

WHAT IS PUBLIC HEALTH And Why does it Matter?

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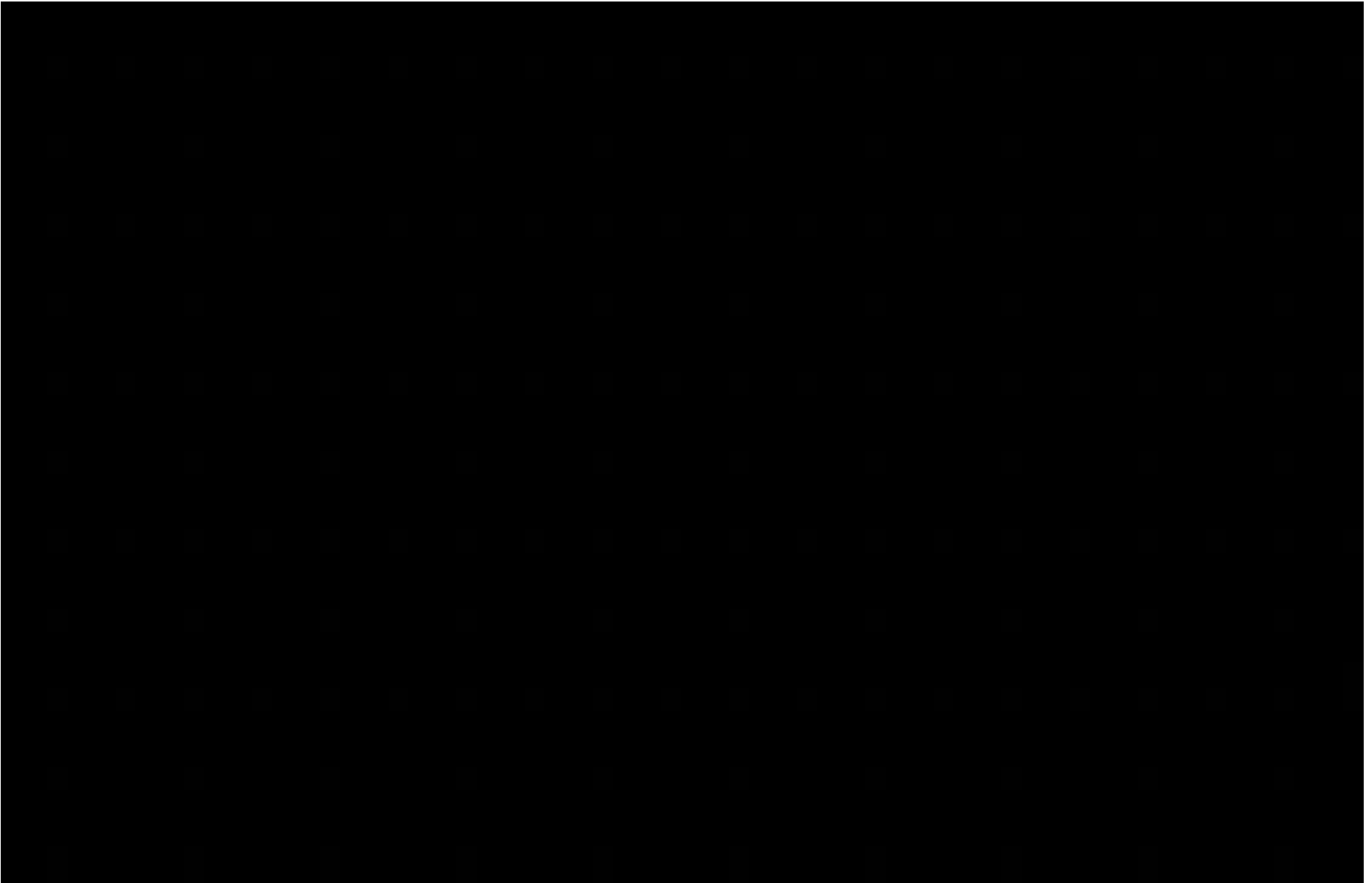


What is Public Health?



