ASPR
Office of the Assistant Secretary for
Preparedness & Response

HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

MARYLAND

HPP FUNDING

13% decrease in funding *since FY 2013*

$6.0M
$5.5M
$5.0M
$4.5M

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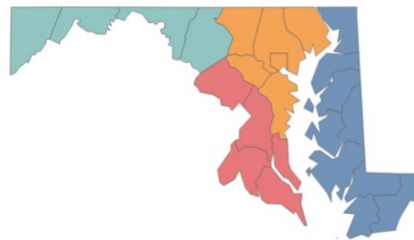*Fiscal Year*
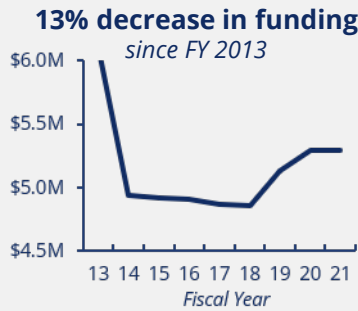
HPP HIGHLIGHTS

- Maryland (MD) uses HPP funding to improve its preparedness and response system for its over six million residents.
- MD fostered an efficient virtual environment that allowed for extensive communication between health care coalition (HCC) partners through available electronic platforms.
- The MD Department of Health (DOH) used the Health Alert Network to exchange, send, and receive situational updates related to the COVID-19 response.

HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION

100% of acute care hospitals

100% of emergency medical services

100% of public health agencies

100% of emergency management agencies

HPP SPOTLIGHT ON PREPAREDNESS

On December 3, 2021, a cyberattack hit the MD DOH's network and caused a tremendous inconvenience for all staff. The MD DOH quickly implemented an incident command structure and called in subject matter experts from various MD agencies to assist. The implementation of the incident command structure allowed MD's COVID-19 response activities to continue with minimal interruption, including but not limited to the distribution of masks and test kits to HCCs' long-term care facilities, clinics, and medical providers, as needed.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- The MD DOH increased coordination with the Maryland Hospital Association to share information and supplies with hospitals, ultimately helping to mitigate hospital surge of patients with COVID-19-related illnesses.
- The MD DOH outfitted biocontainment rooms with an audiovisual communication system, which reduced both staff exposure to COVID-19 and personal protective equipment use.
- The Region III HCC-Univ of Maryland Medical Center bought video platform licenses to stand up a secure platform for telemedicine services, including the COVID Clinical Mobility program.

4 **Health Care Coalitions**

OTHER ASPR HEALTH CARE READINESS PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

1 Regional Ebola and Other Special Pathogen Treatment Center

2 Special Pathogen Treatment Centers

FY20 end-of-year data, HCC count, and map as of 6/30/2021. Participation rate equals # of HCC member organizations divided by the total # of organizations in MD.