



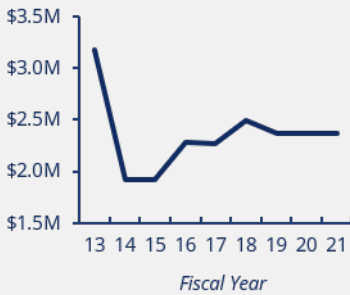
Office of the Assistant Secretary for
Preparedness & Response

**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.