The bicycle helmet you wear
Disease detection
The flu shot you received
The healthy diet you follow
Health information you rely on
The clean water you drink
The seat belt you use
The accident you never had
Cigarettes you never smoked
Health insurance you have
Diseases you never caught
Immunizations you received
The exercise plan you do daily
The Clean in-door air you breathe
The polio vaccine that has saved millions
The fluoride in your drinking water
The hospital stay you haven't
Public pools and beaches you swim
Safe camps that you vacation in
Health screenings made available to you
Emergency Preparedness
Pre-hospital care you receive

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Definitions of Public Health

“What we do collectively as a society to assure the conditions in which people can stay healthy.”

Institute of Medicine 1988

“The science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through the organized efforts and informed choices of society, organizations, public and private, communities and individuals.”

C. E. A. Winslow, 1920

What Does Public Health Do?



• **Children's Health**

- Children's Medical Services
 - Asthma, neurological disorders, etc.
- Immunization
- Injury Prevention
- Lead Poisoning
- Nutrition and Physical Activity
- Oral Health
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- School Health
- Adolescent Health and Youth Development

• **Women's Health**

- Family Planning
- Perinatal Health
- Pregnancy-related Services
- Breast and Cervical Cancer Program

• **Chronic and Communicable Disease Prevention**

- Sexually Transmitted Diseases & Infections (STDs/STIs)
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
- Tuberculosis (TB)
- Comprehensive Cancer Control
- Immunization
- Cardiovascular Disease

• **Environmental Health**

- Restaurant inspections
- Septic Tanks and Wells
- Swimming Pools
- Tourist Accommodations
- Body Art Parlors

WHAT IS SPECIAL IN LCHD?

- STAFF WITH 100 YEARS COMBINED PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERIENCE



- DENTAL CLINIC



- LOW BIRTH WEIGHT INITIATIVE



- SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER

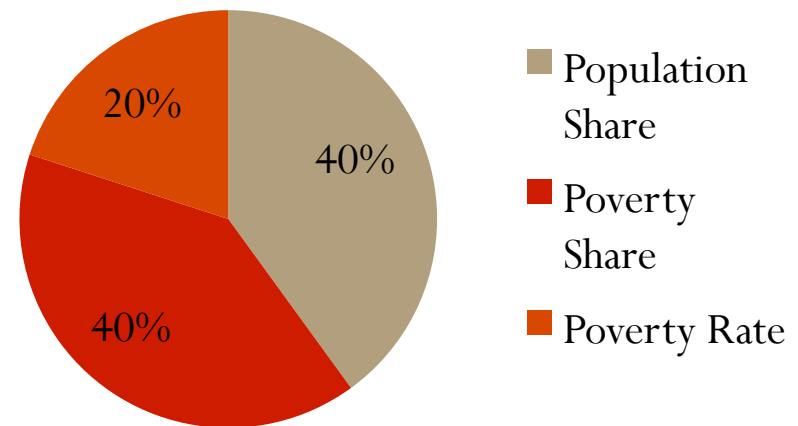


Health Department Budgets: GGIA

- **General Grant-In-Aid (GGIA)**
 - Provided by the state to the counties to allow expansion of the provision of services
 - Is not intended to replace local funding
- **Programmatic Grant-In-Aid (PGIA)**
 - Money intended for specific programs (e.g., MCH, EP)
 - Given to the state from the federal government
 - Some reductions have occurred

