

2018 National Health Security Awards

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) are pleased to announce the third annual *National Health Security Award!* This award recognizes local health departments that have demonstrated significant accomplishments in implementing health security-related initiatives within their jurisdictions.

Your department's day-to-day operations impact National Health Security across the country. Health security is not only about strategic and long-term planning, it includes how your department meets the needs of your community. It's working with your coalition partners to identify threats and plan your response. It's working with your partners in public health and healthcare to ensure your community is resilient and ready.

Everything LHDs do is meant to improve the health of people in their community, and healthier people are more likely to survive a disaster and bounce back faster. That's what national health security is all about: the nation and its people being prepared for, protected from, and resilient in the face of incidents with negative health consequences.

We want to hear about the projects making a difference at the local level. Local Health Departments are invited to submit applications for consideration in the following areas, which are based on the new ASPR priority areas:

Priority I: Provide strong leadership (including clear policy direction, improved threat and situational awareness, and secure adequate resources)

The essence of what makes local health departments strong and effective are the vital policies, programs, and activities that combat illness, disease, and injury across the life course and during public health emergencies. The following are just some of the many ways local health departments can exhibit leadership in their local jurisdictions.

- Administrative preparedness that fosters flexibility and efficiency of community health programs
- Development of emergency preparedness plans with state and federal stakeholders
- Demonstration of LHD taking on a leadership role in response effort

Priority II: Creation of a Regional Disaster Health Response System

The ASPR defines a regional disaster health response system as a tiered regional system built on the strengths of local healthcare coalitions, National Disaster Medical System, and trauma centers. Local health departments play an integral role in the formation and sustainment of a Regional Disaster Health Response System by routinely collaborating within their healthcare coalitions and sustaining strong partnerships that result in greater medical surge capacity during and after a public health emergency. Examples of accomplishments that support the development of a Regional Disaster Health Response System include:

- Supporting mutual aid agreements to ensure medical response coordination
- Collaborating with specialty healthcare providers (e.g. trauma centers)

Priority III: Support the sustainment of a robust and reliable public health security capacity

Sustainment of public health security capacity begins with strengthening local health departments so that they can perform disease situational awareness and disease containment, communicate in a bi-directional manner, and leverage their public health security capabilities to mitigate disease impact. Examples of accomplishments contributing to public health security capacity include:

- Sustainment and development activities that create a public health workforce ready to meet the demands of the evolving threat landscape
- Demonstrating expertise in engaging with a wide spectrum of partners to ensure timely risk communication and public preparedness during and after response; and,
- Utilizing cutting edge public health capabilities and solutions to counter new threats.

Priority IV: Advance an innovative medical countermeasures enterprise

Medical countermeasure (MCM) readiness is essential to protecting the public's health from disease outbreaks and CBRNE events. MCM distribution and dispensing is an inherently local function, which means local health departments are important actors who can ensure that lifesaving medical countermeasures can be used in a timely manner. Examples of accomplishments contributing to an innovative MCM enterprise include:

- MCM planning that incorporates nontraditional partners, such as healthcare systems, pharmacies, chain drug stores when developing distribution plans and determining response needs;
- Streamlined internal processes that promote fast, flexible decision-making in regards to MCMs; and,
- Conducting 21st century threat analysis and foresight.

One winner will be selected from each category, and arrangements will be made for awardees to be present at NACCHO Annual 2018, where they will be recognized for their invaluable contributions and commitment to National Health Security. Winners will also be featured in the *NACCHO Preparedness Brief*.

Important Note: While every section does not require applicants to make the connection between the project/program and national health security, reviewers have been instructed to evaluate entire applications for how completely this connection is made. The most successful

submissions will consistently demonstrate strong national health security themes throughout the entire application.

Applications will be accepted now through June 1, 2018. LHDs are invited to submit one application per category, but will only be eligible to win one award.

End of Block: Introduction

Start of Block: Contact Information

Q1 *Enter the following information regarding the primary point of contact for this application:*

Q2 Local Health Department Name

Q3 Street Address

Q4 City

Q5 State

Q6 Point of Contact Name (First and Last)

Q7 Point of Contact Title

Q8 Point of Contact Phone Number

Q9 Point of Contact Email Address

Q10 *Enter the following information regarding the Local Health Department that houses this project or program:*

Q11 What is the size of the population served by your LHD (select one)

- 0-24,999 (1)
- 25,000-99,999 (2)
- 100,000-499,999 (3)
- 500,000-999,999 (4)
- 1,000,000+ (5)



Q12 Provide a brief description of the community served by the LHD. Include demographics, location, geography, and any other pertinent information. (150 words max)

End of Block: Local Health Department Information

Start of Block: Overview

Q13 *Enter the following information regarding the project or program being submitted for consideration for an NHS Award:*



Q14 Please describe the public health issue that is addressed by this project/program: (100 words max)



Q15 Provide a description of the project or program being submitted for consideration for a National Health Security Award: (500 words max)

End of Block: Overview

Start of Block: Connection to the National Health Security Strategy and Implementation Plan 2018

Q16 This section will ask you to demonstrate the connection between ASPR's four priority areas and the project/program being submitted for consideration for an NHS Award. The overall goal of the National Health Security Strategy and Implementation Plan is supported by the following strategic objectives:

Please select the priority area(s) for which this project is being submitted (select all that apply).

- Provide strong leadership (including clear policy direction, improved threat and situational awareness, and secure adequate resources) (1)
- Creation of a Regional Disaster Health Response System (5)
- Support the sustainment of a robust and reliable public health security capacity (6)
- Advance an innovative medical countermeasures enterprise (7)



Q17 Briefly describe the connections between the project/program and the NHS priority area(s). Indicate which priority areas are addressed by this project or program in your response. (150 words max)

End of Block: Connection to the National Health Security Strategy and Implementation Plan 2018

Start of Block: Community

Q18 This section will ask you to comment on community engagement and collaboration specific to the project or program being submitted for consideration for an NHS Award:



Q19 What is the benefit of this project or program to the community? (150 words max)



Q20 What community partners are involved in this project? List partners and describe their involvement. (250 words max)

End of Block: Community

Start of Block: Evaluation

Q21 *This section will ask you to comment on the evaluation process for the project or program being submitted for consideration for National Health Security Award:*



Q22 How do you measure the success of this project? Describe the measurable outcomes and how they influence subsequent practices: (500 words max)

End of Block: Evaluation

Start of Block: Sustainability

Q23 *This section will ask you to comment on the sustainability plan for the project or program being submitted for consideration for an NHS Award:*



Q24 Describe how this project or program is funded/maintained. What sustainability considerations have been made to ensure the continued success of this program? (250 words max)

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Q25 Thank you for your responses. To submit your application and finalize your responses, press the forward button below.

End of Block: Sustainability
