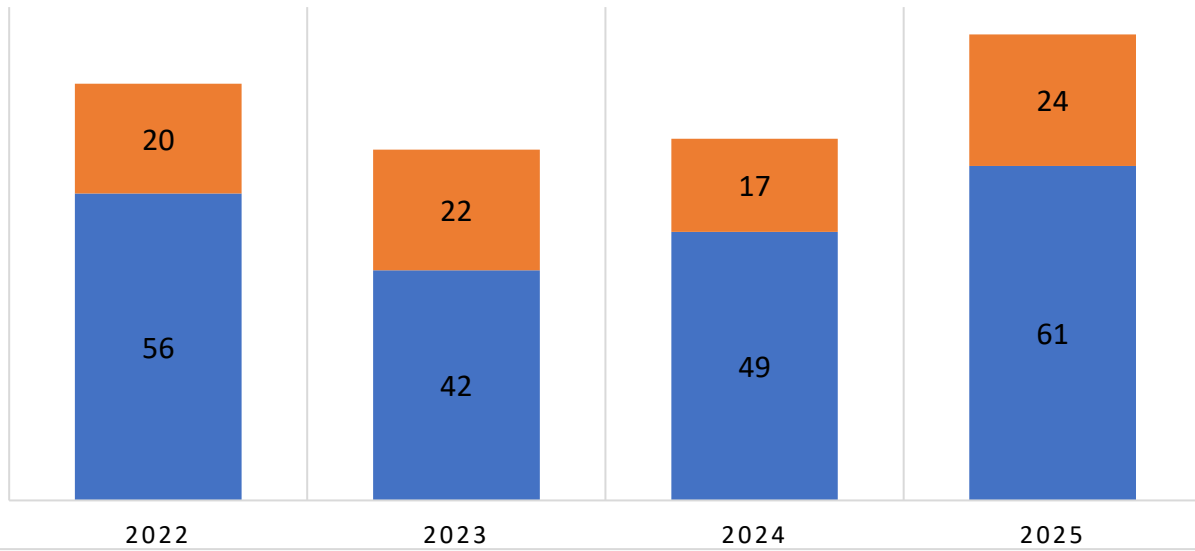
Each year Grant County Hospice holds a Service of Remembrance. This service is put together by staff to honor the patients whom had passed during that year. During the 2025 Service of Remembrance, 43 patients were honored. This is an increase from the 34 patients honored during the 2024 service.

Hospice numbers increased for 2025, as noted in the graphs below.

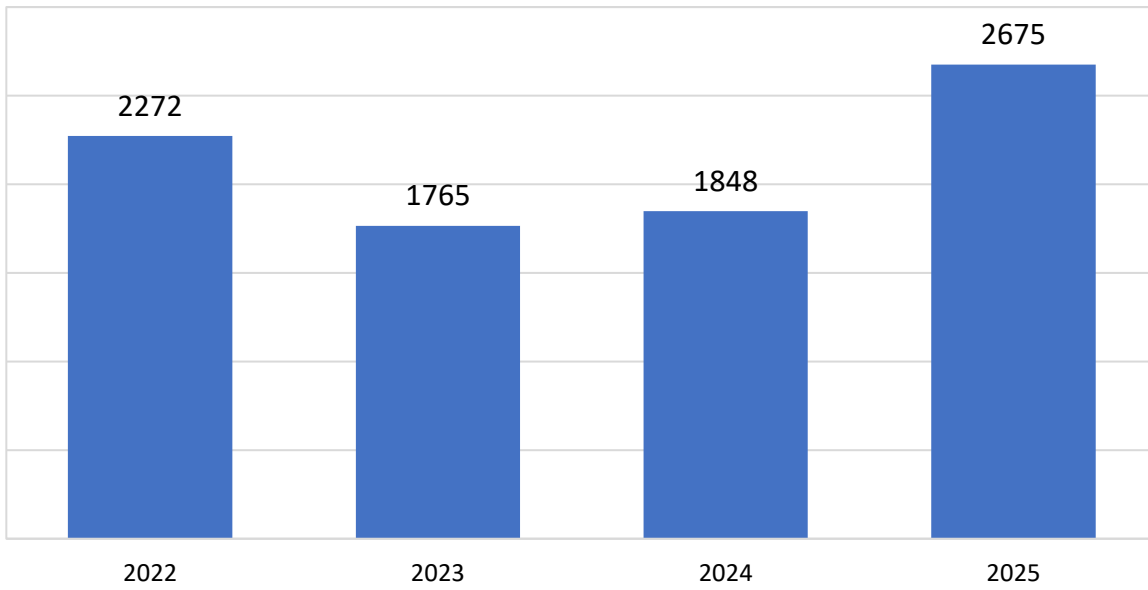


### TOTAL # OF HOSPICE PATIENTS

■ Active ■ Prospective



### TOTAL # OF HOSPICE VISITS



A notable award new to 2025 was that the Grant County Home Care and Hospice agencies were voted on and awarded the *Shopping News* “Best of the Best”.



