

**Utah Department of Health  
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant  
FFY15 Proposal**

The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) uses Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHSBG) funding for critical public health programs and infrastructure. PHHS BG funds are allocated to those health concerns that have no other source of state or federal funds or wherein combined state and federal funds are insufficient to address the extent of the problem. More than 80% of PHHSBG funds are allocated to local agencies.

**Budget and Work Plan Highlights:**

**Total Award: \$1,469,336**

Of this amount, \$61,798 is allocated to the Sex Assault and Rape Prevention set aside which must be used for that purpose.

**NWS-10 Obesity in Children and Adolescents \$850,000:** Implement efforts to prevent obesity through policy and environmental changes in schools and communities to support healthy eating and physical activity. Supported efforts promote healthy eating and acting living in early childhood education settings and schools. Funding supports local efforts, via Utah's Local Health Departments.

**IVP-1 Total Injury \$450,000:** Implement strategies to reduce injury-related morbidity and mortality, with a focus on seat belt use among teens, suicide prevention, concussions, and falls prevention. Funding supports local efforts, via Utah's Local Health Departments.

**PHI-7 National Data for Healthy People 2020 Objectives \$50,000:** Support UDOH Office of Public Health Assessment capacity to collect data to monitor the health of Utahns. Enhance, update and maintain the IBIS-PH Web site.

**IVP-40 Sexual Violence (Rape Prevention) \$61,798.00:** (Federally mandated set-aside) Provide rape crisis intervention and sexual assault prevention services. Funds support two non-profit agencies in the community.

Administrative Costs: **\$57,538.00** Supports financial and other administrative functions necessary to support effective grant administration and program implementation.

The **UDOH Health Advisory Council (HAC)** continues to provide the advisory function for the PHHS BG. The HAC, which provides overall advice to UDOH, meets regularly and co-conducts the annual public hearing for the PHHSBG.

**Funding Rationale:**

The HAC adopted the following criteria to guide funding decisions (these were reviewed and re-confirmed on January 24, 2014):

1. Use of PBG will be limited to Utah specific Healthy People 2020 objectives.
2. In order to demonstrate a major health impact on public health problems, categories of Healthy People 2020 objectives will be limited.

3. Objectives related to Utah's leading causes of premature mortality, with particular attention to disparities within under-served and ethnic populations, are deemed priorities.
4. Objectives for which categorical or other funds are already available have less priority.
5. Objectives and initiatives that are evidence-based and capable of measurement have greater priority.
6. To the extent possible, in the event of Federal budget cuts, adjustments by the UDOH will be made with due consideration and priority given to the local health departments.

Obesity prevention and violence and injury prevention have been identified as key funding priorities, due to the health burden as documented by data and lack of other sources of funding to adequately address them. Additionally, obesity is a major priority in Utah's State Health Improvement Plan.