

# Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Workshop

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**PUBLIC HEALTH &  
HUMAN SERVICES**

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## Welcome and Introductions



- Name
- Jurisdiction
- Your role in Public Health
- LTHJs: What can DPHHS help you with?
- DPHHS: What can you offer LTHJs?

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## Why does DPHHS conduct a PHEP Grant Workshop?

- Learn from one another.
- Establish relationships with like-minded professionals.
- Get clarification on deliverables, etc.
- Learn about success stories and/or challenges other Public Health departments are encountering.




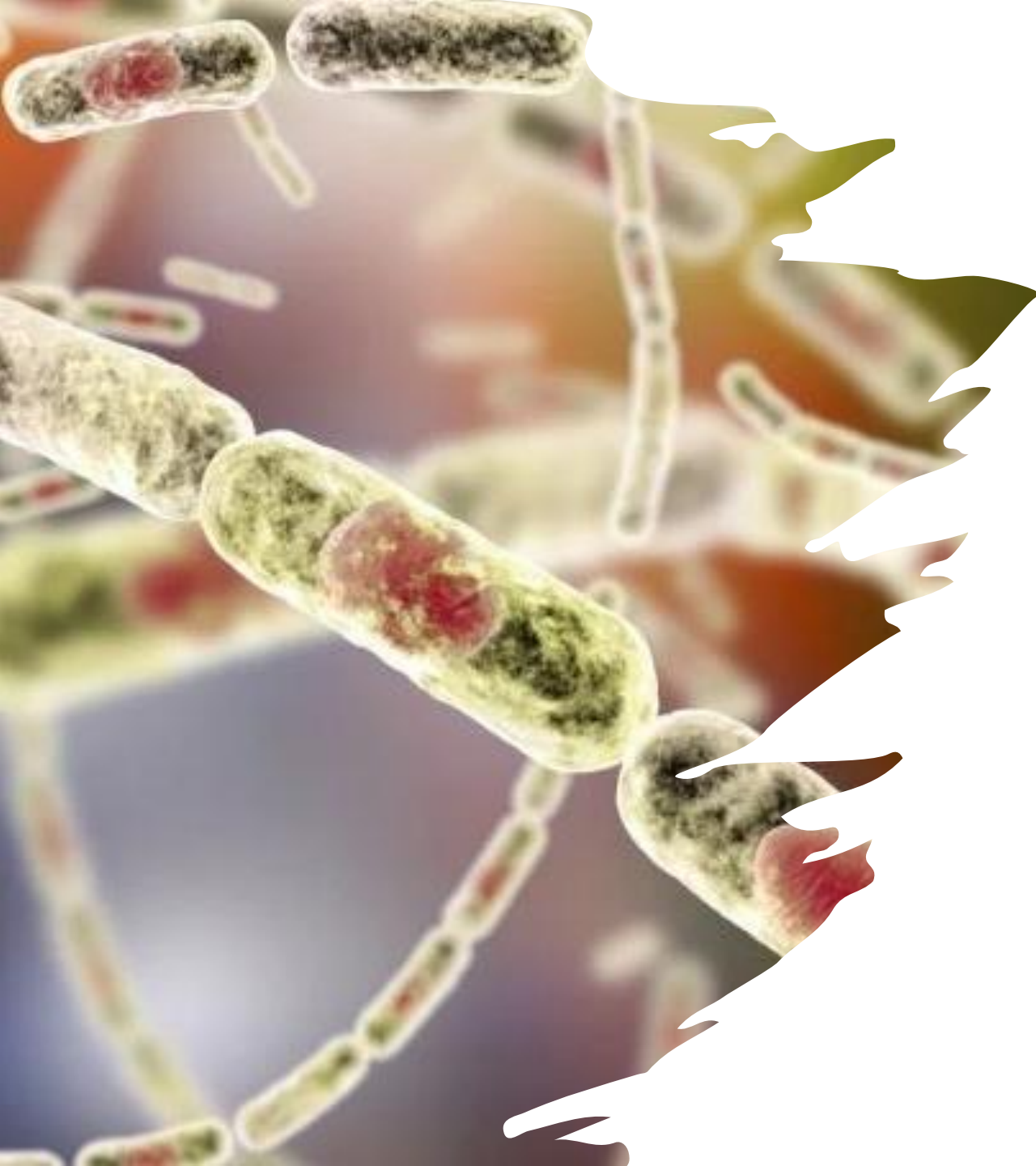
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## **Why is Public Health Emergency Preparedness important?**