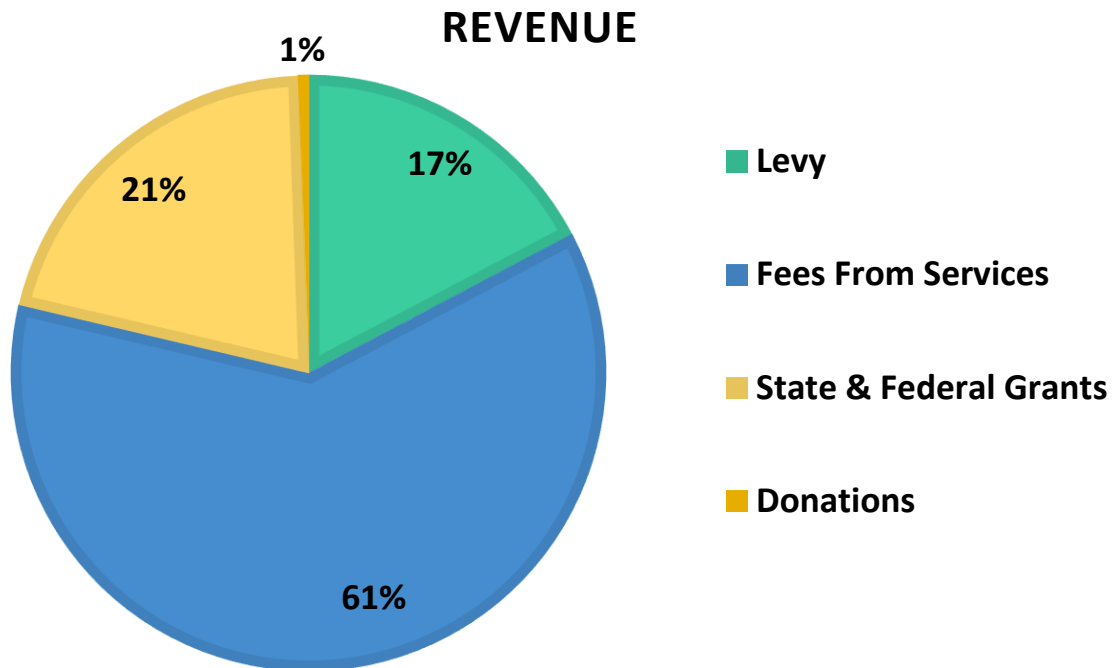
One of our very own Hospice Nurses, Kim Martens, was also nominated for the “Best Nurse” category!

# Budget Charts

All numbers used for the graphs are from Tyler Munis using the Year-To-Date Budget Report ran 04/22/2026 for budget year 2025-13

