

Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant (PHHSBG) – Selection Criteria

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California PHHS Block Grant Advisory Committee - 2014 AC Principles for Allocation:

- Emphasize primary and secondary prevention programs.
- Primary prevention includes prevention of future injury among the injured population.
- Fund each program for at least three years.
- Do not transfer monies out of the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant.
- Prioritize using these criteria:
 - Condition severity
 - Size of the problem/condition
 - Equity in health status
 - Community concern
 - Programs engage communities at the local level
 - Cost of the condition
 - Cost-effectiveness of interventions
 - Concordance with Healthy People Objectives
 - Other resources available to address the conditions
 - Performance on program metrics
 - The needs of EMSA should be considered
 - Innovation in areas for which there are few proven interventions
 - Ability to cross sectors and disciplines (HIAP)
 - Leverage of other funds
 - Impact of terminating program
 - Appropriate balance between infrastructure vs. program services
 - History/longevity of program
 - Reconfiguration/modification of program

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) Recommended Criteria:

- Maintain flexibility for use of funds.
- Encourage funds to be used for evidence based programs.
- Ensure adequate reporting and accountability for use of funds.
- Link with strategic goals of the State and HP 2020.
- Support capacity such as the development of QI and performance management.
- Ensure that health equity cuts across funded programs.

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Selection Criteria:

- Rank priority provided by Centers
- Public Health reinvestment perspective
- Previous Federal or GF cuts sustained
- Marginal utility (“bang for the buck”)
- Availability of alternate funding sources
- Potential to fund internally
 - a. Year-end GF savings for one-time costs
 - b. Incorporate in distributed overhead
- Outcome of PHEP/HPP budget revision process
- Input from Advisory Committee and Public Meeting
- Ease of implementation (in required timeframe)
- Scalability