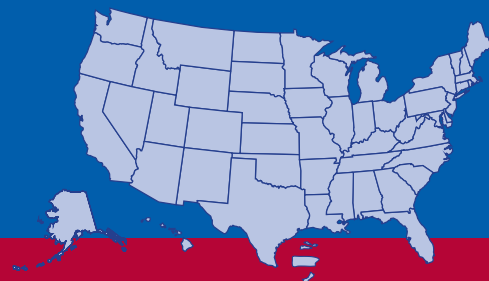


PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (PHEP) PROGRAM



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PHEP Then

In response to the deadly events of September 11, 2001, and the subsequent anthrax attacks, Congress established a new program to help health departments across the nation prepare for emergencies. Since then CDC's [Public Health Emergency Preparedness \(PHEP\) program](#) has partnered with state, local, and territorial public health departments to prepare for, withstand, and recover from potentially devastating public health emergencies.

Every year since, the PHEP program has provided vital resources to ensure communities can effectively respond to infectious disease outbreaks, natural disasters, and chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear events.

PHEP Now

In 2018, PHEP provided \$620 million across public health departments to improve response readiness. Funds are also used to support epidemiologists (disease detectives), lab staff, planners, and other preparedness staff on the ground.

In the future, CDC will continue supporting PHEP recipients by sharing technical expertise, best practices, and lessons learned, along with tools and resources to identify and address gaps.

Learn More

For more information about the PHEP Program, visit www.cdc.gov/cpr/map.htm.

AT A GLANCE

In Republic of the Marshall Islands

▶ 53,158 residents

Frequent Public Health Emergencies

- ▶ Infectious Disease Outbreaks
- ▶ Drought
- ▶ High Waves

Key Emergency Operations Center Activations

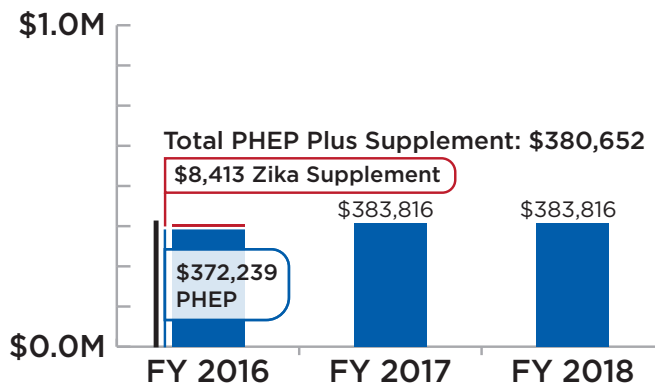
- ▶ 2015: Zika Response
- ▶ 2016: Hepatitis A & Mumps

PHEP funds programs and activities that build and strengthen the nation's preparedness for public health emergencies.

Preparedness and Response Funding Snapshot

FY 2018 PHEP \$383,816

Base Plus Population \$383,816
Cities Readiness Initiative \$—
Level 1 Chemical Lab \$—



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PHEP IN ACTION—PROTECTING RESIDENTS AND VISITORS FROM ZIKA VIRUS



In January 2016, the Republic of Marshall Islands' Ministry of Health identified its first suspected Zika case, with more cases identified in the region later that year. The Ministry of Health distributed PHEP-funded Zika Prevention Kits to pregnant women as well as educational pamphlets on Zika prevention to incoming travelers. It also instituted a health education campaign that included posters, flyers, radio and television ads, and text messages. Health officials visited people with suspected Zika, maintained an updated pregnancy registry that included Zika testing results, and helped support mosquito control activities.

CDC identified 15 public health preparedness capabilities critical to public health preparedness.

2018 REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS TOP PHEP CAPABILITY INVESTMENTS

1. Emergency Public Information and Warning
2. Public Health Surveillance & Epidemiologic Investigation
3. Community Preparedness
4. Medical Surge
5. Medical Countermeasure Dispensing
6. Medical Materiel Management & Distribution

For a complete list of all 15 public health preparedness capabilities, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/cpr/readiness/capabilities.htm>.

Medical Countermeasure Readiness: Ensuring that medicine and supplies get to those who need them most during an emergency.

KEY STRENGTH

Newly established Emergency Operations Center in a hospital setting

KEY CHALLENGE

Lack of site-specific dispensing plans

PHEP funds support staff who have expertise in many different areas.

PHEP-Funded Staff	2017
CDC Field Staff	2
Educators	2
Epidemiologists	–
Health Professionals	–
Laboratorians	–
Other Staff	5

In an emergency, it is critical that staff can meet quickly to plan for, lead, and manage a public health response. Public health staff serve as Incident Commanders, Public Information Officers, Planning Section Chiefs, Operations Section Chiefs, and other response roles.

Emergency Operations Coordination	2015	2016	2017
Conducted call-down drills to document the ability to contact responders to activate the emergency operations center	Yes	Yes	Yes



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