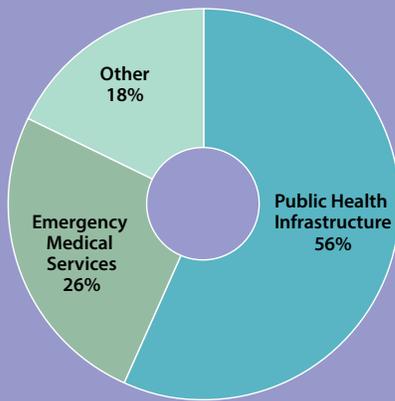


# Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant

## Iowa

### How Iowa Invested PHHS Block Grant Funding

Total FY 2015 Funding: \$1,521,888

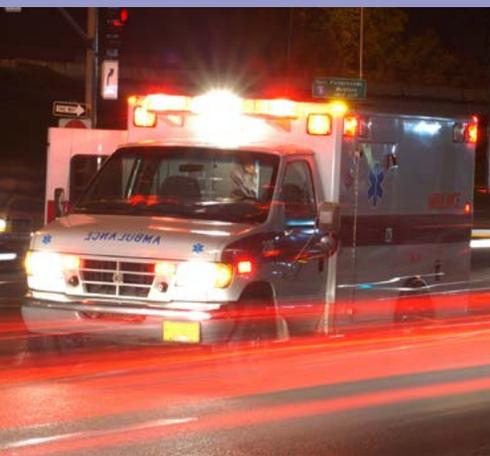


## Making Sure Help Arrives When Residents Call 911

People in Iowa were concerned that if they called 911 for emergency help, they might not get help in time. Iowa state law does not require towns or counties to provide emergency medical services (EMS), and EMS in rural areas receive very little funding. Many EMS providers in the state are volunteers and face challenges related to training and maintaining certification. To help solve this problem, the Iowa Department of Public Health's (IDPH's) Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services uses Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant funds to support EMS staff through various community-based training initiatives.

The funds received from the PHHS Block Grant provide initial training and continuing education for EMS providers. In addition, IDPH uses the PHHS Block Grant to support two EMS field coordinators, train local EMS staff, and collect data to improve EMS system performance and address the education needs of local EMS providers. In 2016, IDPH's EMS field coordinators held workshops throughout the state, providing initial EMS training for about 200 new recruits. These new recruits will help fill gaps in the EMS volunteer workforce and replace EMS workers who are retiring.

Because of the PHHS Block Grant, more Iowans will have emergency medical services when they need them the most.



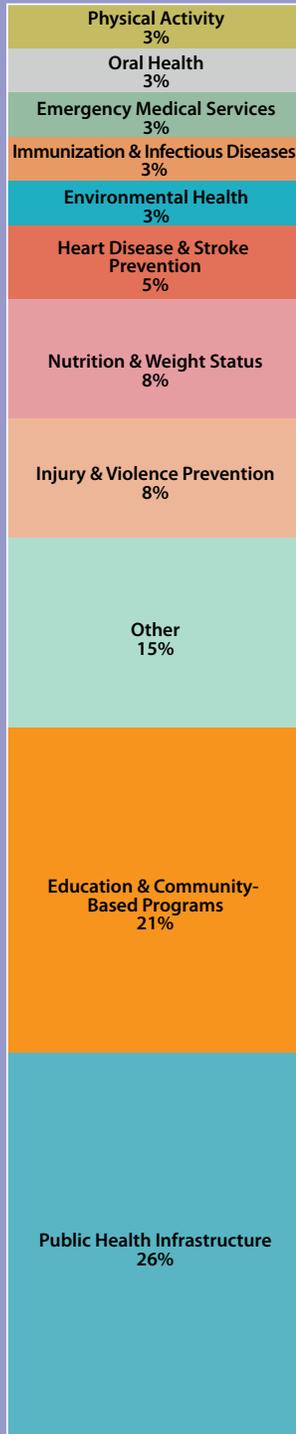
**PHHS Block Grant funding provides much-needed support for emergency medical services to residents in Iowa.**



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## 2015 Top-Funded Health Areas



*Excludes all non-discretionary funding: administrative costs (up to 10%), direct assistance, and funds set aside for sexual violence (rape prevention).*

## What is the PHHS Block Grant?

The Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant provides flexible federal funding to 61 states, tribes, and US territories. These grantees use the funding to meet vital public health needs within their jurisdictions that align with national priorities—the Healthy People (HP) 2020 objectives.

## Block Grant Investment Across the Nation

In fiscal year 2015, the 61 grantees received about \$126 million from the PHHS Block Grant to support critical programs and services. Most funds (85%) supported HP 2020 objectives in 10 key areas: 1) Public Health Infrastructure, 2) Education and Community-Based Programs, 3) Injury and Violence Prevention, 4) Nutrition and Weight Status, 5) Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, 6) Environmental Health, 7) Immunization and Infectious Diseases, 8) Emergency Medical Services, 9) Oral Health, and 10) Physical Activity.

Public Health Infrastructure was the most funded area (26% of total funding); 43 grantees directed funds toward public health systems assessment, health improvement planning, accreditation, quality improvement, laboratory services, and other infrastructure activities. Education and Community-Based Programs was the second-most funded area (21% of total funding); 29 grantees directed funds toward community-based primary prevention services, worksite health promotion programs, and culturally appropriate community health programs.

Grantees also directed funds toward supporting local organizations working to improve community health (27% of total funding) and reduce health disparities (23% of total funding).