

PREVENTIVE HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS – D5

In 1981, Congress authorized the Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant to 61 grantees, including all 50 states, the District of Columbia, two (2) American Indian tribes, and eight (8) U.S. territories.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) allocates funds to grantees to address their unique public health needs in innovative and locally defined ways. California (CA) will utilize its award to address Healthy People 2030 Objectives and emerging health issues; provide leadership in developing and implementing Emergency Medical Systems throughout CA; and optimize the health and well-being of the people of CA.

The following is a brief summary of the proposed FFY 2025 PHHS Block Grant Programs. The meeting agenda and information was posted on the Block Grant webpage of the CDPH website on March 27, 2025.

Program Title	Program Description	Allocation
Advancing Climate Change and Health Programs at local health departments, tribes and within CDPH	This program will support California Department of Public Health (CDPH) programs, tribes, and local health departments to prepare for and prevent the health and equity impacts of climate change. It will also support CDPH programs, tribes and local health departments to improve social determinants of health and meet existing health program objectives through engagement with climate change policy and planning.	\$989,126
Alzheimer's Disease Program	This program supports the Healthy Brain Initiative (HBI), a statewide initiative to partner with local health departments to grow and foster the California Healthy Brain Initiative State and Local Public Health Partnerships to address Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias at the local and community level. Using the Updated 2023-2027 HBI Road Map developed by the Alzheimer's Association and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HBI advances cognitive health as an integral component of public health and supports local activities that incorporates eliminating health disparities, improving health equity, collaborating across multiple sectors, and leveraging public and private resources for sustained impact.	\$550,000

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CA Asylum Seeker Health Surveillance and Linkage to Care	This program is an active surveillance and rapid public health response program for individuals seeking asylum and intending to reside in CA. Active surveillance increases early identification of infectious diseases of public health significance, and services facilitate linkage to healthcare services and disease control.	\$230,447
CA Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Program	BRFSS is a CA-specific surveillance system that surveys adults 18 years and older on self-reported health behaviors. Questions in the survey relate to nutrition, physical activity, tobacco use, hypertension, blood cholesterol, alcohol use, inadequate preventive health care, and other risk factors. Because the survey is conducted on an annual basis, the continuous use of this system allows analysis of trends over time.	\$525,000
Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Program	This program aims to improve the cardiovascular health of all Californians to reduce illness and death associated with heart disease and stroke. The program utilizes prevention-based, upstream approaches to combat heart disease, which remains the leading cause of death in California, the United States, and worldwide. This program promotes cardiovascular health through collaboration with a wide range of partners and sectors including education, government, healthcare, nonprofits, and is actively working to develop relationships at the community level. CDPP is updating California's Master Plan for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention and Treatment as well as evaluating a recent Comprehensive Medication Management pilot with the goal of achieving better hypertension control in post-stroke patients to reduce the risk of stroke recurrence.	\$700,000
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Prehospital Data and Information Services and Quality Improvement Program	This program provides for pre-hospital EMS data submissions into the state EMS database system and unites the EMS system under a single data warehouse, fostering analyses on patient care outcomes, public health system services, and compliance with CA state and federal EMS service laws. The Program improves pre-hospital EMS services and public health systems statewide by providing measurable quality improvement oversight, resources, and technical assistance.	\$1,207,869

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EMS Systems Operations, Planning, and Specialty Care	Emergency Medical Services Authority, through its EMS Systems Division is mandated to provide oversight of EMS systems, the statewide Trauma System, Stroke and ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) Systems, EMS for Children, and the CA Poison Control system. The EMS Systems Division has statutory and regulatory oversight responsibility of the EMS system for the State of CA and promulgates regulations for use by local EMS agencies and EMS providers, reviews and approves annual local EMS system plans ensuring statutory and regulatory compliance, and manages the state's EMS data collection, performance management and quality assurance. EMS Systems Division staff provide state leadership and oversight, to ensure the EMS Act is upheld and the best quality of care is available, reducing the proportion of persons who are unable to obtain or delayed in obtaining necessary medical care in an emergency.	\$1,450,242
Healthy People 2030 Program	This program supports the overall efforts of the PHHS Block Grant by enhancing the accountability and transparency of the PHHS Block Grant through measuring progress and impact of funded programs through quality improvement initiatives, as well as communicating current accomplishments.	\$816,704
Injury Prevention Program	This program seeks to maintain and strengthen injury prevention as a core public health function and ensure capacity to address on-going and emerging cross-sector issues through programming, surveillance, and strategic planning for a range of topics, including: healthy aging, childhood injuries, transportation-related, and firearm-related injuries and fatalities. These injury areas stretch across the lifespan, affecting all age groups, and present significant opportunities to impact and increase longevity and well-being through evidence-based prevention strategies.	\$1,281,393

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The Office of Policy and Planning	This program builds cross-sectoral engagement in CDPH's State Health Assessment (SHA) and State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) by enhancing capacity to address crosscutting priorities defined by public health through Comprehensive Assessment, Integrated Planning, and Collective Action addressing crosscutting priorities defined by public health with the purpose of organizing for impact.	\$943,753
Public Health Accreditation Program	CDPH has been accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) since 2014. The Public Health Accreditation Program (PHA) coordinates all internal activities relating to maintaining CDPH's accreditation status and provides technical assistance and support to all California Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) that are pursuing or considering PHAB accreditation or reaccreditation.	\$240,000
Public School Health Center Support Program (PSHCSP)	CDPH is mandated in Section 124174.6 of the Health and Safety Code to implement the PSHCSP in support of new and existing school-based health centers (SBHCs). The program supports SBHCs through providing training and technical assistance to schools and coordinating a collaborative partnership with cross-sectoral stakeholders at the state and local level.	\$178,000
Rape Prevention Program	This program prevents the perpetration and victimization of sexual violence through a public health approach. It builds the capacity of California's local organizations to implement community-level sexual violence primary prevention strategies that promote health equity.	\$825,408
Toxicological Outbreaks Program	This program supports the administrative and technical infrastructure at CDPH to conduct non-infectious toxicological disease outbreak investigations and provides expertise to local health jurisdictions.	\$122,074

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Tuberculosis Free CA	This program promotes prevention strategies to reduce tuberculosis (TB) disease among populations at higher risk in CA. This is the sole statewide program focused on TB prevention, with the aim of reducing morbidity, mortality, health disparities, and healthcare costs associated with TB disease. Program activities include measurement of testing and treatment of TB infection at key clinical sites, development of culturally and linguistically appropriate patient education, community engagement of patients at higher risk for TB, and training for medical providers on evidence-based testing and treatment for TB infection. Program also disseminates best practice strategies for TB prevention throughout the state.	\$700,000
Wildfire Smoke Mitigation Program	This program enables better, more equitable clean air solutions for California communities in the face of increasing wildfire smoke events in a changing climate. The program measures key smoke-associated chemical exposures under different air conditions, community characteristics, and protection strategies, and uses them to evaluate mitigations in partnership with State & community partners.	\$200,000
Future Workforce: Preventive Medicine Residency (PMR) and CA Epidemiologic Investigation Service (Cal-EIS) Fellowship	PMR and Cal-EIS programs are the key workforce pipeline for hard-to-fill epidemiology and public health physician positions in CA state and local public health agencies. Trainees perform data and policy analyses, provide disease outbreak and emergency preparedness response; community needs assessments and planning, clinical preventive medicine, systems quality improvement, etc.	\$1,088,825