



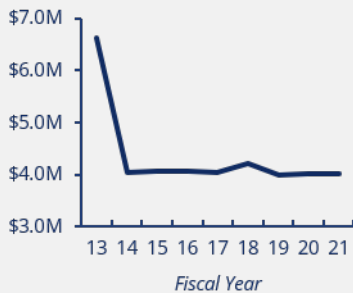
Office of the Assistant Secretary for
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**HOSPITAL
PREPAREDNESS
PROGRAM**

TENNESSEE

HPP FUNDING

39% decrease in funding
since FY 2013



HIGHLIGHTS

- Tennessee (TN) uses HPP funding to build and maintain a strong emergency preparedness and response foundation for the state's nearly seven million residents.
- TN HPP worked with its Mid South Healthcare Coalition in Memphis to establish its first fully non-profit health care coalition (HCC) that is led by a coalition-hired lead.
- TN HPP has established a coalition contracting system through which the HCCs receive their funds without delay on July 1 of each year. In this system, approximately 81% of the funds go to the HCCs.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE

In February 2021, Memphis, TN experienced an ice and snowstorm that shut down the city, freezing and breaking pipes. To preserve the unique aquifer, water pressure was lowered across the city, preventing health care facilities from providing lifesaving procedures, such as dialysis. It also impacted health care facilities' ability to maintain boilers and chillers to operate the building and internal equipment. As a result of collaboration among coalition members, including emergency medical services, hospitals, and public health agencies from two additional coalitions, hospitals and dialysis centers were able to stay open.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- The Knox-East Tennessee Healthcare Coalition added 44 isolation rooms across the region, giving hospitals the capacity needed to support the COVID-19 surge response.
- The Knox-East Tennessee Healthcare Coalition used data from the Regional Hazardous Vulnerability Assessment to identify notable gaps in infectious disease preparedness, subsequently acquiring Airborne Infection Isolation Rooms and facilitating related training.
- TN HPP established a health care data reporting system that assisted 100% of acute care facilities early on in the COVID-19 response.



8 Health Care Coalitions

HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION

91%
of acute care hospitals

40%
of emergency medical services

29%
of public health agencies

51%
of emergency management agencies

FY20 end-of-year data and HCC count as of 6/30/2021. Participation rate equals # of HCC member organizations divided by the total # of organizations in TN.