

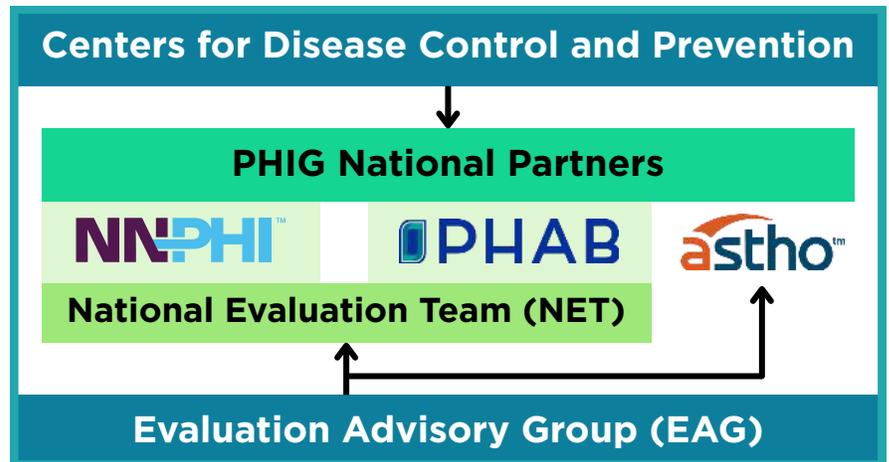
Public Health Infrastructure Grant (PHIG) National Evaluation

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) – work together to coordinate the national evaluation.

By prioritizing the use of existing data sources, we're working to mitigate duplicative data collection, minimizing the burden on PHIG recipients.



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

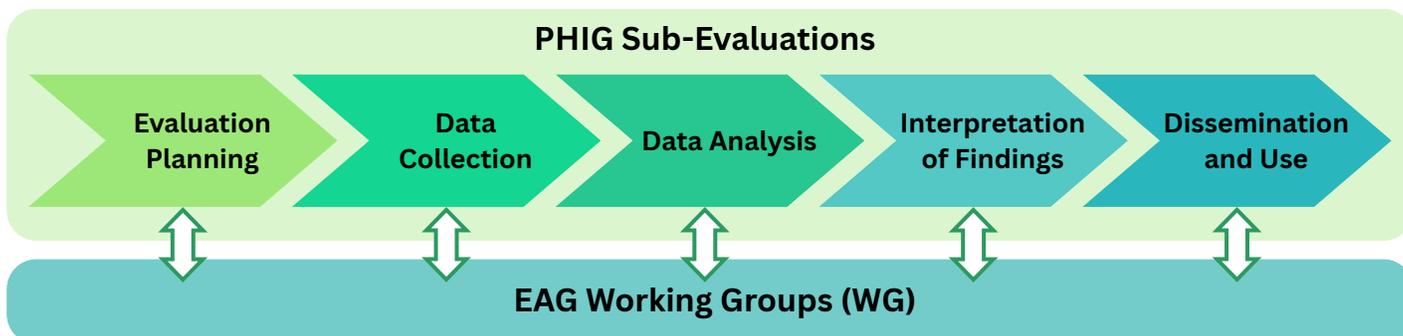
Facilitated by the NET, the EAG provides opportunities for participants to share input on how the national evaluation is designed and implemented, ensuring their perspectives and needs are considered at every stage.

How Can I Participate?

- 1. Stay Connected:** Subscribe to the [EAG Listserv](#), then add EAG@nnphi.org to your email contacts to ensure you don't miss EAG updates and opportunities.
- 2. Get Involved:** Interested in joining an EAG working group or volunteering for special evaluation review requests? Complete the [EAG Working Group Interest Form](#). Participants 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 more than 16 meetings that engaged more than 350 national evaluation users, including members of the EAG. Through this process, we identified priority topics to be explored by sub-evaluations. PHIG sub-evaluations will be released as a request for proposals (RFP) on a rolling basis.



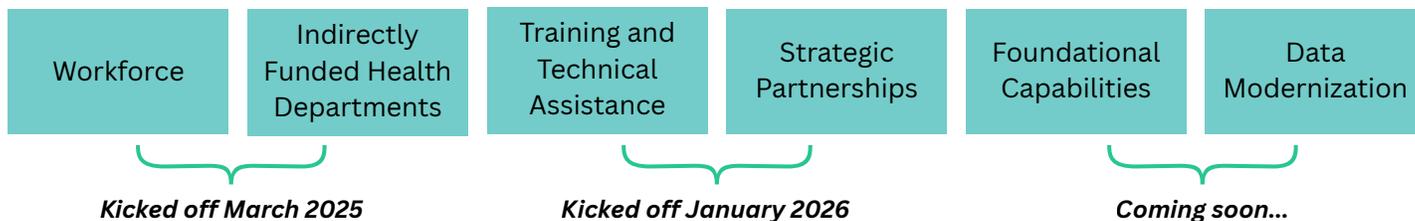
Each sub-evaluation will be advised by an EAG working group (WG). WG members will be key contributors to the sub-evaluation, offering their expertise and lived experiences to inform evaluation strategies, refine data collection methods, and ensure that the information produced by the sub-evaluations 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 approximately 18 months.

Planned Sub-Evaluation Topics and WGs

As of early 2026, these sub-evaluation topics and WGs are underway:

- **Workforce:** Assessing the Effectiveness of PHIG Workforce Strategies.
- **Indirectly Funded Health Departments:** Assessing the Impact of PHIG on Indirectly Funded and Supported Health Departments.
- **Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Outcomes:** Assessing how PHIG-funded TTA activities enhance recipient capacity, support workforce development, and advance public health infrastructure goals.
- **Strategic Partnerships:** Assessing PHIG-funded initiatives aimed at strengthening and sustaining partnerships across public and private agencies and a range of non-governmental partners, including businesses, healthcare organizations, nonprofits, faith-based groups, and community members.

We're inviting new members to participate in these WGs on a rolling basis, as well as recruiting members for upcoming WGs focusing on foundational capabilities and data modernization.



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