

CDC's National Partners Cooperative Agreement

A national network of partner organizations working to strengthen the public health system and increase impact



About the Cooperative Agreement

The National Partners Cooperative Agreement* is CDC's largest umbrella funding mechanism. This cooperative agreement is:

- **Centrally managed by the Public Health Infrastructure Center**, a coordinated funding approach that saves operational costs and reduces duplicative work for other CDC programs.
- **Used by CDC programs to engage with partners** and empower communities to strengthen our public health infrastructure.
- **Cost-efficient and responsive during emergencies**, managing approximately \$1.7 billion in funding from 2018 to 2022.

By the Numbers



More than **\$182** million awarded to **48** organizations as of September 2024

Goal: Local Impact Through National Collaboration

Partners help public health departments, organizations, and professionals strengthen and sustain their core capabilities to better serve their communities and improve health outcomes. Partners use their funds to:

- **Share knowledge, tools, and resources** that help organizations improve performance and deliver services effectively.
- **Deploy new technologies** that use real-time data to make decisions, streamline operations, and respond to emergencies.
- **Connect organizations to professional development opportunities** that give staff the tools to solve complex problems.
- **Encourage collaborations** that build strategic alliances with stakeholders, promote resource sharing, and coordinate services.
- **Advise on evidence-based practices** that promote innovative approaches to protecting health and preventing disease.

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A Closer Look

CDC funding helps partners across the country make measurable progress towards strengthening public health systems, addressing urgent health challenges, and driving change in communities nationwide. For example, partners have:



Evaluated 15 successful local programs that address overdose, substance use disorder, and adverse childhood experiences. Led by the National Association of County and City Health Officials.



Modernized disease surveillance by building a shared electronic case reporting infrastructure, which enables faster data and reduces reporting burden. Led by the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE).



Empowered tribal communities to assess and strengthen their public health systems through two rounds of the Public Health in Indian Country Capacity Scan (PHICCS and PHICCS II). Led by the National Indian Health Board.

Impact on Communities

Investing in national partnerships helps public health go further by bringing resources, expertise, and support to more communities. This work creates stronger systems, quicker responses, and better health outcomes by:

- **Building an emergency response-ready workforce**, which creates more effective and knowledgeable public health professionals who can adapt to new challenges.
- **Improving organizational efficiency at local, state, and national levels** so organizations can operate more effectively and with greater impact.
- **Breaking down silos and empowering communities to collaborate**, allowing national partners to leverage their reach and expertise to share knowledge, pool resources, and help communities address persistent public health challenges more efficiently.
- **Driving evidence-based public health practices** by connecting communities with proven approaches, which leads to greater public health impact.

Who Our Partners Are

Funded partners include:



Professional associations



Universities



Nonprofit organizations

Real Results

CSTE's electronic case reporting solution is both effective and scalable. From 2020 to 2024, it rapidly expanded to **cover tens of thousands of healthcare facilities in all 50 states.**

In 2023, PHICCS expanded to include **all 574 federally recognized tribes.**

Nearly half of these tribes participated in the survey.