

Background

CDC plays a pivotal role in ensuring state and local public health systems are prepared to respond to all types of health threats. CDC's Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response (OPHPR) leads the agency's preparedness and response activities by providing strategic direction, support, and coordination for activities across CDC and with local, state, tribal, territorial, national, and international public health partners.

This report highlights how OPHPR strengthens the nation's health security to save lives and protect against public health threats within the context of CDC's 2014–2015 Ebola response and the agency's three overarching priorities:

1. Improving health security at home and around the world

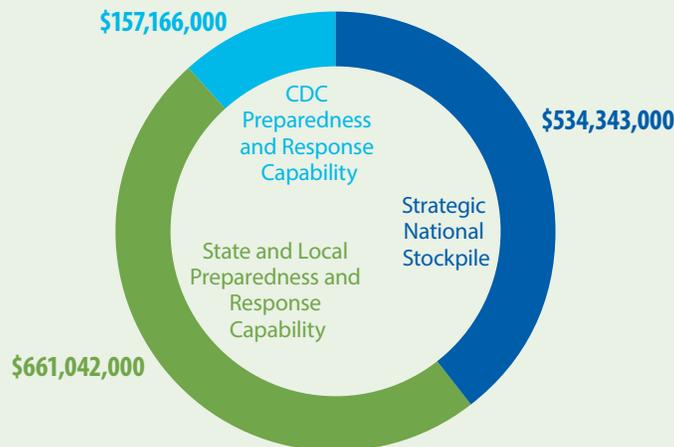
2. Protecting people from public health threats
3. Strengthening public health through collaboration

CDC strategically invests in public health preparedness to improve the ability of federal, state, and local public health agencies to prepare for and respond to all types of public health threats. In fiscal year 2015 (FY15), Congress appropriated \$1.35 billion to CDC for public health preparedness and response.¹

Health Security

The state of being prepared for, protected from, and resilient in the face of incidents with health consequences.

Public Health Preparedness and Response Appropriations, FY 2015



CDC Preparedness and Response Capability: critical infrastructure and cross-cutting research including the Emergency Management Program (EMP), Laboratory Response Network (LRN), and regulation of select agents and toxins.

State and Local Preparedness and Response Capability: PHEP cooperative agreement, training, evaluation, and consultation.

Strategic National Stockpile: pharmaceuticals, vaccines, critical medical supplies, and medical equipment to support federal, state and local response to health security threats.

¹ The federal fiscal year begins on October 1 and ends on September 30 of the following year. Fiscal year 2015 began October 1, 2014, and ended on September 30, 2015.