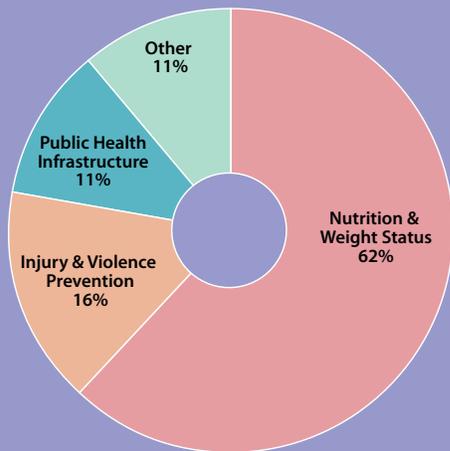


# Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant

## Kansas

### How Kansas Invested PHS Block Grant Funding

Total FY 2015 Funding: \$1,298,354



### Farmers' Markets Make It Easier to Buy Fresh Foods

Eating a diet with lots of fresh fruits and vegetables is one way to stay healthy. Because Allen County, Kansas, has only a few grocery stores, many people living there have a hard time finding fresh fruits and vegetables to buy. Kansas used a portion of its Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant funding to support the salaries of the Thrive Allen County Coalition (TACC) staff, who worked to help residents find sources for healthy foods.

The Allen County Farmers' Market is an important source for fresh food in the area. About 35 local farmers, families, and gardening club members sell food at the market. However, TACC learned that some people didn't go to the farmers' market because they had no transportation and because they couldn't use an electronic benefits transfer (EBT) from their government food assistance to pay for produce there.

To increase the number of people buying locally grown food at the farmers' market, TACC worked to solve the access problems. To help with transportation, a car dealership provided a van to give people free rides to the farmers' market. With the support of the Kansas Department of Agriculture, TACC also created a token system that allows people to use food assistance money to buy fresh food at the market. The tokens let shopkeepers sell food without having to install an EBT machine.

On average, about 200 people come to the farmers' market each week to buy food; sometimes as many as 300 shop there in a week. The organizers have seen an increase in the number of more expensive EBT tokens being used—a pattern suggesting that more people with limited financial means are buying fresh fruits and vegetables.

Farmers' markets like the one in Allen County are making it easier for people to buy and eat fresh, healthy foods.



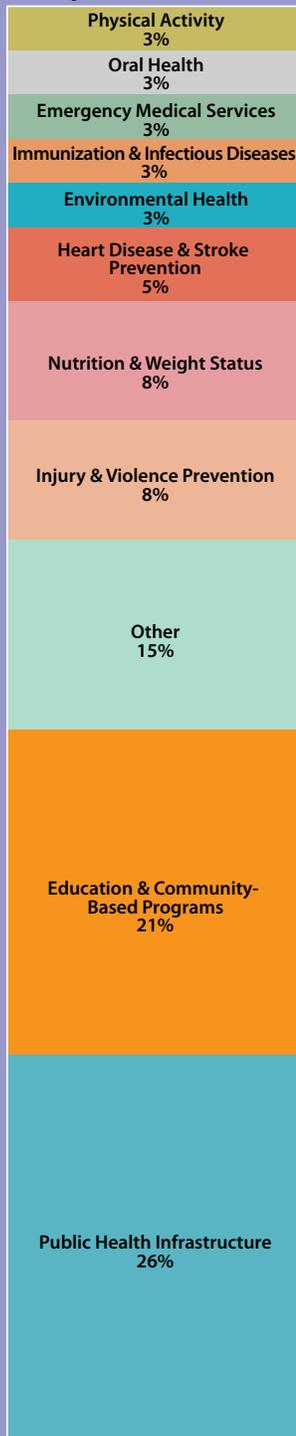
PHHS Block Grant is helping people in Allen County, Kansas, have more opportunities to buy locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables.



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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).