

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant

Achieving efficiency and innovation in local public health



About the Grant

The **Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant** provides flexible funding to health departments in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, 5 territories, 3 freely associated states, and 2 tribal nations. With these funds, health departments can:

- **Provide essential public health services** to their communities.
- **Invest where communities need it most**, addressing a wide range of public health priorities.
- **Respond quickly and effectively** to emerging health needs.

Unique Features: Funding Built for Communities

No two communities have the same needs—and those needs can change from year to year. This grant is unique because it:

- **Gives grant recipients the flexibility** to choose how funds are used to protect their community's health, safety, and security.
- **Drives community decision-making** through an advisory committee that shapes the annual work plan, which is shared publicly.
- **Promotes innovation** by enabling recipients to develop and test the effectiveness of new programs, including emergency response.
- **Ensures transparency and accountability** through CDC compliance visits, progress reports, and a custom measurement framework.*

* Source: CDC, PHHS Block Grant Measurement Framework, Version 1.5. www.cdc.gov/phhs-block-grant/php/about

By the Numbers

In 2024, **\$156M** in funding was awarded to health departments nationwide to support critical public health priorities, including:



\$35.8M for chronic disease



\$13.9M for community-based & educational programs



\$9.4M for infectious disease



\$3.6M for food safety



Goal: Better, Faster, Stronger Public Health Systems

This grant helps recipients build stronger public health systems by working towards improvements in:

 **Emerging Needs.** In FY 2022, recipients addressed 118 emerging public health issues—including infectious diseases—by making community-driven decisions to address immediate health, safety, and security challenges.

 **Program Implementation.** More than 80% of grant-funded interventions were evidence-based. They included effective public health programs for issues like injury prevention, tobacco use, and nutrition.

 **Quality Improvement.** More than 700 agencies have improved the efficiency and effectiveness of their operations, programs, and services through performance assessments.

Impact on Communities

This grant improves America's health by empowering communities to address persistent public health challenges like chronic disease, while giving them the flexibility to respond to emerging threats and support innovation. It enables grant recipients to:

- **Strengthen emergency response** to pivot rapidly during public health crises.
- **Close critical gaps** by addressing unfunded or underfunded needs, such as prevention services and outbreak control.
- **Decrease premature death and disability** through expanded access to screening services and programs that support healthier lifestyles.
- **Advance health promotion** by partnering with trusted local organizations, collaborating across sectors, and allocating at least 40% of funding to local health agencies.
- **Test innovative solutions**, with at least 23% of recipients using their funds to launch community programs that address complex public health challenges.

A Closer Look



Recipients use this flexible funding to create real change in their communities. Funds have helped to:

- **Reduce foodborne illness in Missouri.** A statewide program coordinated with 115 health agencies, supported 8 enteric outbreak responses, and conducted more than 1,000 food safety inspections.
- **Protect heart health in Mississippi.** Community health workers reached more than 3,000 patients and delivered 3 evidence-based initiatives focused on high blood pressure and heart disease.
- **Support mental health in North Carolina.** Funds helped launch more than 30 suicide prevention programs at local health departments.