






Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program

Protecting America's health, safety, and security to save lives.



The PHEP Program allows our nation to invest in the people, plans, training, and equipment needed to effectively respond to emerging public health threats.

PHEP-Built Capability	Return on PHEP Investment
 Staff Capacity	Trained first responders who reduce health effects of death and illnesses during public health emergencies
 Public Health Emergency Management Infrastructure	Standardized, scalable response systems that can effectively manage public health responses
 Rapid Threat Detection	Quick detection of life-threatening agents, viruses, and other pathogens
 Supplies & Logistics	Delivery of life-saving medicines and medical supplies during an emergency
 Coordinated Responses	Maximizes effectiveness of responses, use of resources, and the number of lives saved

A Lifesaving Investment

The PHEP Program, managed by the Division of State and Local Readiness (DSLRL) within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, allows our nation to invest in the critical public health resources that contribute to our overall national security. State and local public health departments are uniquely positioned as the first line of defense - as responders, outbreak investigators, and agents of recovery. Investing in public health preparedness before an emergency occurs saves lives.

The Challenge

Since 9/11, critical federal preparedness funding has declined by 42%. Cuts to PHEP Program funding have forced PHEP Program awardees to cut specialized positions, staff trainings and exercises, and equipment. A lack of continued, stable, and adequate funding directly diminishes state and local health department capacity to prepare for and respond to emerging threats in the communities they serve.

Improvements in Public Health Preparedness Since 9/11

PHEP Awardees Who:	Then	Now
Can mobilize staff during an emergency	20%	98%
Have an Incident Command System with pre-assigned roles in place	5%	100%
Include collaboration with healthcare agencies in their preparedness plans	8%	92%
Have sufficient storage and distribution capacity for critical medicines and supplies	0%	98%

The Opportunity

Now is the time to renew the federal commitment to the state and local public health departments responsible for

safeguarding the public's health.

PHEP Program funding must be maintained to continue advancing our nation's health security.

Stories from the Field

2014-2015 Ebola Response

Situation

The global Ebola pandemic in 2014/2015 highlighted a need for states to be prepared to receive Ebola infected patients and prevent the spread of disease.



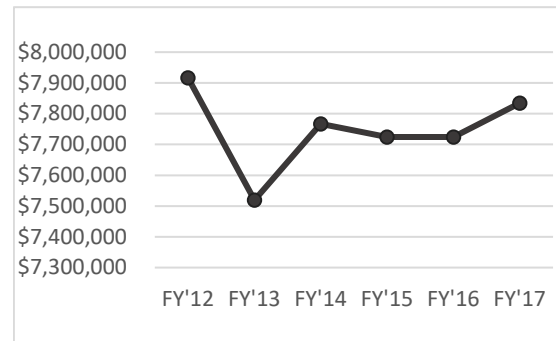
Intervention

PHEP funds were used to design an infectious disease training program geared toward creating a comprehensive consensus standard for all Emergency Medical Services workers, volunteer or career. This training taught EMS workers how to deal with various blood-borne pathogens, including signs and symptoms, and transport and personal protection protocols.

Impact

This 8-hour program, which is constantly updated to reflect the latest standards, is now a self-sustaining training program that was handed over to the EMS department for distribution.

PHEP Program Funding Received



The PHEP Program in Action

Key responses that saved lives due to PHEP Program support:

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Critical Needs

The PHEP Program supports the following public health and safety functions that are jeopardized when funding is cut.



Biosurveillance

Provide 1-2 sentences describing how this public health and safety function would be jeopardized if PHEP funding is cut.



Countermeasures & Mitigation

Provide 1-2 sentences describing how this public health and safety function would be jeopardized if PHEP funding is cut.



Incident Management

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Community Resilience

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Information Management

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Surge Management

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