

# District of Columbia



## The Role of Block Grant Funding in the District of Columbia

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

- Respond rapidly to emerging health threats in states.
- Address important health concerns that lack state funding, such as heart disease and stroke, skin cancer, oral health, child safety, and emergency medical services in rural areas.
- Leverage other funds to increase the benefits of preventive health measures.

## PHHS Block Grant Supports the District of Columbia Healthy People 2010 Priorities

Now in its 30th year, the PHHS Block Grant program currently uses *Healthy People 2010* goals and objectives, but will transition soon to *Healthy People 2020*. In FY 2011, the District of Columbia used its funds to address six health objective priorities.

Health Priority	Funding	Percent
Vegetable intake	\$167,372	28.8%
Overweight or obesity in children and adolescents	\$98,159	16.9%
Fruit intake	\$88,159	15.2%
Physical activity in children and adolescents	\$78,159	13.5%
Moderate physical activity	\$78,152	13.5%
Rape or attempted rape	\$12,609	2.2%
Annual basic administration	\$56,666	9.8%
Sex offense administration	\$1,400	0.2%
<b>Total for District of Columbia</b>	<b>\$580,676</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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**For more information on Healthy People, go to**  
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