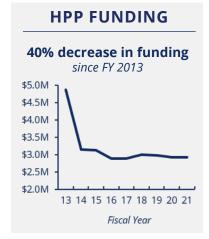


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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Louisiana (LA) uses HPP funding to build and expand its preparedness and response network to support its 4.7 million residents.
- LA health care coalitions (HCCs) protected and promoted the health of their community through maintenance of their response plans.
- LA HCCs assessed and monitored population and community needs through close collaboration with public health, Emergency Support Function 8 partners, and other state organizations.

### **HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION**



of acute care hospitals



of emergency medical services

of public health agencies



of emergency management agencies

## SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE

LA has continued its partnership with the Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN), the trauma and time-sensitive illness network, to manage surge ambulances and assist public health and medical services leads with patient movement. LERN managed and deployed approximately 60 state surge units and over 300 federal units during Hurricane Laura. The Emergency Medical Services Technical Operations Committee was activated from August 24, 2020 to November 6, 2020. Through this partnership, LA has advanced its relationship with key emergency response partners and stakeholders for public works and engineering as well as energy.

# **COVID-19 RESPONSE**

- The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) used public health emergency response portal reporting data on a daily basis to monitor hospitalizations and drive response decisionmaking for COVID-19 and catastrophic severe weather events in 2021.
- State public health leadership, along with the regional coordinators, relied heavily upon the emergency response portal to coordinate response based on bed availability and operational status of facilities.
- The LDH utilized a risk registry to assess issues and support major patient movement during evacuation events.



**Health Care Coalitions** 

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 LA.