

Frequently Asked Questions About Hospital Preparedness – Bioterrorism Grant

Question: Who will receive money from this Grant?

Answer: Louisiana Hospitals who participate in the regional planning process will be **eligible** for funding based upon the needs identified in the Regional Plans. Hospital representatives within in each region will prioritize needs based upon the Regional Plan. The State Advisory Committee for Hospital Bioterrorism Preparedness will make final recommendations to DHH regarding funding. Hospitals will be required to participate in the following to be considered for funding:

1. Actively participate in the regional planning meetings and process
2. Submit the La/HRSA needs assessment
3. Actively participate in the response planning drills and activities

Question: What is my hospital responsible for in this process?

Answer: There are 6 Major Deliverables each hospital is required to complete in order to be considered for funding by HRSA grant:

1. Identify a hospital coordinator who is responsible for communicating information to Office of Emergency Preparedness/Designated Regional Hospital Coordinator when a disaster/state of emergency/health is declared.
2. Commit to specific designation: Regional Designated Hospital, Tier 1 or Tier 2.
3. Complete the La/HRSA needs assessment.
4. Assure that representative is present at regional planning meetings
5. Participate in regional drills to test the regional plan developed
6. Complete evaluation forms and submit feedback on process.

Question: What does it mean to be the Regional Designated Hospital? Who can be Tier 1 and Tier 2 hospitals?

Answer: There are 9 DHH regions in the State of La. There will be 1 or 2 hospitals designated to take the lead in the case of an emergency for each area. These designated regional hospitals commit to be the coordinator for services needed in the area. They are not required to take all admissions, but are required to facilitate hospitals response to identified needs. Tier 1 hospitals, historically acute hospitals and Tier 2 are psyche, rehab, LTAC, etc.