General Grant-In-Aid

Implemented October 2011

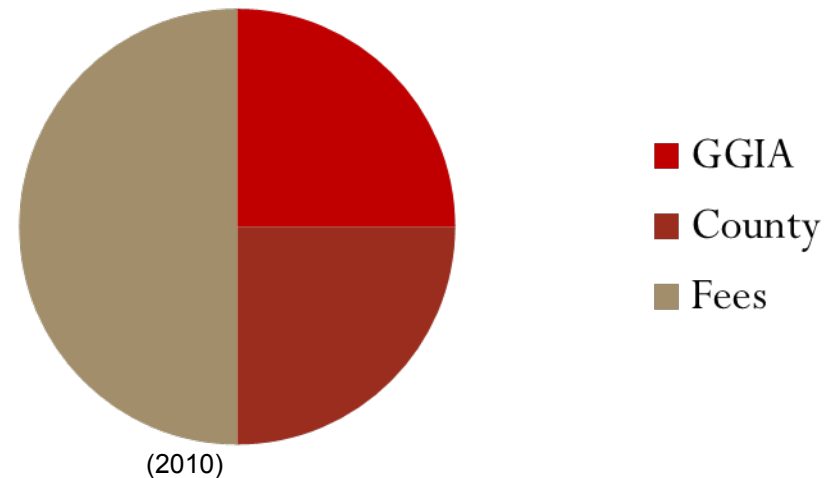


Health Department Budgets

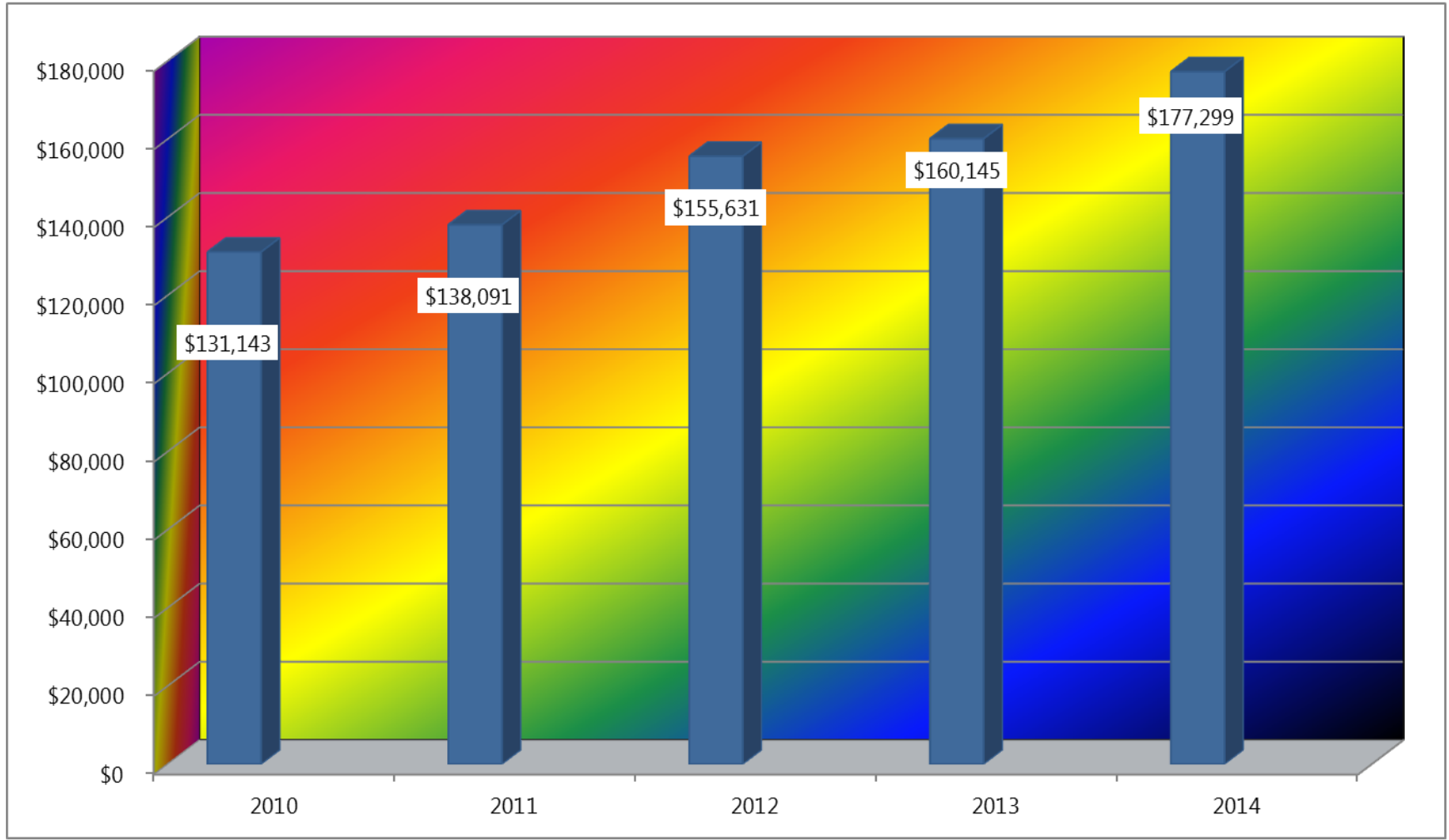
- **Operating budgets of health departments come from:**

