

## Technical Assistance Available to HPP Awardees

ASPR's Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) seeks to improve communities' abilities to prepare for and respond to disasters and public health emergencies by providing guidance and funding through cooperative agreements to awardees (states, territories, and select cities). HPP field project officers (FPOs) provide awardees with support and technical assistance to improve healthcare preparedness and response.

HPP field project officers assist awardees in their jurisdictions with a wide range of preparedness activities. Field project officers can also link their awardees to facilitate peer-to-peer collaboration and technical assistance. To learn more about the healthcare preparedness capabilities that guide HPP's program, please follow this link: [Healthcare Preparedness Activities](#).

HPP field project officers provide awardees with technical assistance to develop capabilities in the following eight areas:

**Healthcare System Preparedness** is the ability of a community's healthcare system to prepare, respond, and recover from incidents that have a public health and medical impact.

**Healthcare System Recovery** includes efforts to rebuild and revitalize public health, medical, and mental/behavioral health systems after a disaster.

**Emergency Operations Coordination** is the ability of healthcare organizations to engage with incident management (Emergency Operations Centers) to coordinate information and resource allocation during an incident.

**Fatality Management** is the ability to coordinate with organizations (e.g., law enforcement, healthcare, emergency management, and medical examiner/coroner) to ensure the proper recovery, handling, identification, transportation, tracking, storage, and disposal of human remains and related activities.

**Information Sharing** is the ability to appropriately share public health and medical-related information and situational awareness between relevant parties (e.g. healthcare organizations, local, state, federal, tribal entities and the private sector).

**Medical Surge** is the ability to provide adequate medical evaluation and care during incidents that exceed the limits of the community's medical infrastructure.

**Responder Safety and Health** is the ability of healthcare organizations to protect the safety and health of healthcare workers from a variety of hazards during emergencies and disasters.

**Volunteer Management** is the ability to coordinate the identification, recruitment, registration, credential verification, training, engagement, and retention of volunteers during incidents or events.

In addition, HPP field project offers and awardees can contact ASPR's Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE) to request assistance. ASPR TRACIE

is a healthcare emergency preparedness information gateway that ensures that all stakeholders—at the federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial government levels; in nongovernmental organizations; and in the private sector—have access to information and resources to improve preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts. [ASPR TRACIE](#) is available online at [ASPRtracie.hhs.gov](http://ASPRtracie.hhs.gov), via [email at askasprtracie@hhs.gov](mailto:askasprtracie@hhs.gov), or Monday-Friday 9am-5pm Eastern Time (excluding federal holidays) at 1-844-5-TRACIE (1-844-587-2243).

For [more information](#), please contact [HPP@HHS.GOV](mailto:HPP@HHS.GOV).

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