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States Eligible to Receive \$350 Million for H1N1, Seasonal Flu Preparedness Efforts

Grants Will Support Work to Protect Public Health, Prepare for Novel H1N1 and Seasonal Flu

One day after hosting a summit on the 2009 novel H1N1 flu with representatives from state, tribal, territorial and local governments from across the country, HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius today announced the availability of \$350 million in grants to help states and territories prepare for the 2009 novel H1N1 flu virus and the fall flu season. The grants were funded by the recent supplemental appropriations bill that was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Barack Obama on June 24, 2009.

“With flu season around the corner, we must remain vigilant and do all we can to prepare our nation and protect public health,” said Secretary Sebelius. “These grants will give states valuable resources to step up their flu preparedness efforts.”

A total of \$260 million in Public Health Emergency Response Grants and \$90 million in Hospital Preparedness grants will be distributed nationwide.

Public Health Emergency Response grants help state public health departments perform a variety of functions, including preparing for potential vaccination campaigns, implementing strategies to reduce people’s exposure to the 2009 novel H1N1 flu and improving influenza surveillance and investigations.

Hospital Preparedness grants enhance the ability of hospitals and health care systems to prepare for and respond to public health emergencies. Local outbreaks of the novel H1N1 virus have produced a surge of patients at hospitals, and these grants will help ensure hospitals are ready for future outbreaks that may impact their community.

In addition to the grants released today, the Obama Administration has taken a series of steps to help prepare and protect the American people from the novel H1N1 flu. In May of this year, HHS distributed 11 million treatment courses of antivirals to states, territories and tribes to fight the H1N1 influenza outbreak. Also in May, HHS invested more than \$1 billion to produce bulk supplies of key vaccine ingredients as part of the process to develop and test a potential H1N1 vaccine.

The Administration has upgraded and expanded www.flu.gov, which includes guidance that community leaders and the American people need to prepare for, prevent, and respond to the H1N1 flu virus.

The Obama Administration has also launched a new public service announcement competition. Any American can record and submit his or her own public service announcement regarding H1N1 flu preparedness by visiting www.flu.gov. The entries will be judged by experts and the winner will receive a \$2,500 prize and the opportunity to have his or her announcement aired on television across the country.

A list of funding by state is included below.

Grantee	Public Health Emergency Response Grants	Hospital Preparedness Grants	Total
Alabama	\$3,934,220	\$1,359,073	\$5,293,293
Alaska	\$573,193	\$197,157	\$770,350
Arizona	\$5,274,949	\$1,822,566	\$7,097,515
Arkansas	\$2,404,548	\$830,261	\$3,234,809
California	\$22,677,408	\$7,838,642	\$30,516,050
<i>Los Angeles</i>	\$8,510,041	\$2,940,946	\$11,450,987
Colorado	\$4,066,256	\$1,404,718	\$5,470,974
Connecticut	\$2,998,173	\$1,035,479	\$4,033,652
Delaware	\$730,103	\$251,401	\$981,504
District of Columbia	\$497,467	\$293,688	\$791,155
Florida	\$15,474,914	\$5,348,721	\$20,823,635
Georgia	\$8,010,341	\$2,768,199	\$10,778,540
Hawaii	\$1,099,673	\$379,162	\$1,478,835
Idaho	\$1,254,481	\$432,680	\$1,687,161
Illinois	\$8,553,300	\$2,953,181	\$11,506,481
<i>Chicago</i>	\$2,423,752	\$839,620	\$3,263,372
Indiana	\$5,400,873	\$1,866,098	\$7,266,971
Iowa	\$2,551,012	\$880,894	\$3,431,906
Kansas	\$2,364,516	\$816,422	\$3,180,938
Kentucky	\$3,598,068	\$1,242,864	\$4,840,932
Louisiana	\$3,667,952	\$1,267,023	\$4,934,975
Maine	\$1,130,535	\$389,831	\$1,520,366
Maryland	\$4,803,949	\$1,659,740	\$6,463,689
Massachusetts	\$5,506,668	\$1,902,672	\$7,409,340
Michigan	\$8,636,273	\$2,984,585	\$11,620,858
Minnesota	\$4,420,173	\$1,527,068	\$5,947,241

Mississippi	\$2,489,808	\$859,736	\$3,349,544
Missouri	\$4,998,123	\$1,726,867	\$6,724,990
Montana	\$808,081	\$278,358	\$1,086,439
Nebraska	\$1,512,711	\$521,951	\$2,034,662
Nevada	\$2,134,789	\$737,005	\$2,871,794
New Hampshire	\$1,124,821	\$387,856	\$1,512,677
New Jersey	\$7,463,387	\$2,579,115	\$10,042,502
New Mexico	\$1,672,053	\$577,036	\$2,249,089
New York	\$9,488,395	\$3,279,165	\$12,767,560
<i>New York City</i>	\$7,026,995	\$2,428,253	\$9,455,248
North Carolina	\$7,576,259	\$2,618,135	\$10,194,394
North Dakota	\$543,949	\$187,047	\$730,996
Ohio	\$9,818,808	\$3,393,391	\$13,212,199
Oklahoma	\$3,061,821	\$1,057,482	\$4,119,303
Oregon	\$3,165,797	\$1,093,427	\$4,259,224
Pennsylvania	\$10,642,275	\$3,678,065	\$14,320,340
Rhode Island	\$913,283	\$314,726	\$1,228,009
South Carolina	\$3,696,593	\$1,276,924	\$4,973,517
South Dakota	\$668,889	\$230,239	\$899,128
Tennessee	\$5,165,868	\$1,784,856	\$6,950,724
Texas	\$20,109,629	\$6,950,954	\$27,060,583
Utah	\$2,181,440	\$753,132	\$2,934,572
Vermont	\$533,720	\$183,511	\$717,231
Virginia	\$6,538,072	\$2,259,231	\$8,797,303
Washington	\$5,471,257	\$1,890,430	\$7,361,687
West Virginia	\$1,555,603	\$536,778	\$2,092,381
Wisconsin	\$4,753,288	\$1,642,227	\$6,395,515
Wyoming	\$440,557	\$151,304	\$591,861
American Samoa	\$49,441	\$30,000	\$79,441
Micronesia	\$92,392	\$30,983	\$123,375
Virgin Islands(US)	\$92,905	\$31,182	\$124,087
Northern Marianas Islands	\$70,539	\$30,000	\$100,539
Puerto Rico	\$3,359,999	\$1,160,563	\$4,520,562
Marshall Islands	\$51,713	\$30,000	\$81,713

Guam	\$146,297	\$47,382	\$193,679
Palau	\$17,605	\$30,000	\$47,605
TOTAL	\$260,000,000	\$90,000,000	\$350,000,000

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