

# Mississippi



## The Role of Block Grant Funding in Mississippi

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 Mississippi Healthy People Priorities

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

Health Priority	Funding	Percent
Community Water Fluoridation	\$317,403	29.5%
Participation in Employer-Sponsored Health Promotion Activities	\$154,689	14.4%
Overweight or Obesity in Children and Adolescents	\$150,923	14.0%
High Blood Pressure	\$120,238	11.2%
Comprehensive Epidemiology Services	\$84,503	7.8%
School Health Education	\$68,257	6.3%
Rape or Attempted Rape	\$59,712	5.5%
Unintentional Injury Deaths	\$45,000	4.2%
Annual Basic Administration	\$70,135	6.5%
Sex Offense Administration	\$6,634	0.6%
<b>Total for Mississippi</b>	<b>\$1,077,494</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* FY 2012 reflects Healthy People 2010 objectives.

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