

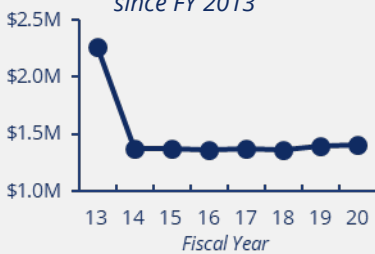


HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

NEBRASKA

HPP FUNDING

38% decrease in funding
since FY 2013



HIGHLIGHTS

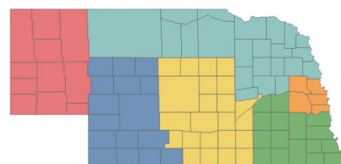
- Nebraska (NE) uses HPP funding to advance its robust preparedness and response capabilities to support its nearly 2 million residents.
- To reduce inefficiencies, NE created a communication fusion cell with action-driving, interagency meetings during which health care coalitions (HCCs) and local public health departments met to assign, delegate, and execute response activities. This fostered statewide collaboration with agreed upon deliverables and outcomes.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE

When NE experienced a surge situation during the COVID-19 response, all facilities, and eventually HCCs, activated their surge plans. NE created a unified statewide team of leadership, state agencies, university partners, and HCCs, to create one overarching Crisis Standards of Care and surge plan. Patients could be moved across the state with one phone call, two coordinators, and a predetermined plan for ambulance transfer, receiving hospital bed, authorized payment, and thorough cleaning and sanitation.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Nebraska used its fusion cell to coordinate COVID-19 response efforts among state agencies, HCCs, and other health care system partners.
- Using state-authorized purchase power, Nebraska acquired personal protective equipment (PPE) and distributed them to HCCs throughout the state. With an online order form and auto-ship functionality, health care systems could fully equip their staff quickly and efficiently.
- Nebraska managed staffing shortages with a statewide surge plan and state-negotiated travel nurse rates. With a few calls, NE could take care of patients and remain fully staffed. This staffing coordination also applied to long-term care facilities and nursing homes.



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Health Care Coalitions

NATIONAL SPECIAL PATHOGEN SYSTEM

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Regional Ebola and Other Special Pathogen Treatment Center

HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION



of acute care hospitals



of emergency medical services



of public health agencies



of emergency management agencies

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 NE.