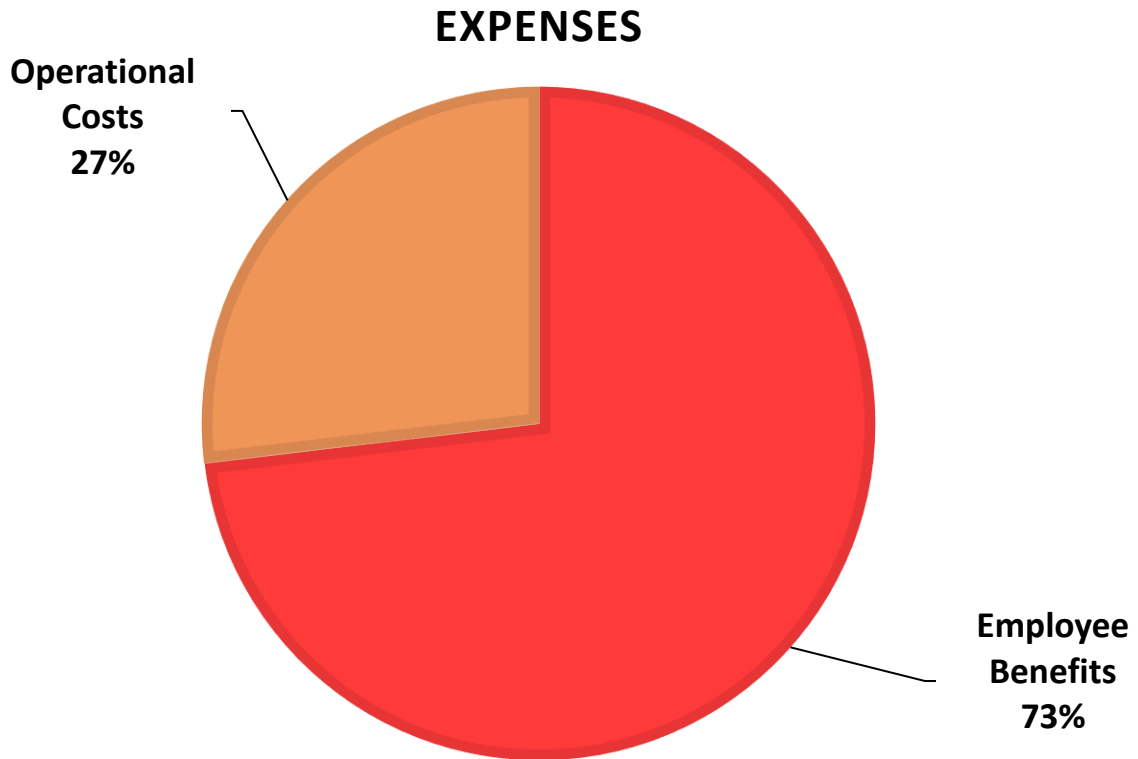
## Revenue Sources

Levy	<b>Total requested: \$745,525</b> <b>Total used: \$617,600</b>	
Fees From Services <b>Total: \$2,191,423</b>	PH, PC, Health Check, EH, Loan Closet: \$399,126 Home Nursing: \$917,643 Hospice: \$746,186 COVID (immunizations): \$128,468	
State & Federal Grants <b>Total: \$740,663</b>	PH: \$95,532 WIC: \$265,256 Immunization: \$17,253 EH: \$16,837 MCH: \$33,832 Lead: \$10,722	Tobacco: \$2,500 Car Seat: \$3,308 BIOT: \$65,365 COVID(ARPA): \$220,319 Radon: \$9,739
Donations <b>Total: \$20,205</b>	Hospice: \$13,030 Rural Safety Day: \$7,175	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,569,891</b>	

