

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

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Community Health Center Program

Description

The Community Health Center Program serves individuals with limited access to health care, including low-income patients, the uninsured, individuals with limited English proficiency, agricultural workers, the homeless, and those living in public housing. HRSA-supported health centers advance the preventive and primary medical/health home model of coordinated, comprehensive, and patient-centered care including medical, dental, behavioral, and social services. Health centers provide pharmacy, mental health, substance use disorder, oral health treatment, and supportive services such as education, translation, transportation, and case management. Overall, health centers promote access to health care and ensure patient well-being. Health centers must be located in or serve a medically underserved area or population, make services available to patients on a sliding fee scale, and be governed by community boards consisting of a majority of patients.

In fiscal year 2020, HRSA funded 9 health centers in the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands (USAPI): 1 in American Samoa, 1 in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 4 in the Federated States of Micronesia, 1 in Guam, 1 in Palau, and 1 in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, with 38 service sites in total. The breakdown of the 38 service sites in the USAPI are as follows: 6 in American Samoa, 2 in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 13 in the Federated States of Micronesia, 2 in Guam, 10 in Palau, and 5 in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

Kagman Community Health Center received \$650,000 in fiscal year 2019 through New Access Points funding to open a new community health center site on the island of Tinian. The health center verified the opening of the site in July 2020.

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Eligible to Apply

American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands

Regional Program

No

Funding Amount

\$22,585,079

Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Partnership Grants

Description

The Emergency Medical Services for Children State Partnership Program expands and improves emergency medical services for children who need treatment for trauma or critical care. The program provides funding in each state and jurisdiction for the expansion and improvement of state emergency medical systems for children in emergencies. Recipients demonstrate new models of emergency medical systems and patient outcome improvements for children by testing innovative methods that promote electronic health information systems, coordinate pediatric emergency care, integrate pediatric components into emergency systems, and increase emergency workforce education.

The Emergency Medical Services for Children State Partnership Program currently funds 58 grants. This funding includes 50 states; the District of Columbia; the 5 U.S. territories of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the 2 Freely Associated States of the Federated States of Micronesia and Palau.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

The Emergency Medical Services for Children State Partnership awardees in the territories and jurisdictions developed their emergency medical services (EMS). Program achievements include:

- Upgraded their technology infrastructure to allow for data submission to the National EMS Information System;
- Ensured that pediatric perspectives are addressed and included in COVID-19 Protocols and Training;
- Developed virtual initiatives to provide hospital emergency departments with more pediatric education;
- Supported pediatric training for Emergency Medical Technicians.

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Regional Program

No

Funding Amount

\$183,797

Family Professional Partnership/Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

Description

The Family-to-Family Health Information Centers (F2F HICs) Program promotes optimal health of children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) by assisting families and health professionals to be partners in health care decision-making. Staffed by family members who have first-hand experience using health care services and programs for CYSHCN, these programs promote cost-effective, quality healthcare by providing information, education, technical assistance, and peer support to the families and the professionals who serve them. In addition to grants to all 50 states and the District of Columbia, in 2018, the program expanded to provide funding to 5 territories and 3 tribal organizations.

The National Center for Family/Professional Partnerships provides assistance and support to the HRSA-funded F2F HICs and other Maternal and Child Health Bureau investments on the topics of family engagement and cultural and linguistic competence. The center also implements family and youth leadership development and training activities for racially and ethnically diverse minority families of CYSHCN.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

In June 2020, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam have continued program implementation activities which include the following:

- Providing one-to-one, family-to-family, and peer-to-peer support to families of CYSHCN;
- Linking families to resources and information;
- Connecting families to other families for information;
- Providing outreach and training to families; and

- Training professionals to work with families with CYSHCN.

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Eligible to Apply

American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam

Regional Program

No

Funding Amount

\$290,250

Geriatrics Academic Career Award Program

Description

The purpose of the Geriatrics Academic Career Award (GACA) program is to support the career development of individual junior faculty in geriatrics at accredited schools of allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, nursing, social work, psychology, dentistry, pharmacy, or allied health professions. For example, this may include academic geriatrics specialists to provide clinical training in geriatrics, including the training of inter-professional teams of health care professionals. The goals of the program are for GACA grant recipient to develop the necessary skills to lead health care transformation in a variety of settings, including rural and/or medically underserved settings, to be age-friendly and to provide training in clinical geriatrics, including the training of inter-professional teams of healthcare professionals to provide healthcare for older adults.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

In Fiscal Year 2020, the GACA program made 25 awards, one of which was made to the University of Hawaii System, School of Pharmacy. This marked the first time that a GACA award was made to pharmacist, Dr. Chad K Kawakami. The GACA project started on September 1, 2019. Dr. Kawakami aims to accelerate his academic career as a Geriatric Pharmacist with the long-term goal of improving appropriate medication use in elderly patients nationally. The project will be conducted through the Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency and University of Hawaii Family Medicine Residency who serve rural communities such as Hilo, Hawaii.

