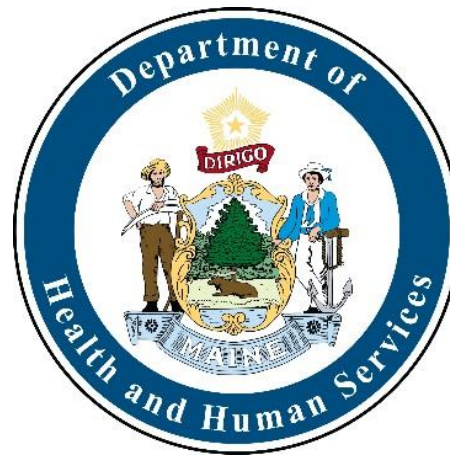


Preventive Health and Health Services
Block Grant
SCC meeting
June 17, 2021



Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant Background

The PHHS Block Grant (Block Grant) provides:

- “Critically needed, flexible funding”
- “To address the unique preventative health needs”
- Linked to Healthy People 2030 objectives
- Non-competitive allocation to each state, plus territories and DC.
 - Past year “F2020”: \$1,419,964
 - Current year “F2021”: \$1,380,337

Note that this is a two year grant and funding is spent in the second year.

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant F2021 Plan

- Selected projects focused on:
 - District Health Improvement
 - Informatics (including Epidemiology)
 - Accreditation
 - Sexual Assault Response (mandatory set aside)

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant F2021 Plan

- **Shifting to Healthy People 2030 Objectives:**
 - PHI-05: Increase the proportion of local jurisdictions that have a health improvement plan
 - PHI-01: State Health Department Accreditation
 - PHI-R06: Enhance the use and capabilities of informatics in public health
 - IVP-D05: Reduce contact sexual violence by anyone across the lifespan

F2021 – Spending began October 1, 2021

Program Area		
District Public Health	\$433,935	31%
Informatics	\$409,109	30%
Accreditation	\$468,859	34%
Sexual Assault Response	\$29,701	2.2%
Administration	\$38,731	2.8%

F2021 Planned Activities

District Health Improvement

- Complete Local Public Health Systems Assessments
- Create new District Public Health Improvement Plans

Funding includes:

- 1.0 FTE (A. Finch)
- Contract with Medical Care Development.

F2021 Planned Activities

Informatics

- Increase informatics capacity
 - Interactive dashboards
 - Internal data tools
- Improve health disparity data
 - The Maine Shared Community Health Needs Assessment (MSCHNA) survey (in-person interviews) for immigrant communities and analyses.
 - Support for health disparity data in the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance system (BRFSS).
- Increase epidemiology capacity
 - Surge capacity for COVID if needed.
 - Other data requests and consultation.

F2021 Planned Activities

Informatics

Funding includes:

- 0.9 FTE (N. Birkhimer 0.4, and M Thornton 0.5)
- Contract with University of Southern Maine
- Tableau contractor to be determined via RFP

F2021 Planned Activities

Accreditation

- Maintain accredited status
 - Reaccreditation will be postponed to 2022
 - Additional support the MSCHNA
 - Development of a new State Health Improvement Plan
- Improve Maine CDC's internal Performance Management System and implement quality improvement projects.
- Implement Maine CDC workforce development strategies.
 - Assessment and planning
 - Digital Library (free access to scientific journals)
 - Staff training and internship support

F2021 Planned Activities

Accreditation (continued)

- Support the Office of Population Health Equity (OPHE).
 - Create Advisory groups
 - Improved demographic data collection
 - Improved data interpretation and reporting
 - Community-led and developed needs assessments
 - Workforce development for CBOs in public health

F2021 Planned Activities

Accreditation

Funding includes:

- 1.9 FTE (0.4 N. Birkhimer, 0.5 M. Thornton, 1.0 E. Gordon, 0.6 Associate Director of OPHE)
- Contract with University of Massachusetts to provide access to the Digital Public Health Library.
- Accreditation fees.

F2021 Planned Activities

Sexual Violence Response

- Prevention Education
- Support for Victims

Funding includes:

- Contract with Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault.
- Due to the limited amount of funds, we focus on the Western District, while MeCASA uses other funds for other Districts

Next Steps

- Comments/discussion
- Vote for approval
- Due to US CDC July 1

Discussion

Questions?
Comments?
Suggestions?

Please note that the draft work plan is available as part of the Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health meeting materials:

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/scc/agenda.shtml>

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