

Tennessee

The Role of Block Grant Funding in Tennessee

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 Tennessee Healthy People Priorities

Now in its 33rd year, the PHHS Block Grant program currently uses Healthy People 2020 goals and objectives. In FY 2012, Tennessee used its funds to address 12 health objective priorities.*

Health Priority	Funding	Percent
Diabetes	\$225,000	18.2%
Coronary Heart Disease	\$224,072	18.1%
Rape or Attempted Rape	\$141,894	11.5%
Overweight or Obesity in Children and Adolescents	\$130,000	10.5%
Healthy Weight in Adults	\$110,000	8.9%
Deaths from Poisonings	\$100,000	8.1%
Dental Services for Low-Income Children	\$70,000	5.7%
Overall Cancer Deaths	\$65,000	5.3%
Stroke	\$25,000	2.0%
Child Restraints	\$14,407	1.2%
Safety Belts	\$12,029	1.0%
Motor Vehicle Deaths	\$8,000	0.6%
Annual Basic Administration	\$109,278	8.9%
Total for Tennessee	\$1,234,680	100.0%

* FY 2012 reflects Healthy People 2010 objectives.



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