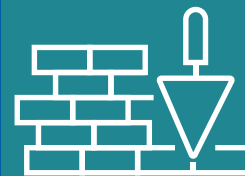# Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant

## This grant is the mortar that binds and bolsters local public health efforts.

No two communities have the same needs. For more than 40 years, the PHHS Block Grant has supported essential public health services in all 50 states, 5 territories, 3 freely associated states, and 2 tribes. Health departments use this flexible funding where communities need it most, supporting a wide range of activities to build, improve, and sustain local public health.

## Unique features

⭐ **Flexible.** Flexible funding gives recipients the ability to invest dollars where they're needed most. Resources are allocated differently from community to community.

⭐ **Responsive.** The community drives decision making. An advisory committee informs the annual work plan, which is shared during a public hearing.

⭐ **Innovative.** The Block Grant makes innovation possible. Recipients can be creative in directing funds to new and ongoing programs and strategies.

⭐ **Accountable.** Built-in flexibility makes assessing progress complex. CDC uses a unique measurement framework to conduct ongoing evaluation of organizational, systems, and health-related outcomes.*

## Goals: National objectives, local priorities

Recipients use Block Grant funding to advance national health objectives set by *Healthy People 2030*. They work towards improvements in the following areas:

**Emerging needs.** Allows recipients to address problems in their jurisdictions, including opioid use, foodborne illnesses, and injury prevention.

**Implementation.** Supports both building and using evidence-based practices for effective public health work.

**Quality improvement.** Implements efforts to achieve operational, program, or service efficiencies and effectiveness.

**Without this support, we leave people vulnerable to unnecessary illness, injury, and death. Let's give our frontline public health agencies the means to protect every community.**

*Source: CDC, PHHS Block Grant Measurement Framework, Version 1.5. www.cdc.gov/phhs-block-grant/hcp/about

# Impact on communities

Health departments rely on Block Grant funding to support critical programs and services when other resources are unavailable or inadequate. Funds help to start, maintain, expand, restore, and sustain public health efforts.

**Closing the gaps.** Block Grant funding helps support unfunded or underfunded public health needs, including prevention services and outbreak control.

**Building capacity.** Recipients can establish the infrastructure needed to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of data collection, operations, programs, and services. This gives health departments the ability to maintain services while also responding to emerging public health needs.

**Decreasing premature death and disability.** Funding improves access to screening services and programs that support healthier lifestyles.

**Advancing health promotion.** Recipients can address social determinants of health—the root causes of many public health issues—by engaging with trusted local partners.

**Testing new solutions.** Block Grant funding creates opportunities to test novel solutions to complex issues. It gives health departments the chance to pilot projects that might not receive funding from traditional sources.

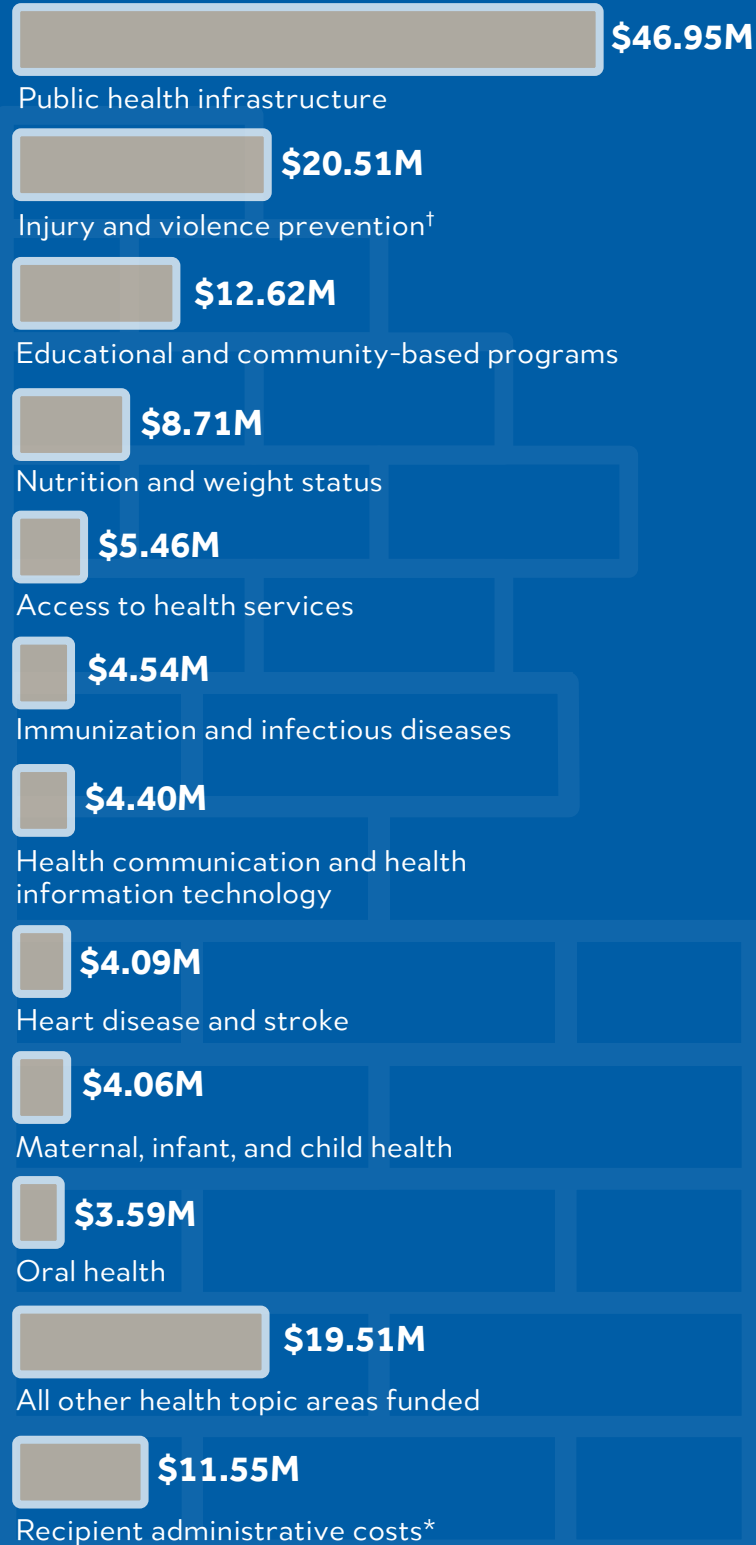## More on the Block Grant here
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www.cdc.gov/infrastructure/divisions-offices/about-division-of-jurisdictional-support.html

## PHHS Block Grant Recipient Funding Allocation, FY 2023

### Total = $146,000,000

**$46.95M**
Public health infrastructure

**$20.51M**
Injury and violence prevention†

**$12.62M**
Educational and community-based programs

**$8.71M**
Nutrition and weight status

**$5.46M**
Access to health services

**$4.54M**
Immunization and infectious diseases

**$4.40M**
Health communication and health information technology

**$4.09M**
Heart disease and stroke

**$4.06M**
Maternal, infant, and child health

**$3.59M**
Oral health

**$19.51M**
All other health topic areas funded

**$11.55M**
Recipient administrative costs*

†Includes $7 million in mandatory Sexual Offense - Set-Aside (sexual violence/rape prevention)
*Includes administrative costs and direct assistance.