- The Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement is a critical source of funding for state, local, and territorial public health departments since 2002.
  - Assist health departments in strengthening their abilities to effectively respond to a range of public health threats, including infectious diseases, natural disasters, and biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological events.
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The **anthrax** attacks that occurred in October and November of 2001 provided a wakeup call. Although emergency response plans were in place in some areas, medical experts had previously misjudged the difficulty that doctors might face in diagnosing inhalation anthrax because each case involved such varied symptoms.

The anthrax attacks and other threats strained the abilities and resources of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state and local health departments to react effectively. The attacks exemplify the need to respond to any type of emergency.

It was not until December of 2001 that Congress allocated significant funding for a Public Health initiative. This include \$1B for state and local preparedness, \$918 million of which was allocated to CDC for state and local health departments to upgrade their ability to react to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.

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## **CDC PHEP Funding:**

FY 2021 -2025: \$5M

FY 2020: \$5.5M

Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI): \$210K

Local and Tribal Task Orders: \$2.7M

## **Public Health Crisis Response Funding:**

Mpox 2023 funding: \$199,945

COVID-19 2021 funding: \$7.2M

COVID-19 2020 funding: \$4.5M

## **PHEP-Funded Staff:**

Epidemiologists: 2

Laboratorians: 6

PHEP staff: 12

Other: 3\*

\*Includes IT specialists, administrative staff, statisticians, and other positions

## **CDC Preparedness Field Staff / Support, (not PHEP funded):**

Preparedness Field Assignee, (PFA)

Public Health Advisor (QA/QI)

Career Epidemiologist Field Officer (CEFO), (Summer 2024)

Region 8 Health Department Liaison Officer





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## Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

### Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement

- Total program funding \$3.2B over the next 5-years
- \$653M annually
- Received the NOFO on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024
- 60-day application period
- Due date: April 24, 2024
- Funding level remains at \$5M
  - Population based, Title 42 U.S.C. § 247d
    - MT, ND, SD, RI, NH, AK, HI, ME
  - \$210K for Cities Readiness Initiative, (CRI)



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## Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement

CDC introduced a new application and reporting platform, “Ready-CAMP”

- CAMP (Cooperative Agreement Management Platform)
- 5-year budget and work plans
- 62 recipients (state and territorial)
  - 50 States
  - 8 Territories
  - 4 Political sub-divisions, (NYC, DC, LA and Chicago)
- DPHHS must do quarterly reporting.
  - Local and Tribal HD are required to do the same
- Local ORR reporting will not be required, at this time.





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Public Health Directory Search List Email Export Jurisdictions Lists Users Configuration

## FY25 Task Orders and Funding

- “DRAFT” Task Orders were sent out on April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Sent to “Preparedness Contract Liaison”
- “Preparedness Contact Primary”

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## Attachment A



Department of Public Health & Human Services  
Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement & Guidance  
2024-2025

### Deliverables?

- Our existing deliverables have been in place for 5-years and candid feedback was received from several regional meetings have encouraged DPHHS to look at several suggestions.
- DPHHS did not make any significant changes until we've had time to review the new NOFO and RRF. Making changes on short notice would have caused headache.
- The updated Attachment-A is temporary and likely to change next year. Early fall DPHHS will convene a working group to overhaul the deliverables based upon the NOFO and RRF.
- Public comment period will be available later in the year.

the supplemental guidance material for the task order amended to your jurisdiction's contract Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS). It provides information Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement for the 2024-2025 period.

carefully and completely read the deliverable requirements and guidance in its entirety. Please contact the associated person under each deliverable or the PHEP Section if you have questions about a deliverable requirement.

for completing the required PHEP activities comes from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement, which is managed by the Office of Readiness and Response (ORR). DPHHS applies for the continuing funding each year. It distributes the funding to county and tribal governments for their public health agencies in return for completing the requirements described herein.

