

Connecticut

The Role of Block Grant Funding in Connecticut

In 1981, Congress authorized the Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant. The PHHS Block Grant gives 61 grantees—all 50 states, the District of Columbia, 2 American Indian tribes, and 8 U.S. territories—the flexibility to develop programs to meet local needs.

States are expected to align their programs with the latest Healthy People national goals and objectives and to address basic health concerns related to chronic disease, unintentional injuries, and other areas. The PHHS Block Grant can help states

- Address important health concerns that lack sufficient funding.
- Respond rapidly to emerging health threats in states.
- Meet their own unique public health needs and challenges in innovative and locally defined ways.

PHHS Block Grant Supports Connecticut Healthy People Priorities

Now in its 33rd year, the PHHS Block Grant program uses Healthy People 2020 goals and objectives. In FY 2012, Connecticut used its funds to address 13 health objective priorities.*

| Health Priority | Funding | Percent |
|---|--------------------|---------------|
| Coronary Heart Disease | \$235,354 | 21.8% |
| Falls | \$90,536 | 8.4% |
| School Policies to Protect Against Environmental Hazards | \$90,535 | 8.4% |
| Substandard Housing | \$90,535 | 8.4% |
| Motor Vehicle Deaths | \$90,535 | 8.4% |
| Homicides | \$82,608 | 7.7% |
| Rape or Attempted Rape | \$79,914 | 7.4% |
| Physical Assault by Intimate Partners | \$76,920 | 7.1% |
| Overall Cancer Deaths | \$70,000 | 6.5% |
| Performance Standards | \$64,937 | 6.0% |
| Blood Lead | \$55,389 | 5.1% |
| Public Health Access to Information and Surveillance Data | \$41,449 | 3.8% |
| Melanoma Cancer Deaths | \$10,000 | 0.9% |
| Annual Basic Administration | \$1,000 | 0.1% |
| Total for Connecticut | \$1,079,712 | 100.0% |

* FY 2012 reflects Healthy People 2010 objectives.



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