

North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors Legislative Priorities - 2025

- <u>Recurring Local Public Health Funding</u> Seek legislation providing \$25 million in recurring state funding for local public health foundational capabilities and essential services, such as communicable disease response
- <u>Addressing Youth Smoking and Vaping</u>
 Support proposed legislation to amend North Carolina's youth access law to protect children and youth from vaping and nicotine addiction
- 3. Public Health Accreditation

Support legislation that restores state funding for accreditation for local health departments and to the Association of North Carolina Boards of Health for training activities required for accreditation

4. Community Health Grant Funding

Seek legislation to direct \$2.5 million of the currently appropriated community health grant funding to support local health departments providing primary and maternity care for uninsured patients

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