PHEP funds specifically support emergency and disaster preparedness efforts with public health implications in the state. DPHHS is responsible for public health in participating local tribal and county governments, referred to as Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJ), fulfill the requirements of this cooperative agreement by meeting the deliverable requirements of DPHHS PHEP. These deliverables are reflective of the requirements from the CDC, and some to build public health response capabilities.

for 2024-2025

**Environmental Health & Food Safety:** The food and water requirements will reflect the section's new name. The section will now be designated with EH

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## Excess PHEP Funds

- Ideally, all FY24 funds should be expended by June 30th.
- If not, we'd encourage you to develop a work plan and a budget to spend it down in a reasonable amount of time, (12 months).
- Expenditures > \$5K still require an approval.
- The CDC Project Officer generally will ask;
  - Which budget period?
  - Is this a new activity or project?
  - Does this fall within the scope of a previously approved workplan activities?
  - Actual cost?





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## Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Capabilities

### 15 Preparedness Capabilities, (2018)

1. Community Preparedness
2. Community Recovery
3. EOC Coordination
4. Public Information and Warning
5. Fatality Management
6. Information Sharing
7. Mass Care
8. Medical Counter Measures
9. Medical Material Management
10. Medical Surge
11. Nonpharmaceutical Intervention
12. PH Laboratory Testing
13. Surveillance and Epidemiology Investigation
14. Responder Safety
15. Volunteer Management



National Standards for  
State, Local, Tribal, and  
Territorial Public Health

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## Preparedness and Response Capabilities.

- We continue to follow the 15 Preparedness Capabilities. The 15 capabilities are designed to support state, local and tribal public health and are foundational to the CDC Response Readiness Framework (RRF).
- DPHHS will also be focusing on the 10 Response Readiness Framework (RRF) priorities set by the CDC.
- These program priorities provide the framework to support advancement of preparedness, response and recovery operations.

## Public Health Response Readiness Framework

2024-2028 PHEP Program Priorities - Defines Excellence in Response Operations



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**Any questions, yet?**





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Crossing the Chasm between Public Health  
and Emergency Management.

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## Cultural Differences between Public Health and Emergency Management

### **Public Health**

- Not used to responding to "disasters".
- They don't consider themselves a traditional responder.
- No representation in an EOC.
- Strict adherence to HIPAA (Privacy) that does not contribute to situational awareness.
- Unfamiliar with logistical protocols, (where do I get stuff?).
- Top-down approach to leadership or authority.

### **Emergency Management**

- Experienced as a First Responder, but not in public health.
- Strict adherence to ICS and NIMS.
- Focus on logistics.
- Very concerned about situational awareness.
- Bottom-up approach where the locality is the focus. Drives decisions and jurisdictional needs.
- Authority is dispersed, (delegation of authority).

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## Cultural Differences between PHEP Coordinator and Emergency Manager

### **PHEP Coordinator**

- Planning & Mitigation is focused on PH.
- Capability requirements are well defined.
- Could be a PH representative in the EOC.
- Policy development is PH focused.
- Supporting role or a PH liaison.
- Data driven.
- Formal education & training.

