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Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant – 2026
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Overview:

This notice announces the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) intent to fund the Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant applications in Fiscal Year 2026, as directed by Sections 1901-1909 of the Public Health Service Act (PHSA), 42 U.S.C. 300w through 300w-9.

The total approximate funding will be \$156,000,000.

Award estimates and timelines are based on availability of funds and subject to change as appropriations are finalized.

All provisions and requirements of PHHS legislation and applicable regulations apply, including 42 U.S.C., Sec 300w through 300w-9, 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 96, and 2 CFR Part 200.

Applications received through the Public Health Infrastructure Virtual Engagement (PHIVE) platform will be used as the basis for the award.

Funding Type: Non-Research

Recipients must follow applicable fiscal year appropriations law in effect at the time of award. Guidance on how CDC interprets the definition of research in the context of public health can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/grants/additional-requirements/ar-31.html>.

Key Goals:

This program enables recipients to implement innovative and community-driven methods that meet their priority public health needs.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Addressing emerging health issues and gaps
- Decreasing premature death and disabilities by focusing on the leading preventable risk factors
- Supporting local programs to achieve healthy communities
- Establishing data and surveillance systems to monitor population health status

CDC is currently tracking use of block grant funding across all recipients using key indicators that measure how recipients:

- Improve the ability to collect essential data
- Increase the efficiency and effectiveness of operations, programs, and services
- Address emerging public health needs
- Generate long-term savings in public health program spending
- Implement public health interventions that are known to work

CDC Project Description:

The PHHS Block Grant Program allows recipients to address their own unique public health needs and challenges with evidence-based, innovative and community-driven methods. Recipients set their own goals and program objectives to address local priorities.

CDC Project Purposes:

As part of the overall effort to reduce the burden of disease and associated risk factors, and to build, improve, and sustain associated public health infrastructure, the PHHS Block Grant provides resources to support prioritized public health objectives. The grant is used to fill funding gaps in programs that deal with leading causes of death and disabilities and provides the ability to respond rapidly to emerging health issues while supporting agency-wide priorities that are also important to state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments.

Unallowable Costs:

In addition to those costs addressed in 2 C.F.R. 200, Subpart E, the following costs are deemed unallowable:

- Purchase of naloxone
- Purchase of syringes
- Drug disposal programs (drop-boxes, bags, or other devices, and/or take-back events) are not permissible.
- Housing first strategies, harm-reduction or safe consumption sites, or related activities
- Clinical care (except as allowed by law)
- Advertising or campaigns
- Other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships:
 - Publicity or propaganda purposes, including preparing, distributing, or using any material designed to support or defeat the enactment of legislation before any legislative body.
 - The salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such recipient, related to any activity designed to influence the enactment of legislation, appropriations, regulation, administrative action, or Executive order proposed or pending before any legislative body.
 - See [Anti-Lobbying Restrictions for CDC Grant Recipients](#)

Eligible Applicants:

This program provides funding to the 61 eligible applicants identified in the authorizing statute to address their unique public health needs and challenges using innovative, locally defined methods. All 50 U.S. states (State Health Departments), the District of Columbia, 2 American Indian Tribes (Santee Sioux; Kickapoo Tribe, KS), 5 U.S. Territories (American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands) and 3 Freely Associated States (Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau) are eligible to apply.

Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant Program Convening:

As part of the requirements for this funding opportunity, all recipients are required to attend an annual program meeting. This meeting serves as a vital platform for sharing updates, discussing program progress, and fostering collaboration among stakeholders. Block grant funds can be used to support travel for the coordinator. Recipients will receive more information related to the annual program meeting after the award is issued.

Award Information:

Approximate Current Fiscal Year Funding: \$156,000,000

Approximate Number of Awards: 61

Fiscal Year Funds: 2026

Estimated Application Due Date: July 1, 2026

Estimated Award Date (Issue Date): September 01, 2026

Budget Period: September 01, 2026 - September 30, 2027

Period of Performance: September 01, 2026 - September 30, 2027

Salary Rate Limitation:

The salary rate limitation in the current appropriations act applies to this program. As of January 2026, the salary rate limitation is \$228,000. We update this limitation when it changes.

Funding Policies and Limitations:

All activities proposed in your application and budget narrative must align with applicable law, including but not limited to statutes, executive orders, federal regulations and applicable judicial holdings. Accordingly, discretionary awards shall not be used to fund, promote, encourage, subsidize, or facilitate; racial preferences or other forms of racial discrimination by the recipient, including activities where race or intentional proxies for race will be used as a selection criterion for employment or program participation; denial by the recipient of the sex binary in humans, or the belief that sex is a chosen or mutable characteristic; illegal immigration; or any other initiatives that compromise public safety. If an application does not align, the application will not receive funding to the extent permitted by law and applicable court orders.

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