Typical Health Department Funding

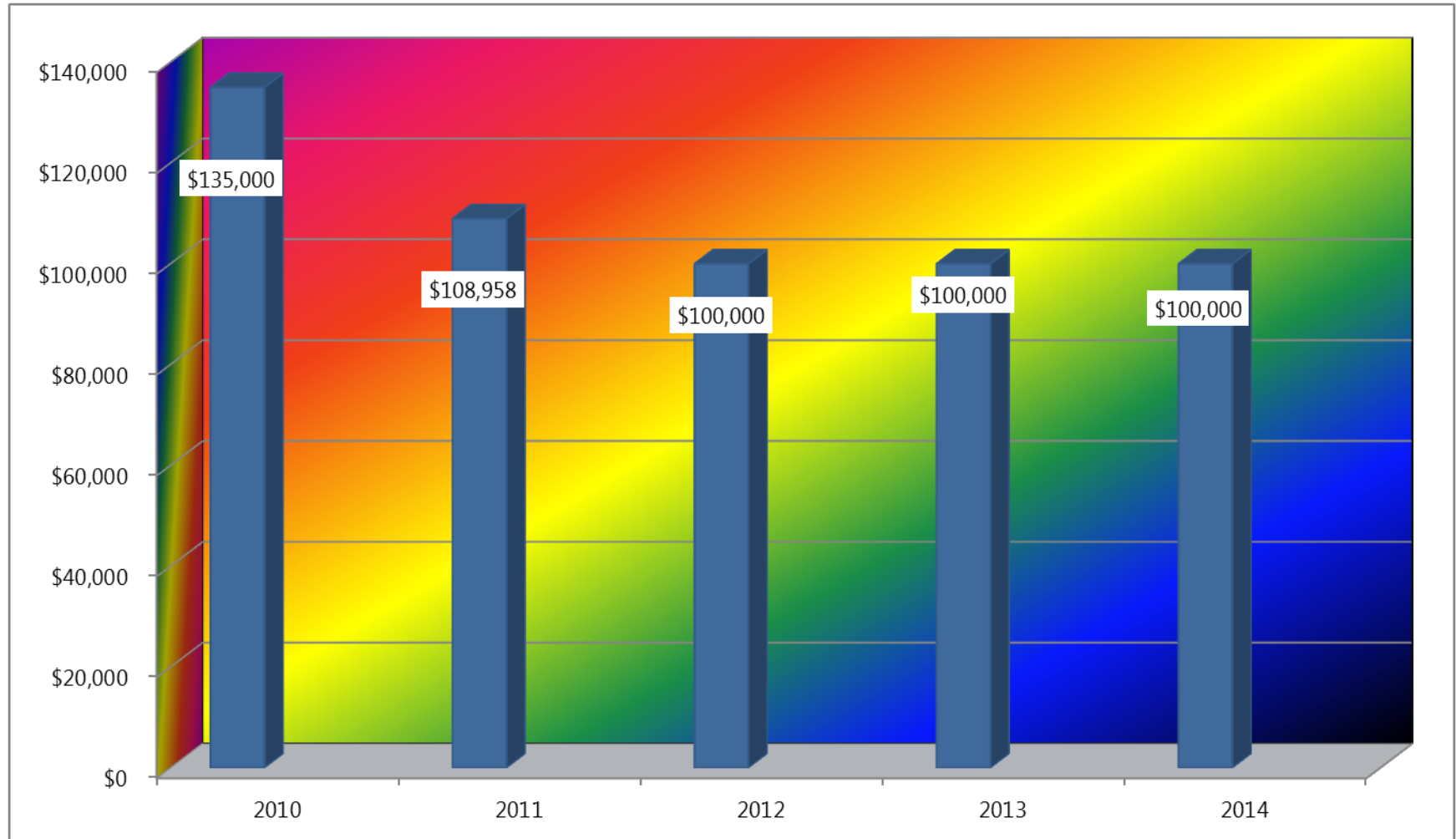
- **GGIA funding [20-40%]**
- **County contributions**
- **Fees (minimal and variable) [20-50%]**



