

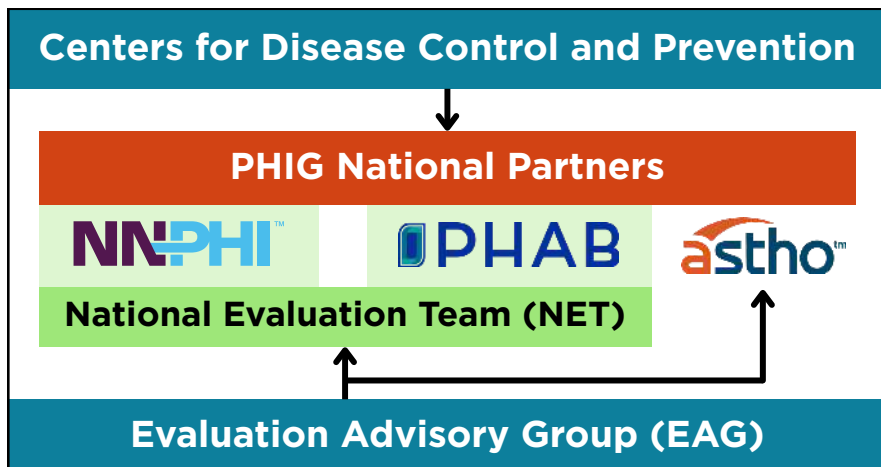
Public Health Infrastructure Grant (PHIG) National Evaluation

Introduction to the National Evaluation Team (NET) and the Evaluation Advisory Group (EAG)

In partnership with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) and the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) collaboratively lead the National Evaluation Team (NET). The NET plans and implements a user-engaged evaluation of the [Public Health Infrastructure Grant \(PHIG\)](#) guided by the [CDC Framework for Program Evaluation in Public Health](#).

PHIG National Partners - NNPHI, PHAB, and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) - are committed to minimizing PHIG recipient burden.

The national PHIG evaluation is coordinated across partners, prioritizing the use of existing data sources and mitigating duplicative and unnecessary data collection.



General organizational structure of PHIG, the NET, and the EAG

Evaluation Advisory Group Overview

Throughout 2023 and 2024, the NET actively engaged grant recipients, national partners, CDC staff, evaluation subject matter experts, and other organizations to develop a user-engaged evaluation plan and formed an **Evaluation Advisory Group (EAG)**.

The PHIG EAG is composed of individuals and organizations that will actively use the evaluation findings. Membership is open to **PHIG recipients, health department staff, CDC staff, national public health organizations, community partners, and affiliated members.**

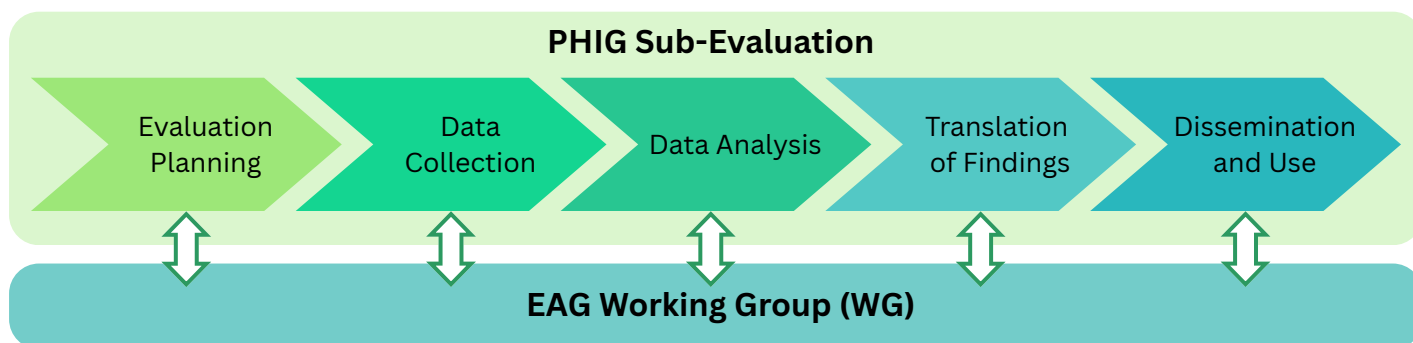
Facilitated by the NET, the EAG provides a structured mechanism for participants to have input into how the evaluation is designed and implemented, ensuring their perspectives and needs are considered at every stage.

How Can I Participate?

1. **Stay Connected:** Subscribe to the [EAG Listserv](#) and add EAG@nnphi.org to your email contacts to ensure you don't miss EAG updates and opportunities.
2. **Get Involved:** Complete the [EAG Working Group Interest Form](#) to indicate your interest in a specific working group or volunteer for special evaluation review requests. Individuals will be selected and invited to join working groups on a rolling basis.
3. **Spread the Word:** Share information about the PHIG EAG with your colleagues and network! Your support is vital to ensure that the evaluation truly reflects the grant's impact.

PHIG Sub-Evaluations and EAG Working Groups

During the first two years of PHIG, the NET convened over 16 meetings that engaged more than 350 national evaluation users, including members of the EAG, which led to the identification of priority topics to be explored by sub-evaluations. PHIG sub-evaluations will be released as a request for proposals (RFP) on a rolling basis.



Each sub-evaluation will be advised by an EAG working group (WG). WG members will be key contributors to the sub-evaluation, offering their expertise and lived experiences to inform evaluation strategies, refine data collection methods, and ensure that the information produced by the sub-evaluations is timely, relevant, and useful. The anticipated time commitment for participating in a working group is 1-3 hours per month. WGs will be engaged throughout the life course of a sub-evaluation, anticipated to last between 18-24 months.

Sub-Evaluation Topics

As of early 2025, the two sub-evaluations and EAG WGs underway are:

1. Workforce Sub-Evaluation: Assessing the Effectiveness of PHIG Workforce Strategies
2. Indirectly/Unfunded Sub-Evaluation: Assessing the Impact of PHIG on Indirectly and Unfunded Health Departments (HD)



Upcoming Sub-Evaluations and Working Groups

In Year 3, additional RFPs will be released for sub-evaluations that will focus on training and technical assistance (TTA), community partnerships, foundational capabilities, and data modernization.

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Questions about the EAG?
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