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Eligible to Apply

American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands

Regional Program

No

Funding Amount

\$76,200

National Health Service Corps State Loan Repayment Program

Description

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) provides cost-sharing grants to 42 states and 1 territory to operate their own loan repayment programs. These state programs offer loan repayment to primary care providers working in Health Professional Shortage Areas.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

In Fiscal Year 2020, the NHSC SLRP of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands made two new awards to clinicians practicing there, five continuation awards, and supported six clinicians serving the second year of a new award contract.

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American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands

Regional Program

No

Funding Amount

\$28,845

Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities

Description

The Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities helps states develop and implement innovative programs to address the dental workforce needs of designated dental health professional shortage areas (Dental HPSAs) in a manner appropriate to each state's individual needs. The aim is to encourage and support state innovation that will increase oral health services for populations living in Dental HPSAs and to sustain programs that increase the accessibility and quality of oral health services within Dental HPSAs.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

HRSA awarded two grants to the College of Micronesia-Federated States of Micronesia and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Fiscal Year 2018. Program achievements include:

The Federated States of Micronesia:

- Created an oral health innovation and training coordinator position for evaluation, introducing tele-dentistry, and promoting innovation in direct partnership with all dental providers. Recruitment for the position is ongoing.
- Expanded dental services in the Federated States of Micronesia by 20 percent by recruiting visiting dentists that provided additional services and assisted in training oral health professionals. Teams from Taiwan are coming every 2 months for 2-week rotations.
- Created a strong and sustainable oral health career pathway that will result in over 60 students entering oral health and nutrition careers over the 4 years of funding. Eleven graduated from cohorts 2 and 5, and are going on to school with financial aid.
- Planned training for 40 dental assistants, 10 nutritionists, 8 dental hygienists, and enrolled 8 dental students. Nutrition training began for all third-year dental students in summer 2019.

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

- Began the recruitment of an additional public health dentist to assist in implementing oral health services on outlying islands and a remote village on Saipan. Dr. Mary Bellama, DDS came on board as a full-time employee on February 9, 2019.
- Began the recruitment and training of a dental assistant for the island of Tinian, one for the island of Rota, and two for the island of Saipan. The Oral Health Program recruited and trained a dental assistant for the islands of Tinian and Rota. Both dental assistants for each of the islands were hired in December 2018.

- Note: Typhoon Yutu has affected the planned activities for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, thus some activities may be adjusted or delayed.

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Regional Program

No

Funding Amount

\$799,848

Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program

Description

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program supports voluntary, evidence-based home visiting for pregnant women and parents with young children living in communities at risk for poor maternal and child health outcomes. The MIECHV Program builds upon decades of scientific research showing that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and early childhood improves the lives of children and families. Home visiting helps prevent child abuse and neglect, supports positive parenting, improves maternal and child health, and promotes child development and school readiness.

Program grants support home visiting programs in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam. While most of the program funds are allocated to state and territory home visiting grants and general technical assistance, 3 percent is set aside for awards to Indian tribes (or a consortium of Indian tribes), tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations, and 3 percent are set aside for research, evaluation, and corrective action technical assistance to awardees.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

In Fiscal Year 2020 program achievements include:

American Samoa:

- Conducted 2,144 home visits to 480 participants in 259 households;
- Served households in communities in 10 rural counties;
- Served a high-risk population: 95.0 percent of households served were low income, 15.4 percent included pregnant teens, and 8.9 percent included someone who used tobacco products in the home; and
- Of all children enrolled in home visiting, 100.0 percent had a family member who read, told stories, and/or sang with them on a daily basis, and 99.3 percent had a timely screen for developmental delays.

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

- Conducted 1,708 home visits to 289 participants in 148 households;
- Served households living in communities in three rural counties;
- Served a high-risk population: 93.8 percent of households served were low income, 33.1 percent included someone who used tobacco products in the home, and 30.4 percent reported a history of substance abuse;
- Of all children enrolled in home visiting, 95.0 percent had a family member who read, told stories, and/or sang with them on a daily basis; and
- Caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning in 88.9 percent of postpartum home visits.

Guam:

- Conducted 643 home visits to 121 participants in 62 households;
- Served households living in communities in six rural counties;
- Served a high-risk population: 82.3 percent of households served were low income, 21.0 percent included pregnant teens, and 11.3 percent included someone who used tobacco products in the home;
- Of all children enrolled in home visiting, 100.0 percent had a timely screen for developmental delays; and
- Of all infants enrolled in home visiting, 91.9 percent were placed to sleep on their backs without bed-sharing or soft bedding.

