

**Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant
Maine F2021
Executive Summary**

This work plan is for the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHSBG) for Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (F2021). It is submitted by the Maine CDC as the designated state agency for the allocation and administration of PHHSBG funds.

Funding Assumptions: The total award for the F2021 Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant is \$1,380,337. This amount is based on an allocation table distributed by CDC. This includes a mandatory allocation of \$29,701 for sexual violence prevention and response services.

These funds are for the project period October, 1, 2020 – September 30, 2022, but all funds will be used in the second year, October, 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022.

Advisory Committee: On March 18, 2021, the Advisory Committee (the State Coordinating Council (SCC) for Public Health) reviewed the recommended programs for funding, contingent upon the receipt of funding for F2021. On June 17, 2021, the finalized workplan and budget were presented to the SCC, who voted to approve these. The SCC receives updates on PHHS BG activities at each of their quarterly meetings.

Public Hearing: On March 11, 2021, a virtual Public Hearing was convened via Zoom for public comment. This meeting was announced on Maine CDC's web site on February 25, 2021 and an email was sent to Maine CDC's interested parties list. No one attended. The final work plan was posted on Maine CDC's website on June 18, 2021.

Healthy People 2030 Objectives: The projects included in the F2021 award align with Health People 2030 Objectives. The funding by Objective is as follows:

Healthy People 2030 Objective	Funding	Percentage
PHI-05 – Increase the proportion of local jurisdictions that have a health improvement plan.	\$433,935	31%
PHI-06 – Enhance the use and capabilities of informatics in public health.	\$409,109	30%
PHI-01 – Increase the proportion of state public health agencies that are accredited.	\$468,859	34%
IVP-D05 – Reduce contact sexual violence.	\$29,701	2.2%
Administration	\$38,731	2.8%
Total	\$1,380,337	100%

Planned Activities:

District Health Improvement

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

Funding includes 1.0 FTE (A Finch) and a contract with Medical Care Development.

Informatics

- Increase informatics capacity (interactive dashboards, internal data tools)
- Improve health disparity data via the Maine Shared Community Health Needs Assessment (MSCHNA) and support for health disparity data in the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance system (BRFSS).
- Increase epidemiology capacity (Surge capacity for COVID if needed, special projects)

Funding includes 0.9 FTE (N. Birkhimer 0.4, and M Thornton 0.5) and contracts with USM and a Tableau contractor to be determined via RFP.

Accreditation

- Maintain accredited status (postponed to 2022) – this includes support for the MSCHNA and 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
- Support the Office of Population Health Equity (OPHE).

Funding includes 1.9 FTE (0.4 N. Birkhimer, 0.5 M. Thornton, 1.0 E. Gordon, 0.6 Associate Director of OPHE, and a contract with University of Massachusetts to provide access to the Digital Public Health Library.

Sexual Violence

- Support sexual violence prevention education services in the Western District.
- Provide support to victims of sexual assault

Funding is a mandatory set aside, supplements other federal funding and includes a contract with Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Administrative costs

These costs include 0.2 FTE (N Birkhimer) and out-of-state travel for the required grantee meeting.