



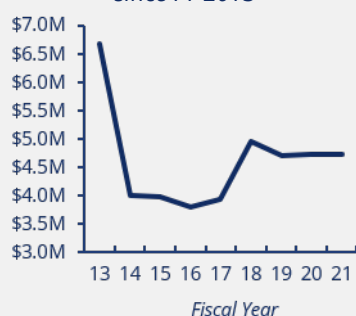
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response

HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

ARIZONA

HPP FUNDING

29% decrease in funding
since FY 2013



HIGHLIGHTS

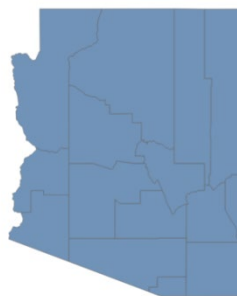
- Arizona (AZ) uses HPP funding to build and expand its preparedness and response network to support its 7.2 million residents.
- The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) alleviated COVID-19 surge across the mortuary system through implementation of a statewide fatality management system.
- ADHS enhanced the staffing request process by instituting a system to monitor bed capacity and staffing needs.
- The AZ Behavioral Health Task Force mitigated surges in behavioral health concerns across the state by bringing together state and local partners.

SPOTLIGHT ON PREPAREDNESS

AZ established the pediatric surge preparedness project with the Western Region Alliance for Pediatric Emergency Management to assess promising practices and data for pediatric preparedness. Project participants were able to develop strategies to handle large-scale pediatric surge events. The goal of the project was to increase pediatric bed capacity by 10 percent by focusing on staffing and data monitoring across intensive care units, inpatient settings, and emergency departments. Additional strategies included procedures to transition adult beds to pediatric beds by keeping specialized equipment on site and ensuring staff training.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- AZ implemented the Arizona Surge Line (ASL), a 24/7 toll-free call line that acts as a central node to support clinicians in coordinating transfers of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 patients to higher levels of care. ASL provides real-time critical care and palliative care consultation services.
- AZ established the Disaster Ready Emergency Preparedness and Infection Control (DR EPIC) program to provide essential support and assistance to all skilled nursing facilities currently managing COVID-19 and preparing for future infection prevention.



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**Health Care
Coalition**

HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION



62%

of acute care
hospitals



2%

of emergency
medical services



93%

of public health
agencies



75%

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 AZ.