

**Utah Department of Health  
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant  
Executive Summary, FY2011 Application**

**Grantees must address at least one of the following program goals set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:**

1. Achieve health equity and eliminate health disparities by impacting social determinants of health;
2. Decrease premature death and disabilities due to chronic diseases and injuries by focusing on the leading preventable risk factors;
3. Support local health programs, systems, and policies to achieve healthy communities;
4. Provide opportunities to address emerging health issues and gaps.

**Highlight of proposed FY2011 Efforts:**

**Environmental Epidemiology:** Implement efforts to reduce blood lead levels in high risk children and workers, and to increase awareness of and testing for radon and carbon monoxide. (\$88,191)

**Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Obesity and Local Health Department Partnerships for Obesity:** Implement efforts to prevent obesity through policy and environmental changes in schools and communities to support healthy eating and physical activity. Supported efforts include the Gold Medal Schools program. Funding supports both state and local efforts, via Utah's Local Health Departments and Schools. (\$570,897)

**Local Health Department Partnerships for Injury Prevention:** Work with Local Health Departments and other partners to implement strategies to reduce injury-related morbidity and mortality, with a focus on seat belt use among teens. (\$162,400)

**Injury Prevention--Preventing Falls:** Define the burden of falls in Utah, and prepare a burden report. Convene a Fall Prevention Coalition to bring partners together to address the topic. Pilot test evidence-based falls prevention efforts in a targeted area in Utah County, that has the highest rate of hospitalizations caused by falls in the state. (\$40,000—one-time pilot)

**Public Health Assessment:** Expand and improve access to on-line data, including community indicators and a new community profile system. The IBIS-PH query system is state-of-the-art and places Utah as a leader in accessible public health data. (\$106,340)

**Rape Crises and Prevention:** (Federally mandated set-aside) Provide rape crises intervention services, including a 24 hour toll-free hotline, and training to other rape crises centers, with a focus on Hispanic/Latino populations in Salt Lake County. (\$54,686)

**The Health Advisory Committee (HAC) advises the Utah Department of Health on the use of Preventive Health and Health Block Grant Funds. HAC established the following guidelines for Utah's use of funds:**

1. Use of PBG will be limited to Utah-specific Healthy People 2010 objectives.
2. In order to demonstrate a major health impact on public health problems, categories of Healthy People 2010 objectives will be limited.
3. Objectives related to Utah's leading causes of premature mortality, with particular attention to disparities within under-served and ethnic populations, are deemed priorities.
4. Objectives for which categorical or other funds are already available have less priority.
5. Objectives and initiatives that are evidence-based and capable of measurement have greater priority.
6. To the extent possible, in the event of Federal budget cuts, adjustments by the Utah Department of Health will be made with due consideration and priority given to the local health departments.