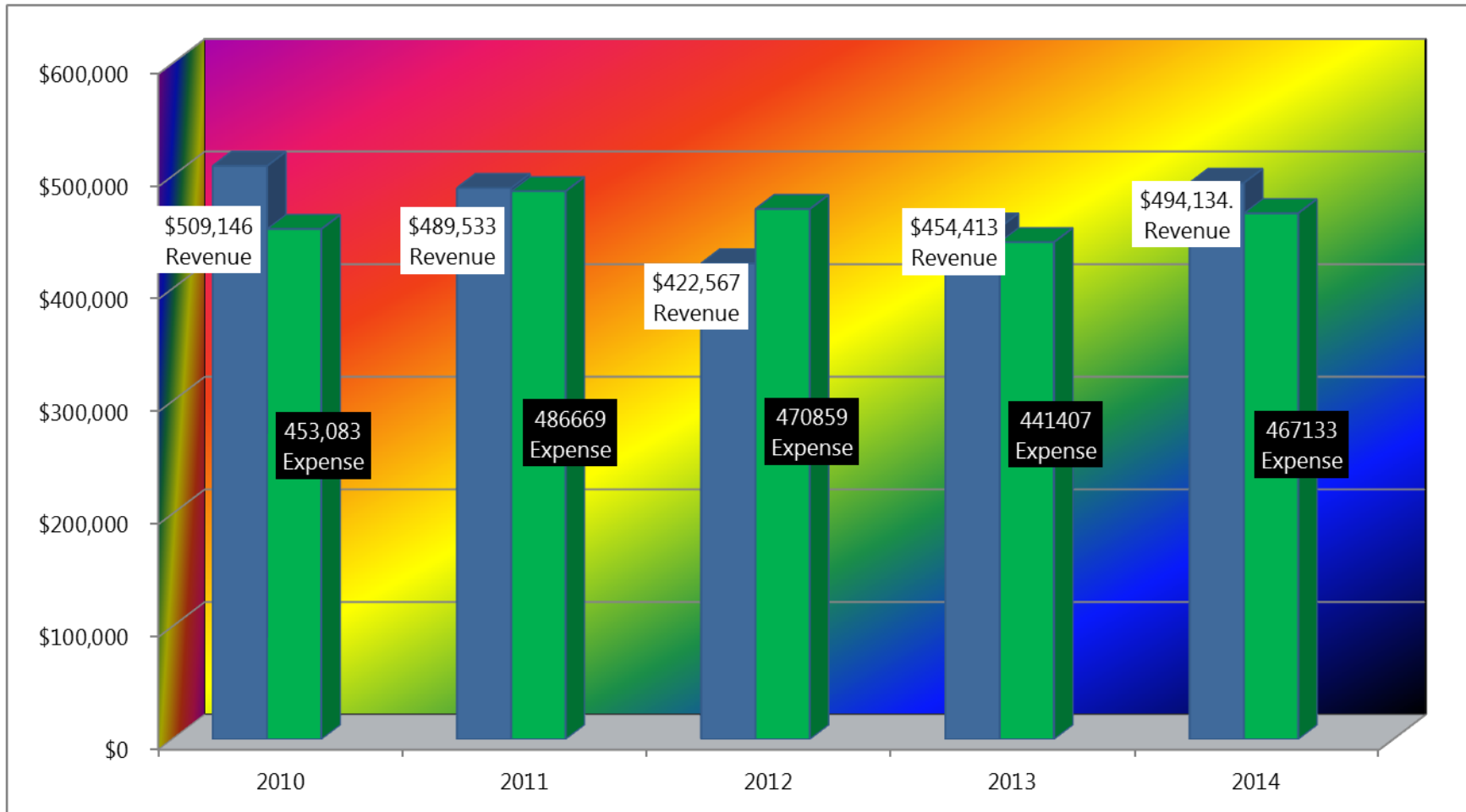
Lamar County Health Department Grant-in-Aid 2010-2014



Lamar County Health Department County Participating 2010-2014



Lamar County Health Department Fee Income/Expenses FY 2010-2014



Key Factors

- Local health departments are the “best kept secret” unless there is a major event
 - Facilities work diligently and quietly to keep their community healthy and safe
- Core services are threatened with the risk of more extensive budget cuts
- A general sense of poor health in the community affects overall economic viability of the community



GOALS FOR 2015

1. Continue quality services
2. Continue to seek out innovative services to meet the needs of our community
3. Maintain a positive cash flow, with focus on increasing revenue
4. Improve our facility



We Protect Lives.