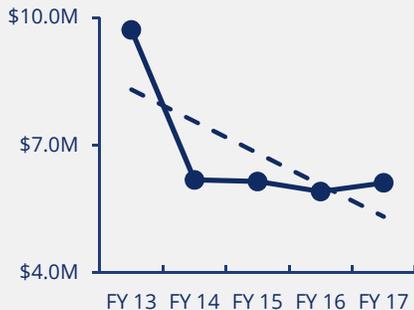


HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

NORTH CAROLINA

HPP FUNDING

37% decrease in funding
since FY 2013



HIGHLIGHTS

- North Carolina (NC) has eight strong health care coalitions (HCC), which are based on regional trauma patterns. All HCCs have a State Medical Assistance Team, which is a response unit that assists the health care community during disasters.
- The NC Office of EMS is the HPP funding recipient and provides over 70% direct funding to HCCs.
- Each HCC has multiple staff, who provide continuity to NC's health care response system.
- NC is uniquely positioned within the Southeast to easily support other states with their State Medical Response System. NC HCCs have been doing so since Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION



SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE: NC Hurricane Response Support

In 2017, Hurricane Irma wiped out much of Marathon Key in Florida. The local hospital was deemed unfit for patient care. The NC teams from the Office of EMS and the TRIAD health care coalition mobilized the Mobile Disaster Hospital to support local patient care in the Key. This is the second time in the last 3 years that NC has supported a Region IV disaster to sustain a local community's health care needs. NC is maintaining the asset for the time-being.



8 Health Care Coalitions

FY 2018 PRIORITIES

- NC is completing the transition to a more suitable information management system this year, and it will be implemented statewide. The WebEOC platform will replace an older system and will provide more real-time health care information.
- NC has a funded State Medical Assistance Team system that is hospital-based. The eight teams are managed and monitored by the HCCs. During this year, the SMAT assets will be maintained and made ready for the 2018 hurricane season.