

West Virginia



The Role of Block Grant Funding in West Virginia

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 West Virginia Healthy People Priorities

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

Health Priority	Funding	Percent
Emergency Medical Services	\$256,624	38.6%
School Health Education	\$156,286	23.5%
Community Health Promotion Programs	\$90,000	13.5%
Rape or Attempted Rape	\$82,862	12.5%
Unintentional Injury Deaths	\$78,510	11.8%
Total for West Virginia	\$664,282	100.0%

* FY 2012 reflects Healthy People 2010 objectives.

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