HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

HAWAII

HPP FUNDING

30% decrease in funding since FY 2013

HIGHLIGHTS

• Hawaii (HI) uses HPP funding to build and maintain a strong emergency preparedness and response foundation for the state’s 1.4 million residents and 8 million annual visitors.

• HPP funding remains critical for HI to meet the medical surge capacity posed by threats faced across the island chain, including hurricanes, volcanoes, tsunami, infectious diseases, and human-caused emergencies and disasters.

• Training, exercises, and personal protective equipment (PPE) strengthened statewide health care coalition (HCC) preparedness and response capacity.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE

HI used HPP Ebola Preparedness and Response Activities funding to support initial hospital assessments, personal protective equipment (PPE) allocation and distribution to hospitals and long-term care facilities, and training of frontline health care workers in PPE donning/doffing procedures, increasing HI’s readiness to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The team also supported relationship building among programs not previously in routine communication, enabling COVID-19 information-sharing and collaboration among public health, health care, and emergency management personnel.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

• With support from HPP Ebola Preparedness and Response Activities funding, preparedness and response staff already had appropriate infection prevention contacts for information sharing and collaboration at the onset of the pandemic.

• Hawaii’s Healthcare Emergency Management coalition received assistance from the Hawaii Air National Guard, who provided logistical support for PPE and maintenance of medical equipment. Over 1.7 million PPE items were distributed to health care facilities in 2020.

• COVID-19 highlighted a need to reduce disparities in health equity and alleviate mental/behavioral health impacts on patients and staff.

FY19 end-of-year data, HCC count, and map as of 6/30/2020. Participation rate equals # of HCC member organizations divided by the total # of organizations in HI.

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