

Maryland



The Role of Block Grant Funding in Maryland

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 Maryland Healthy People Priorities

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

Health Priority	Funding	Percent
Coronary Heart Disease	\$1,067,899	75.5%
Comprehensive Epidemiology Services	\$208,837	14.8%
Rape or Attempted Rape	\$138,213	9.8%
Total for Maryland	\$1,414,949	100.0%

* FY 2012 reflects Healthy People 2010 objectives.

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