Informatics Office
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The Informatics Office of the Business Applications Management section of the Division of Information Resources Management builds and maintains computer software application systems to support public health, particularly in the areas of communicable and chronic disease surveillance, emergency preparedness and response, Public Health Laboratories (PHL) operations, environmental health surveillance, and vital statistics.

Key Statewide Systems

- Public Health Issues Management System (PHIMS) – disease reporting system
- Public Health Reporting of Electronic Data (PHRED) – electronic laboratory reporting system
- Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) – PHL information system
- Secure Electronic Communication, Urgent Response and Exchange System (SECURES) – health communication and emergency alerting system
- Community Health Assessment Tool (CHAT) – assessment data system
- Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS) – on-line death registration system
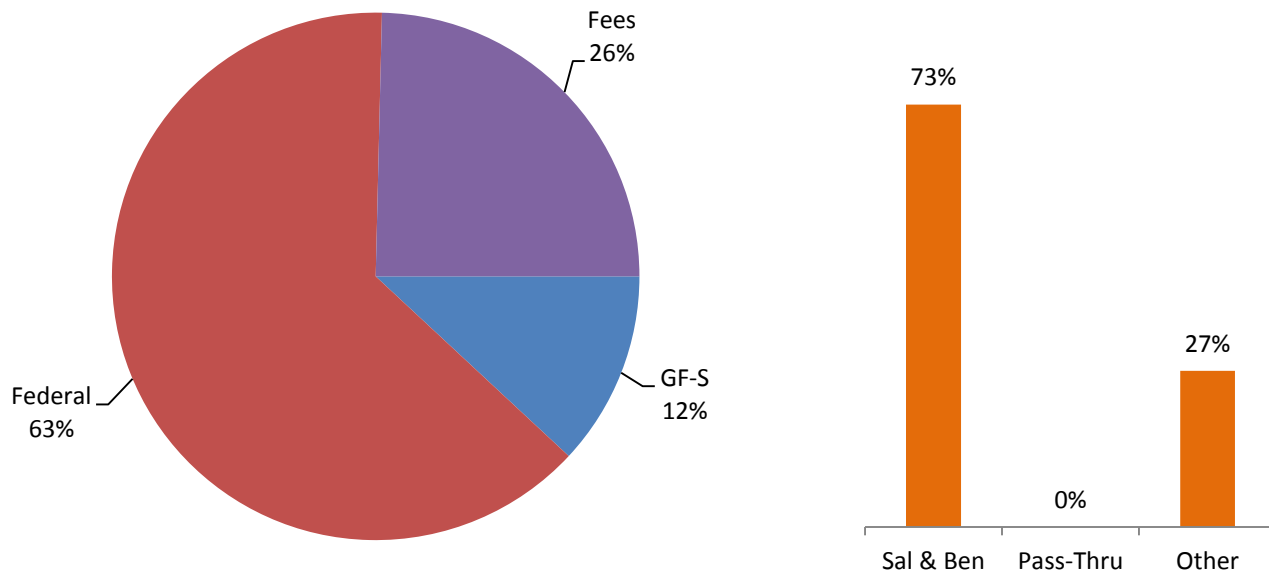- Birth Registration 3 (BR3) – on-line birth records management system

Services

- Database development, analysis, and the use of statistical or analytical software
- Development of Web pages or other electronic communication channels to disseminate healthcare information to the general public or the professional community
- Ongoing development and support of the programs in use by the Center for Health Statistics in tracking and maintaining vital records
- Creation and support of emergency alerting and other health communication networks
- Management of health records privacy through security credentials (such as Transact Washington) and the integration of these functions into data and program access
- Support of the computerization of the Washington Public Health Laboratories
- Advocacy, adoption, and support of national standards for health information records and interchange
- Development and maintenance of databases for tracking and analyzing health threats

Stakeholders

- Local health jurisdictions
- Hospitals and health care practicioners
- Laboratories
- Funeral homes and coroner's offices
- Schools
- Tribes
- Military

Informatics Office Fiscal Information

	GF-S	Federal	Dedicated	Fees	Total	Sal & Ben	Pass-Thru	Other
Total	780,000	4,149,000	0	1,610,000	6,539,000	4,762,000	27,000	1,750,000

Recent Funding History

2007-09 biennium:
- One-time GF-S reduction of $117,000 in FY09 in response to OFM's request (ESHB 1694)

2009-11 biennium:
- Ongoing GF-S reduction of $315,000 related to Governor's directed freeze and 1 percent cut
- Federal funding reduced by (3 percent) from 2007-09 to 2009-11 and (15 percent) from 2009-11 to 2011-13

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