

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant Tips for State Health Officials and Senior Deputies

- **Funding for the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHSBG) has been increased to \$160 million.** Management of the program within CDC has been moved from the Chronic Disease Center to the Office of State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS).
- **States will be receiving their formula-driven PHHSBG award increases in the third and fourth quarter of this year and will have until September 30, 2015 to spend down funds.** There will be no new FOA as the PHHSBG is a formula-driven grant program based on size of a state's population.
- **The funds used to support the PHHSBG are now coming from the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF).** Federal programs funded through the PPHF have additional reporting requirements which may be unfamiliar to PHHSBG coordinators. Connecting your PHHSBG coordinator with your financial affairs staff (who are familiar with PPHF reporting requirements) may be helpful.
- **State health officials (SHOs) and senior deputies may want to revisit their state's block grant priorities and reporting plans** with their state PHHSBG advisory committee in light of the increased funding and reporting requirements.
- **SHOs and senior deputies should be included in communication about notices from CDC regarding funding levels, reporting requirements, and training.** These notices will likely go directly to the person named on the state's PHHSBG application. In some cases this will be the PHHSBG program coordinator. If this is not the SHO or senior deputy, communication about these notices internally should include the both the SHO and senior deputy.
- **As before, a state's PHHSBG activities must be directly tied to Healthy People 2020 goals and objectives.** States may want to directly link some new activities to Healthy People 2020 [public health infrastructure](#) *developmental* objectives including:
 - Public health systems assessment (PHI-14)
 - State/community health improvement planning (PHI-15)
 - Quality improvement (PHI-16)
 - Accreditation (PHI-17)

To learn more about leveraging the PHHSBG to strengthen infrastructure and prepare for accreditation, access the Public Health Foundation's [fact sheet](#).

- **It may be helpful to share ASTHO's PHHSBG guiding principles with all PHHSBG staff in your agency and PHHSBG sub grantees.**
- **CDC OSTLTS staff will hold training sessions for PHHSBG coordinators** to prepare them for the new awards and PPHF reporting requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the guiding principles or tips above, please contact Lisa Waddell, ASTHO's Chief of Community Health and Prevention at lwaddell@astho.org or 571-318-5417 for more information.