

Puerto Rico

The Role of Block Grant Funding in Puerto Rico

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 Puerto Rico Healthy People Priorities

Now in its 33rd year, the PHHS Block Grant program uses Healthy People 2020 goals and objectives. In FY 2012, Puerto Rico used its funds to address 10 health objective priorities.*

Health Priority	Funding	Percent
Healthy Weight in Adults	\$214,687	18.5%
Worksite Health Promotion Programs	\$135,505	11.7%
Colorectal Cancer Deaths	\$135,000	11.6%
Prostate Cancer Deaths	\$135,000	11.6%
Diabetes Education	\$80,000	6.9%
Physical Activity in Adults	\$80,000	6.9%
Rape or Attempted Rape	\$74,976	6.5%
Breast Cancer Deaths	\$70,000	6.0%
Influenza and Pneumococcal Vaccination of High-Risk Adults	\$64,210	5.5%
Dental Sealants	\$9,000	0.8%
Annual Basic Administration	\$107,780	9.3%
Sex Offense Administration	\$8,330	0.7%
Transfer to Another Block Grant	\$46,619	4.0%
Total for Puerto Rico	\$1,161,107	100.0%

* FY 2012 reflects Healthy People 2010 objectives.



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