

# 2012-2013 ASPR Funding Fact Sheet

## WHAT is ASPR Funding?

- Funding is provided by the Hospital Preparedness Program, thru the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), within the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.
- Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/aspr/index.html>

The purpose of this funding is to promote and support the maintenance, refinement, and to the extent achievable, enhancement of the capacities and capabilities of healthcare systems, and for exercising and improving preparedness plans for all-hazards including pandemic influenza.

This year 2012, marks the beginning of a five year funding cycle to continue to address all hazards preparedness, whole community preparedness and further enhancement of partnerships and coalitions. For the first time, Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) funds from ASPR and Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) funds from the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have been awarded to states in a single cooperative agreement. The purpose of the 2012-2017 HPP-PHEP cooperative agreement programs is to provide technical assistance and resources that support state, local, territorial, and tribal public health departments and healthcare systems/organizations in demonstrating measurable and sustainable progress toward achieving public health and healthcare preparedness capabilities that promote prepared and resilient communities.

HPP cooperative agreement funds will be used to continue maintaining and refining medical surge capacity and capability at the state and local levels through associated planning, personnel, equipment, training, exercises, and healthcare coalition development. ASPR recognizes that maintenance and refinement of current capabilities and functions are critical for the sustainability of awardee preparedness efforts.

## WHO is Eligible for Funding?

- Healthcare systems which are composed of hospitals and other healthcare facilities which are defined broadly as any combination of the following: outpatient facilities and centers (i.e., behavioral health, substance abuse, urgent care); inpatient facilities and centers (i.e., trauma, State and Federal veterans, long-term, children's, tribal); and other entities (i.e., poison control, emergency medical services, Community Health Centers, nursing, etc.).

## WHEN is Funding Available?

- Annually. The Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) releases a funding opportunity announcement around May to the States, who then have until June to submit the application back to HHS, and award notices are distributed in July-August.
- The funding is provided to the Florida Department of Health by way of a cooperative agreement.

## HOW Can Eligible Parties Participate?

- The Florida Department of Health uses a funding allocation methodology that supports the current Public Health and Medical Preparedness Strategic Plan. The plan is a component of

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- Florida's Domestic Security Strategy and its goals and objectives are organized around 17 of the 37 National Target Capabilities.
- Advisory Groups are being established to address programmatic challenges and Health & Medical target capabilities. These groups are comprised of subject matter experts from among all involved disciplines and are responsible for identifying and prioritizing gaps in preparedness, developing and managing action plans to close the gaps, ensuring linkage among the capabilities and constituencies, and measuring and reporting progress against the target capabilities.
- Those with a strong desire to improve Florida's preparedness and have a solid foundation in their field are encouraged to apply for appointment consideration as a Subject Matter Expert online at [www.floridashealth.com/prepare](http://www.floridashealth.com/prepare). A listing of the various teams is available at this website.

### FUNDING RESTRICTIONS:

- Funds can not be used for the following: construction or major renovations; fund raising activities or political education and/or lobbying; research; backfilling costs for staff.
- Funds cannot be used to supplant the "cost of doing business" or purchase of supplies or materials that are used as a part of the facilities' routine operations.