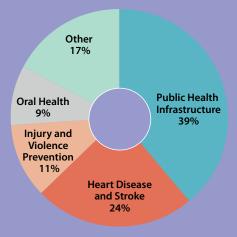
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant

Indiana

How Indiana Invested PHHS Block Grant Funding

Total FY 2015 Funding: \$2,232,729





A progress snapshot from the Indiana INdicator website: "G" is the goal Indiana is trying to reach and "IN" is the current status of the indicator.

Sharing Community Health Information Through Indiana INdicators

Indiana hospitals and health departments use health indicators to help prioritize their work projects. A health indicator is a piece of information about a health topic that can be described using numbers—such as how many babies are born each year, how far someone lives from a grocery store, or how many people smoke. A single community can have hundreds of health indicators.

Indiana's hospitals and health departments wanted to share information about health indicators with everyone in their communities. Sharing information would help community members and health professionals pick the most important projects to improve the health of Indianans. The state used Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant funding in 2013 and 2014 to build a website where anyone can access health indicator data: Indiana INdicators (www. indianaindicators.org).

Indiana INdicators lists more than 90 health indicators and has information for all counties in the state. Examples of these indicators include the number of people without health insurance, births to teen mothers, number of smokers, number of people who see a dentist once a year, and deaths from different types of cancer. People, especially those who work in health fields, can use the site to compare health information about one county to the same information about other counties, the state, or the nation. The website lets users create maps of health indicators for a county, township, or school district; the site also gives information about the populations of counties, large cities, and health districts. The state health department posts project data it collects so that information is publicly available to show how well the state is meeting its health goals. Staff save time by not having to answer as many questions from local health departments about health indicators.

More than 5,000 people have visited Indiana INdicators every year since it was launched. The Indiana State Health Department is continuing to add new health indicators to the site so hospitals, health departments, and communities can do an even better job of focusing their efforts.



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What is the PHHS Block Grant?

The Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant provides flexible federal funding to 61 states, tribes, and US territories. These grantees use the funding to meet vital public health needs within their jurisdictions that align with national priorities—the Healthy People (HP) 2020 objectives.

Block Grant Investment Across the Nation

In fiscal year 2015, the 61 grantees received about \$126 million from the PHHS Block Grant to support critical programs and services. Most funds (85%) supported HP 2020 objectives in 10 key areas: 1) Public Health Infrastructure, 2) Education and Community-Based Programs, 3) Injury and Violence Prevention, 4) Nutrition and Weight Status, 5) Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, 6) Environmental Health, 7) Immunization and Infectious Diseases, 8) Emergency Medical Services, 9) Oral Health, and 10) Physical Activity.

Public Health Infrastructure was the most funded area (26% of total funding); 43 grantees directed funds toward public health systems assessment, health improvement planning, accreditation, quality improvement, laboratory services, and other infrastructure activities. Education and Community-Based Programs was the second-most funded area (21% of total funding); 29 grantees directed funds toward community-based primary prevention services, worksite health promotion programs, and culturally appropriate community health programs.

Grantees also directed funds toward supporting local organizations working to improve community health (27% of total funding) and reduce health disparities (23% of total funding).

2015 Top-Funded Health Areas

Physical Activity
3%
Oral Health
3%
Emergency Medical Services
3%
Immunization & Infectious Diseases
3%
Environmental Health
3%
Heart Disease & Stroke
Prevention
5%

Nutrition & Weight Status
8%

Other 15%

Injury & Violence Prevention

Education & Community-Based Programs

Public Health Infrastructure 26%

Excludes all non-discretionary funding: administrative costs (up to 10%), direct assistance, and funds set aside for sexual violence (rape prevention).