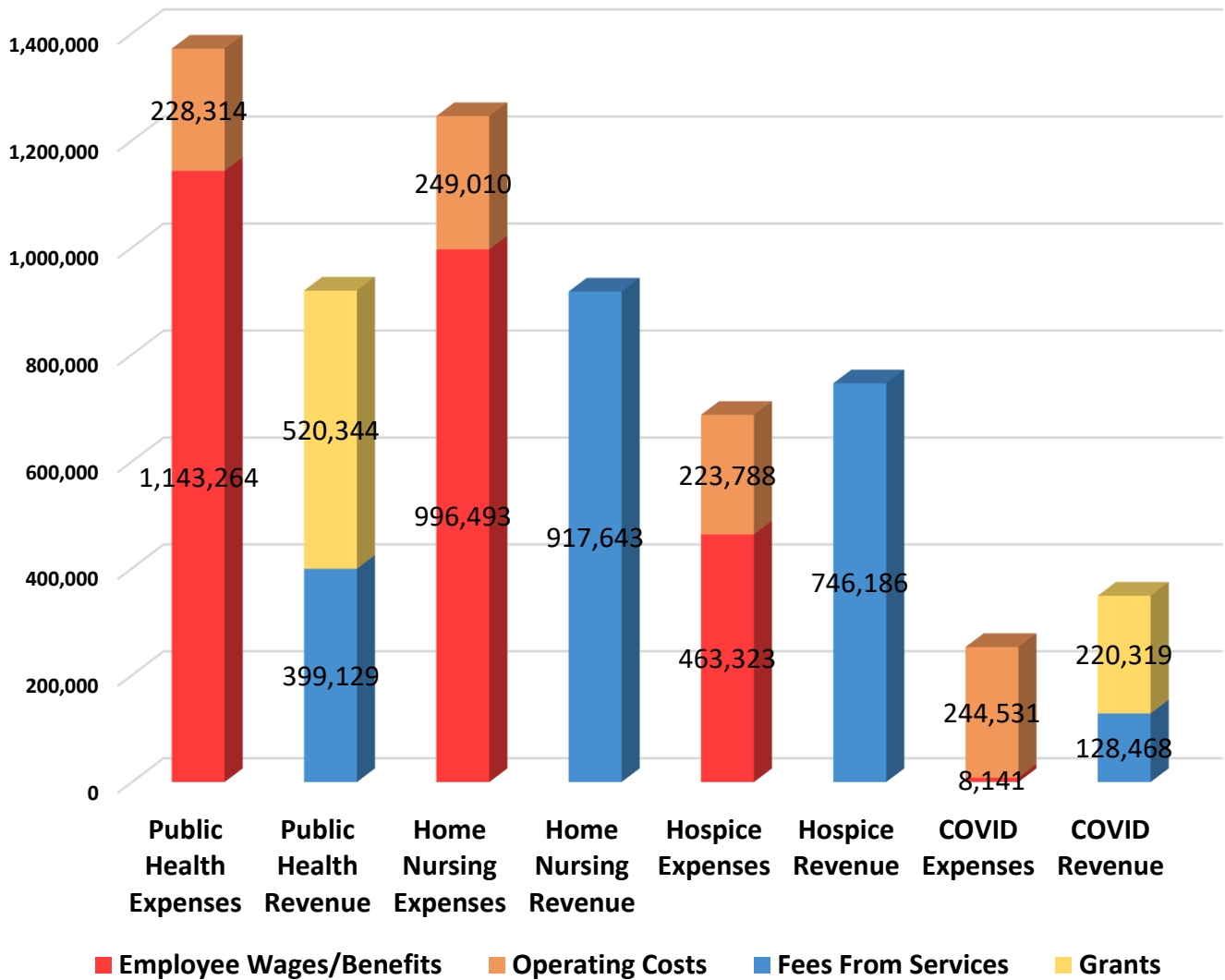


## Expenses

Total Employee Benefits  <b>Total: \$2,611,221</b>	<b>PH</b> (Health Check, Imm, EH, MCH, Lead, Radon, Tobacco, Loan Closet, BIOT): <b>\$956,344</b> <b>WIC: \$186,920</b> <b>Home Nursing: \$996,493</b> <b>Hospice: \$463,323</b> <b>COVID: 8,141</b>
Total Operational Costs  <b>Total: \$959,668</b>	<b>PH</b> (Health Check, Imm, EH, MCH, Lead, Radon, Tobacco, Loan Closet, BIOT): <b>\$165,232</b> <b>WIC: \$63,082</b> <b>Home Nursing: \$249,010</b> <b>Hospice: \$223,788</b> <b>COVID: \$244,531</b> <b>Other</b> (Rural Safety, Education, WWWP, Hospice Donations, PC): <b>\$14,025</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$3,570,889</b>



## Expenses vs Revenue per Program





**WE LOVE OUR HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS!**



April is Volunteer Appreciation Month, and we are so grateful for all our volunteers!



Jane



Dorothy



Sam



Pam



Nicole



Mary



Doreen



Joleen

If you have an interest in helping others and sharing your time, contact us about becoming a Hospice Volunteer today!



Join Grant County Partners for a

**BACK TO SCHOOL**

Resource Fair



Monday August 25

4:00-6:00 PM

Youth and Ag Building  
Grant County  
Fairgrounds  
916 Elm St.  
Lancaster

LIGHT MEAL, DOOR PRIZES, BOUNCE HOUSE, ICE CREAM TRUCK, ALONG WITH:

- RESERVED BACKPACK PICK-UP
- CHILDHOOD/SCHOOL VACCINES
- AREA RESOURCES
- HAIRCUTS



Reserve a haircut here

To reserve a backpack Scan code with phone camera by 8/14



or 608-723-2136 EXT. 1102



**MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC**



- Grant County Health Dept: 111 S Jefferson St. Floor 2 Lancaster
- Friday, May 2nd
- Call the health department at 608-723-6416 to schedule an appointment



**WHO IS ELLIGIBLE?**

- Children age 1-4
- Pregnant women
- Women up to 1 year postpartum

**NO COST FOR SERVICE IF YOU HAVE BADGERCARE!**

If you do not have BadgerCare, a complimentary screening, cleaning, and fluoride varnish will be donated to you. For additional cleanings and other elective services, see fee schedule below

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

- Oral Screenings
- Dental Cleanings
- Fluoride Varnish
- Oral Hygiene Instruction
- Sealant Placement
- Silver Diamine Fluoride
- Dental Referrals

- Oral Screenings \$19.00
- Dental Cleanings \$43.00
- Fluoride Application \$23.00
- Sealants \$28.00/tooth
- Silver Diamine Fluoride \$28 for 2 (2 Applications Required)

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Grant County Hospice Website: [Grant County Hospice](#)



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**Thank you for reading this report, The Grant County Health Department remains dedicated to meeting the evolving healthcare needs of our community, striving to improve accessibility, quality of care, and overall public health outcomes.**

*Thank you*