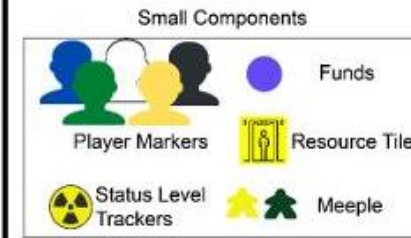
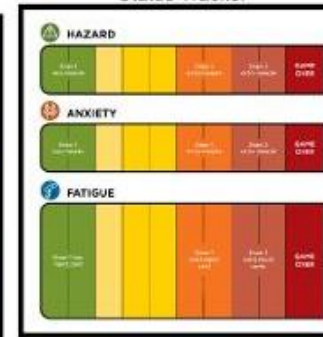
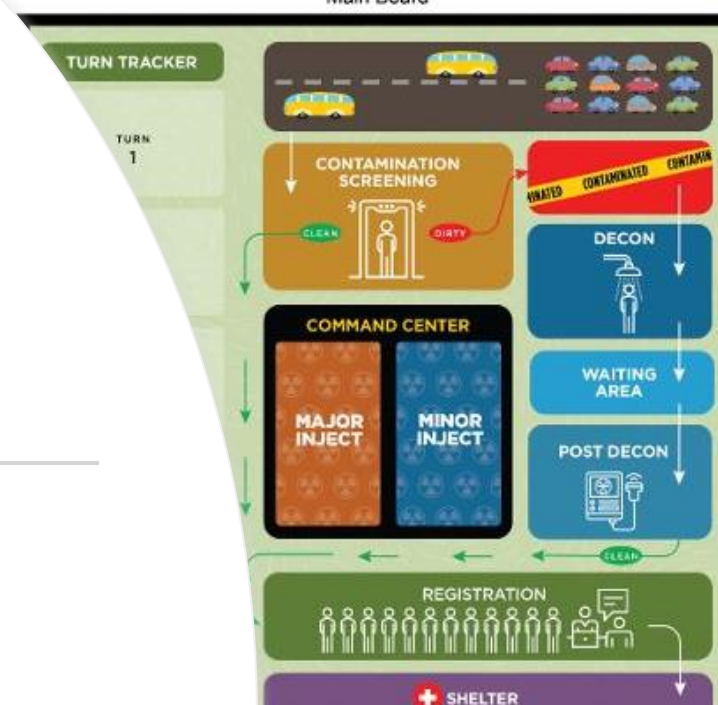
### **Emergency Manager**

- Planning & Mitigation is an All-Hazards approach.
- Coordinates first responders.
- Seen as a lead agency.
- Liaison with elected officials and policy makers.
- Supports incident command.
- Logistics driven.
- Experientially driven.
- Education & training historically comes from the fire service.

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## This is a T.E.S.T.

- *This is a T.E.S.T* is a CDC designed non-traditional exercise tool (game) designed to bridge the gap between discussion and operational exercises.
- Intended to foster teamwork, discuss resource management, and aid in understanding specific roles and responsibilities during emergencies.



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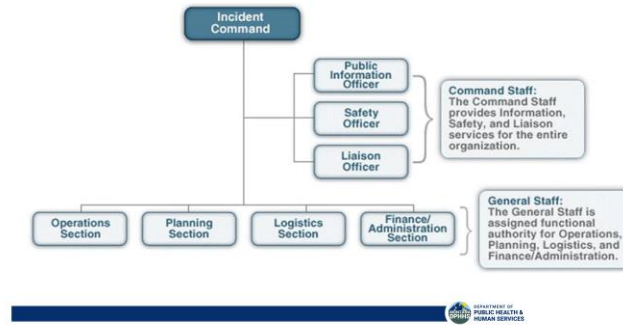




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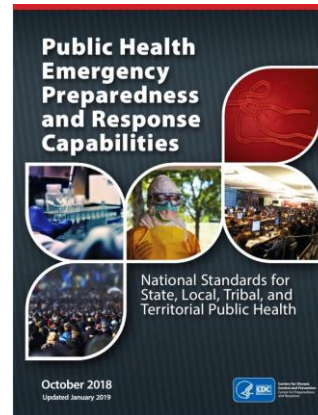
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# Technical Assistance (TA)

- It is important to DPHHS that we improve our outreach and collaboration to make Local and Tribal Health Jurisdictions successful.
- TA can be provided in:
  - Plan development
  - Assist w/ exercises
  - Training opportunities, (ICS)
  - Regional meetings to discuss challenges (or success).
  - 15 Capabilities and 10 RRF are here to stay.
  - Call a friend to bounce an idea off someone.



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## Save the Date

### **Summer Institute**

July 15-19, 2024

Delta Hotel – Helena

### **Public Health Institute // DPHHS-PHEP Regional Meetings**

June 10 – Lewistown

June 11 – Glendive

June 12 – Shelby

June 13 – Polson



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