



# Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Recipient Call

Division of State and Local Readiness (DSLRL)

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# Agenda

- Five-year PHEP Vision and Future Direction
- Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Expectations
- Additional Discussion
- Ready CAMP Updates
- Upcoming Meetings and Additional Resources
- Questions

# Five-year PHEP Program Vision

Let's take a deep breath! This is a 5-year plan – let's approach it that way!

# Future Direction: The Vision and the "Why"

- **COVID-19 response fundamentally changed the preparedness and response landscape and the PHEP program**
  - Spent many years developing and investing in preparedness capabilities
  - We were building and managing programs, planning and preparing
  - Need more deliberate focus on developing response capabilities
  - Return to the fundamentals of the program- less about grants management
  - Align PHEP focus with CDC focus on agencywide response readiness
- **After extensive feedback from recipients and partners, DSLR developed the Public Health Response Readiness Framework for state, tribal, local, and territorial jurisdictions**

# Public Health Response Readiness Framework

Federal fiscal years (FY) 2024-2028 PHEP Program Priorities – Defines Excellence in Response Operations



# Future Direction: Rationale

- Intended to:
  - Define state, local, and territorial (SLT) response readiness
  - Identify essential components of response readiness
  - Serve as an organizing framework for response readiness activities
- Advance and move the PHEP program forward
  - Adds "new tools to the toolbox"
  - More accurately reflects where we are as a program
  - CDC and DSLR made significant organizational changes to support response readiness
  - Asking partners to also support response readiness
- Other CDC engagement to support preparedness and response
  - DSLR participation in new CDC Grants Governance Board
  - CDC Biweekly STLT Funding Coordination Meeting

# Capabilities Standards and Response Readiness Framework (RRF) Relationship

CDC's **15 Preparedness and Response Capabilities** are the nucleus of the PHEP program.

The capabilities underpin PHEP recipient strategies to advance **Response Readiness Framework** priorities and achieve excellence in response operations.



# Future Direction: Relationship Between RRF Priorities and Preparedness and Response Capabilities

- **Not moving away from preparedness and response capabilities**
  - Continuum from preparedness to response and recovery
  - Reflects where we are as a program and a discipline; it is not in conflict
- **Recipients ultimately decide which areas to prioritize**
  - RRF represents CDC's best assessment of elements critical to response readiness excellence
- **Critical preparedness activities are reflected throughout RRF**
  - Add unique milestones in applicable RRF area in the application work plan
- **Examples of relationship between RRF and preparedness and response capabilities**
  - Data modernization, laboratory capacity, and surveillance and epidemiological investigation are cross-cutting activities potentially funded by many sources



# Future Direction: Relationship Between RRF Priorities and Preparedness and Response Capabilities

- **Epidemiology and surveillance, laboratory readiness, and risk communications are essential for response readiness excellence**
  - Epidemiology and surveillance are reflected throughout the RRF: All-Hazards Planning, Workforce, Data Modernization, and Local Support priorities
  - May also be supported through other sources of federal and state funding
- **Medical countermeasure (MCM) planning is essential for response readiness excellence**
  - MCM activities are reflected throughout the RRF: All-Hazards Planning, Workforce, and Local Support

# Select Examples of Relationship Between RRF Priorities and Preparedness and Response Capabilities

- **Data modernization is critical to response readiness**
  - Important for situational awareness and to inform response actions
  - Can be supported through PHEP as well as other sources of federal and state funding
  - Recipients are expected to adhere to all DMI requirements in the PHEP NOFO.
  - Recipients should consider prioritizing funding to this area if capability to support response needs to be improved.
- **RRF activities do not need to be funded through the PHEP to be included in PHEP work plans**
- **Ultimate goal is response-ready health departments**

# Application Approach: Tips and Tricks

- Five-year strategic approach to planning
  - Budget Period 1 budgets and work plans should be high-level reflection
  - Similar to the Public Health Crisis Cooperative Agreement in that jurisdictions develop work plans and budgets to be modified later
  - Intended to significantly reduce burden in Budget Periods 2-5
- PHEP is dynamic and will continue to evolve
- This is NOT a test – do your best and we will do the same
- No extensions to application deadline to avoid lapse in funding
- Administrative preparedness not a new PHEP requirement; however more progress is needed

