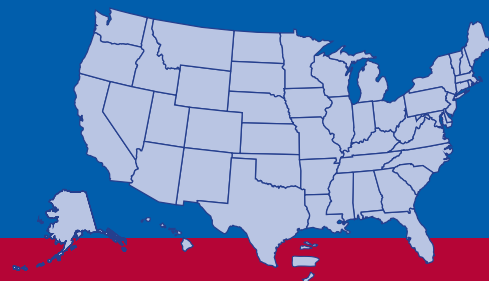


# PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (PHEP) PROGRAM



## AMERICAN SAMOA

### PHEP Then

In response to the deadly events of September 11, 2001, and the subsequent anthrax attacks, Congress established a new program to help health departments across the nation prepare for emergencies. Since then CDC's [Public Health Emergency Preparedness \(PHEP\) program](#) has partnered with state, local, and territorial public health departments to prepare for, withstand, and recover from potentially devastating public health emergencies.

Every year since, the PHEP program has provided vital resources to ensure communities can effectively respond to infectious disease outbreaks, natural disasters, and chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear events.

### PHEP Now

In 2018, PHEP provided \$620 million across public health departments to improve response readiness. Funds are also used to support epidemiologists (disease detectives), lab staff, planners, and other preparedness staff on the ground.

In the future, CDC will continue supporting PHEP recipients by sharing technical expertise, best practices, and lessons learned, along with tools and resources to identify and address gaps.

### Learn More

For more information about the PHEP Program, visit [www.cdc.gov/cpr/map.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/cpr/map.htm).

## AT A GLANCE

### In American Samoa

- ▶ 55,519 residents
- Frequent Public Health Emergencies**
  - ▶ Tsunami
  - ▶ Flooding
  - ▶ Tropical Storms/Hurricanes

### Key Emergency Operations Center Activations

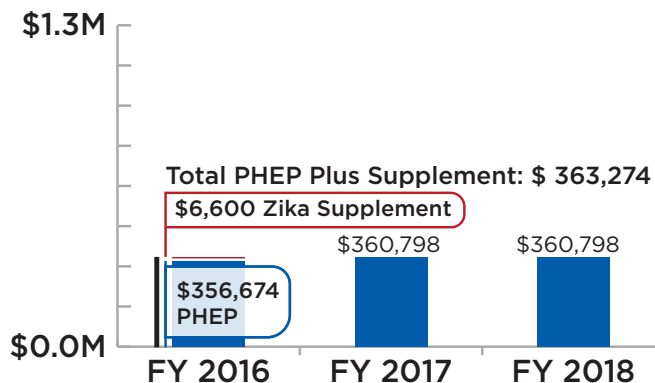
- ▶ 2014: Severe Storms, Flooding, & Landslides
- ▶ 2015: Tropical Cyclone Tuni

PHEP funds programs and activities that build and strengthen the nation's preparedness for public health emergencies.

### Preparedness and Response Funding Snapshot

**FY 2018 PHEP \$360,798**

Base Plus Population \$360,798  
Cities Readiness Initiative \$—  
Level 1 Chemical Lab \$—



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## PHEP IN ACTION—REDUCING ZIKA TRANSMISSION



The Zika virus outbreak began in American Samoa in January 2016. The territory has used PHEP funds to conduct mosquito control activities and staff a response team to help stop the spread of the virus. PHEP funds also supported distributing Zika Prevention Kits, outreach to pregnant women, and clearing of standing water from communities to prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs.

CDC identified 15 public health preparedness capabilities critical to public health preparedness.

### 2018 AMERICAN SAMOA TOP PHEP CAPABILITY INVESTMENTS

1. Community Preparedness
2. Community Recovery
3. Emergency Public Information and Warning
4. Information Sharing
5. Responder Safety and Health

For a complete list of all 15 public health preparedness capabilities, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/cpr/readiness/capabilities.htm>.

**Medical Countermeasure Readiness: Ensuring that medicine and supplies get to those who need them most during an emergency.**

#### KEY STRENGTH

Close relationship with healthcare partners

#### KEY CHALLENGE

Lack of plans for the health needs of critical infrastructure staff

PHEP funds support staff who have expertise in many different areas.

PHEP-Funded Staff	2017
CDC Field Staff	2
Educators	–
Epidemiologists	–
Health Professionals	–
Laboratorians	–
Other Staff	4

**In an emergency, it is critical that staff can meet quickly to plan for, lead, and manage a public health response.** Public health staff serve as Incident Commanders, Public Information Officers, Planning Section Chiefs, Operations Section Chiefs, and other response roles.

Emergency Operations Coordination	2015	2016	2017
Conducted call-down drills to document the ability to contact responders to activate the emergency operations center	Yes	Yes	Yes



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