



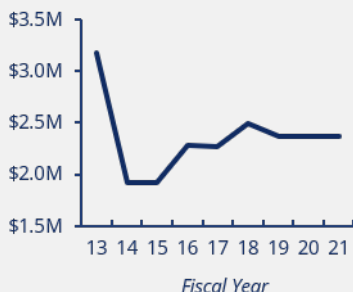
## Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response

### HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

## UTAH

### HPP FUNDING

#### 25% decrease in funding since FY 2013



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Utah uses HPP funding to build and maintain a strong emergency preparedness and response foundation for the state's 3.2 million residents.
- The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) improved communication, relations, and coordination with partners as well as enhanced interoperability throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Intermountain Center for Disaster Preparedness improved statewide knowledge on disaster emergency readiness by hosting the Annual Disaster and Emergency Preparedness Symposium.

### SPOTLIGHT ON PREPAREDNESS

Most load leveling and intensive care unit diversion actions during the COVID-19 response have been handled at the state/system level. Utah's rural health care coalitions (HCCs) have served a critical role in support of their rural hospital partners. Specifically, rural HCC coordinators have maintained constant communication with rural hospitals, sustained a keen awareness of their stress and occupancy levels, and have supported activation of patient movement and decompression missions as needed.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE

- The UDOH utilized the relationships cultivated through HPP to support communities and citizens, giving many a platform to advocate for those they represent, such as the assisted living population.
- The UDOH's preparedness warehouse is equipped to provide the state and HCCs with the supplies and equipment needed to navigate the ever-changing landscape of response missions.
- The UDOH is utilizing the Medical Command Response Team Concept of Operations (CONOPs) to respond to COVID-19 patient surge. The CONOPs is being modified to be an "all hazards" manual for future emergencies.



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## Health Care Coalitions

### HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION



of acute care  
hospitals



of emergency  
medical services



of public health  
agencies



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 UT.