# CRI Expectations

# CRI Vision

- Ensure readiness for a large-scale **biological event** that requires rapid **MCM** distribution, dispensing, and administration. This must be demonstrated through functional exercises or responses to real incidents.
- Ensure readiness for a **priority threat** selected from the jurisdictional risk assessments as demonstrated through either the capstone exercise or responses to real incidents.
  - *Although not required, CDC recommends that jurisdictions consider risks other than biological threats for the capstone-based exercise to enhance readiness for risks across multiple threats.*

# CRI NOFO Requirements

- Funding
- MCM capabilities
- Risk assessments
- Multiyear integrated preparedness plans
- After-action reviews and improvement plans
- Risk communications
- Health equity
- Local engagement
- Exercises

# Additional Discussion

# Evaluation and Performance Measurement

## Plan Expectations

- At application, address the data management plan in the Eval and Performance Measure box **only** under the first activity: AHA-A
- You only need to enter the core information below **one time**
  - Who can access data and how you will protect it
  - Data standards that ensure released data have documentation that describes collection methods, what the data represent, and data limitations
  - Archival and long-term data preservation plans
  - How you will update the data management plan as new information is available over the life of the project
  - You will provide updates to the data management plan in annual reports
  - For more information about CDC's policy on the DMP, see the Data Management and Access Requirement on CDC's website



# Evaluation and Performance Measurement Plan Expectations (continued...)

- At application, you may enter TBD for all other activities in the Evaluation and Performance Measurement Plan text boxes
- Deadline to provide details for the evaluation and performance plan for each activity is December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

# Administrative and Federal Requirements

- No expectation to tie all of these to budget activity
- If there is a cost associated with an administrative and federal requirement activity, recipients should:
  1. determine which RRF area is the most appropriate for that activity
  2. add unique milestones for that work

**Ready CAMP Update**

# Ready CAMP

- Goal: Reduce number of systems recipients need to access (PERFORMS, PORTS, On-TRAC, REDCap)
- System launched on March 1 with ~750 external users now having access
  - Two training sessions held week of March 4
- Future releases will continue to integrate components of existing systems and enhance system features
  - Recipient user roles
  - Knowledge Center (On-TRAC Resource Library)
  - Monitoring and technical assistance (On-TRAC)
  - Evaluation (PORTS)
- Contact [DSLRITSupport@cdc.gov](mailto:DSLRITSupport@cdc.gov) with any outstanding access issues or technical questions

# Upcoming Meetings and Additional Resources

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## **CDC PHEP Recipient Call Replay**

- March 14: 8 p.m. EDT

## **CDC PHEP NOFO Office Hours**

- March 19: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT
- March 20: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT

## **NACCHO Preparedness Summit**

- CDC Town Hall Session: 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT March 26
- Exercise Session: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. EDT March 27

# Upcoming Meetings

## **Quarterly DSLR OGS Grants Management Call**

- Thursday, March 21: 3 p.m. EDT

## **CDC OGS Application Budget Discussion Call**

- 2 sessions in May (TBD)

## **Evaluation and Exercise Webinar**

- TBD

# Additional Guidance and Resources (Posted)

- PHEP NOFO Fast Facts
- Ready CAMP Onboarding Application Instructions
- NOFO Informational Webinar Slides
- Funding Limitations Supplemental Guidance
- Workforce Development Supplemental Guidance and Resources
- Application Instructions: Preparing your Application in Ready CAMP
- Application Work Plan Templates (Five)
- Laboratory Response Network for Biological Threats Supplemental Guidance
- Laboratory Response Network for Chemical Threats Supplemental Guidance
- Modified requirements for USAPI and USVI



# Additional Guidance and Resources (Planned)

- **Supplemental Guidance** (late March – early April)
  - Exercise Framework
  - Administrative and Budget Preparedness
- **Supporting Documents** (mid-March – early April)
  - Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Considerations
  - Frequently Asked Questions
  - Application Instructions: Submitting Your Application to Grants.gov

# Questions and Answers

For more information, contact CDC  
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