



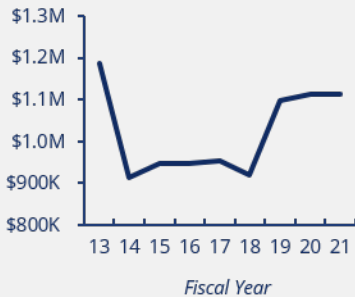
Office of the Assistant Secretary for
Preparedness & Response

**HOSPITAL
PREPAREDNESS
PROGRAM**

ALASKA

HPP FUNDING

6% decrease in funding
since FY 2013



HIGHLIGHTS

- Alaska uses HPP funding to build and expand its preparedness and response network to support its 730,000 residents.
- The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) leveraged communications systems to improve credible information sharing regarding health care situational awareness, public science sharing, and specialty care.
- The Alaska DHSS used various internet platforms as key tools for day-to-day emergency management use.

SPOTLIGHT ON PREPAREDNESS

The Alaska Tribal Health System consists of over 550 Community Health Aides and Practitioners (CHA/Ps) across the state. The geographic distribution of CHA/Ps and social distancing precautions made it difficult to deliver updated training courses. The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium used HPP funding to create a virtual training, unique to Alaska, to help CHA/Ps understand their roles and responsibilities during disaster response. As a result, over 80 CHA/Ps received crucial response training virtually.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- The Alaska State Health Care Coalition worked closely with Alaska Respond, a volunteer registry of licensed medical professionals, to provide emergency clinical personnel to support health care facilities and rural emergency medical services severely impacted by COVID-19 illness and exposure.
- Alaska Respond provided resources that strengthened Alaska's pandemic response and reduced medical surge. This included public education, outreach, and credible information sharing through a partnership with The United Way of Anchorage's Alaska 2-1-1, a call center with testing and vaccine site operation support.



1 **Health Care Coalition**

HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION

100%
of acute care hospitals

100%
of emergency medical services

100%
of public health agencies

100%
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 AK.