

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant

Republic of the Marshall Islands

Helping People Access Care To Manage Diabetes

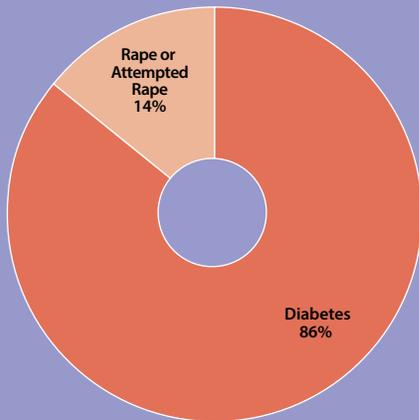
Almost 340 of the Republic of the Marshall Islands' (RMIs') 10,000 residents are living with diabetes, a disease in which a person's blood sugar level is higher than normal. Diabetes can cause serious health complications that affect many parts of the body. If left untreated, diabetes can cause blindness and other eye diseases. It also can cause foot problems, which can hinder walking or even lead to amputation. The RMI Ministry of Health used a portion of its 2015 Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant funding to provide eye and foot examinations for residents living with diabetes.

RMI's diabetes team partnered with the Taiwan Health Center and Diabetes Wellness Center to conduct diabetic eye and foot screenings in the community. The goals for the eye screenings were to promote comprehensive eye examinations to people living with diabetes, as well as educate them on diabetes management and healthy lifestyle activities. For those living with diabetic foot issues, the diabetes team provided training on wound care, teaching patients how to take care of their feet while staying physically active. The team also educated patients on nutrition and referred those who required more follow-up care to the RMI Ministry of Health diabetes clinic.

PHHS Block Grant funding helped RMI provide important healthcare services and training in diabetes management to residents—care needed especially by people living in remote areas who lack easy access to services. With the help of this funding, the RMI Ministry of Health will continue to reach more residents who require diabetic eye and foot exams.

How Republic of the Marshall Islands Invested PHHS Block Grant Funding

Total FY 2015 Funding: \$38,479

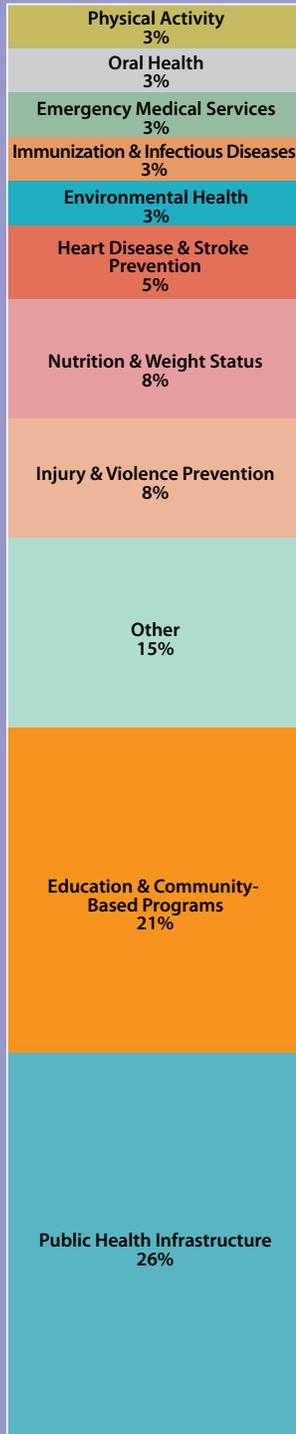


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2015 Top-Funded Health Areas



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).