

Policy Guidelines for the Public Health Trust

- **The purpose of the Public Health Trust is to provide a vehicle for the dissemination of settlement funds from health-related litigation.**
- **All activities funded must have a nexus or connection to the issue upon which the lawsuit was based. The funds should be used to address the public harm allegedly caused by the defendant in the case.**
- **The Public Health Trust will be guided by principles of fairness, transparency and accountability.**
- **The Public Health Trust will be guided by the requirements of the settlement order which created the funds to be distributed.**
- **For most settlements, the process by which grants are made will be a rigorous, competitive process, informed and supported by experts in philanthropy and in the area of public health and/or health and environment to which the funds will be directed. The process will be open to public scrutiny and public notice will be given of all programs proposed and all grants made.**
- **Grantees must enter into a grant agreement and comply with the fiscal and programmatic reporting requirements of the agreement, or risk being required to return the funds to the Public Health Trust.**