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## Memorandum

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Dear Colleagues:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of State and Local Readiness (DSLRL), applauds your participation in the National Association of County and City Health Officials' (NACCHO) Project Public Health Ready (PPHR). CDC has an extensive history of working with NACCHO and has been a proud supporter, both financially and programmatically, of PPHR since 2002. In developing *Public Health Preparedness Capabilities: National Standards for State and Local Planning*, CDC referenced the PPHR Criteria and has been working with NACCHO to maintain strong alignment and synergy between the two programs.

Partaking in PPHR's voluntary, national recognition program is an excellent opportunity to engage agency staff and external partners in the development and revision of public health preparedness plans, while also obtaining valuable feedback from national peer-reviewers. Your initiative demonstrates your agency's commitment to community readiness and effective emergency response.

I know that there are many competing priorities in this resource-limited environment, but please note that the use of federal public health preparedness funds to cover your participation in PPHR is specifically listed as an *allowable expense* under the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement.

Thank you for your participation in PPHR and for your continued dedication to local public health preparedness.

Sincerely,

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