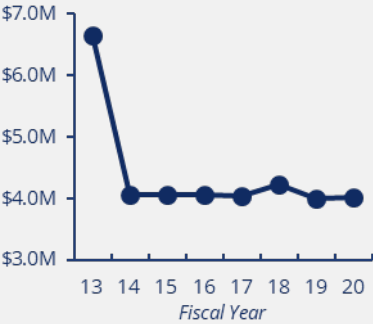


# HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

# TENNESSEE

## HPP FUNDING

**39% decrease in funding**  
since FY 2013



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Tennessee’s health care coalitions (HCCs) have a self-governance structure that represents the many segments of the health care system.
- Tennessee’s health care system can safely and successfully identify, isolate, assess, treat, and transport patients with actual or suspected highly infectious diseases due to the dedication of the state’s HCCs.
- Funding provided through HPP Ebola Preparedness and Response Activities helped health partners respond to and care for patients affected by Ebola and other highly infectious diseases, including COVID-19.

## SPOTLIGHT ON PREPAREDNESS

The Knox/East Tennessee (KET) HCC expanded its focus on individual hospital preparedness to a more holistic regional preparedness. A decade ago, a subcommittee of local hospitals and emergency medical services (EMS) met to discuss disaster preparedness and response. Thanks to HPP’s foresight in encouraging HCCs to include a diverse set of partners, the KET HCC now has members from many traditional and non-traditional organizations and facilities. Partners include the Regional Forensic Center, blood banks, home health, dialysis, long-term care, and more.

## COVID-19 RESPONSE

- The Alternate Care Site Task Force held meetings on a weekly basis, including calls with teams in Memphis and Nashville, in addition to weekly calls with long-term care facilities and the Tennessee hospital association, to address COVID-19 concerns and provide support for outbreaks.
- The Medical Coordination Task Force held vaccine tabletop exercises for hospitals and the Unified Command Group.
- The State Healthcare Resource Tracking System (HRTS) tracked key metrics, including hospitalized COVID-19 cases, bed availability (both floor and intensive care unit (ICU)), personal protective equipment (PPE), isolation rooms, and ventilators.



**7** Health Care Coalitions

## 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 TN.