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Eligible to Apply

American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam

Regional Program

No

Funding Amount

\$2,456,568

National Health Service Corps

Description

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) builds healthy communities by supporting qualified health care providers dedicated to working in areas of the U.S. with limited access to care.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

As of September 30, 2020, there were 16,229 medical, dental, and behavioral health care clinicians completing a NHSC service obligation by providing quality care to more than 17 million Americans in rural, urban, and tribal communities. Nationally, the NHSC Loan Repayment Program awarded 4,280 new awards and 2,355 continuation awards. These awards include six new and three continuation loan repayment awards to clinicians practicing in the American Samoa (one new), the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (three new and three continuations), and Guam (two new).

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American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands

Regional Program

No

Funding Amount

\$389,503

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part B (HIV CARE Grant Program and Ryan White Part B Supplemental)

Description

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) addresses the unmet health needs of people with HIV/AIDS by funding core medical and support services that enhance access to and retention in health care. The program reaches over 500,000 individuals each year, making it the federal government's largest program specifically for care and treatment services for people with HIV/AIDS. The program consists of four major funded programs. Currently, the program provides Part B funding to American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

Several USAPI worked to increase integrated care and treatment services for people with HIV. Program achievements include:

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

- Recipient now serving 15 of 19 people with HIV in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Increase to 15 from 14 due to finding person who tested positive for HIV as a result of World AIDS Day testing event.
- Recipient providing seamless HIV care despite decrease of staff from four to three due to resignation of administrative assistant and with one of the three staff detailed to contact tracing for COVID-19.

American Samoa:

- Recipient is providing AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) services to their clients. They are receiving 340B pricing for their medications. American Samoa is working to expand their core medical and support services for the Fiscal Year 2021 grant year.

The Federated States of Micronesia:

- Dr. Mayleen Ekiek is providing seamless coverage as Program Director of the RWHAP after resignation of program director.
- 10 of 12 RWHAP Part B clients currently receiving antiretroviral medication through RWHAP grant funding.

Guam:

- RWHAP Program Coordinator has been solely handling both responsibilities of grant management and providing direct services to clients since March 2019 when the program's medical case manager position was vacated. Her role was augmented to also provide COVID-19 support in addition to managing the Direct Services/Case Management and ADAP portions of the program for ALL of the RW clients on Guam.
- The program coordinator collaborated with the Guam Medicaid program in order to ensure Medicaid formulary updates included antiretroviral medications which had long been absent from the formulary.

Palau:

- The activities of the RWHAP in Palau concentrate on the rapid provision of access to life prolonging medications and other support services. The Part B program seamlessly maintains all the remaining five persons out of 12 HIV infected persons in a comprehensive system of care. The program also maintains a strong surveillance system of HIV infection in the territory. In collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) prevention, the program champions' early diagnosis of HIV through rapid testing and HIV testing and counseling as part of routine prenatal care to reduce perinatal transmission.

The Republic of the Marshall Islands:

- Recipient applied for and received 75/25 Core Medical Services waiver, allowing eight clients currently served by the RWHAP to receive emergency financial assistance and food bank/home-delivered meals, as core medical services needs are being met through other resources.

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Regional Program

No

Funding Amount

\$545,592

State Systems Development Initiative

Description

The State Systems Development Initiative (SSDI) develops, enhances, and expands State Title V Maternal and Child Health data capacity to allow for informed decision making and resource allocation that supports effective, efficient, and quality programming for women, infants, and children. The purpose of the SSDI was modified from previous grant cycles to reflect its alignment with transformation efforts in the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant program (Title V). These efforts ensure the continued effectiveness and readiness of Title V supported programs in responding to the changing needs of the nation's maternal and child health populations.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

In recognition of the differing data capacity needs, the current 5-year SSDI funding cycle (December 1, 2017, through November 30, 2022) established a two-tiered funding structure. Tier 1 included the 8 jurisdictions and Tier 2 included the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Program achievements/goals for the Tier 1 awardees include:

- Built and expanded jurisdiction maternal and child health data capacity to support Title V activities and contribute to data-driven decision making in these programs, including assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation;
- Provided partnerships and on-site support for the development and implementation of a data collection tool/process that will enable tracking of Title V, National Performance Measurement data;
- Directed the remaining portion of the Fiscal Year 2020 SSDI funds to support the implementation in the field of the Maternal and Child Health Jurisdictional Survey; and
- Supported a contract to support the administration of the survey in the six USAPI, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands across the 5-year project period.

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Eligible to Apply

American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands

Regional Program

No

Funding Amount

\$291,759

Maternal and Child Health Services

Description

The Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant Program (Title V) has operated as a federal-state partnership for 85 years. Title V provides a broad mandate for the provision of quality health care for all mothers and children in the nation, including CYSHCN.

Title V:

- provides mothers and children (in particular those with low income or with limited availability of health services) access to quality maternal and child health services;
- reduces infant mortality and the incidence of preventable diseases and handicapping conditions among children; reduces the need for inpatient and long-term care services;
- increases the number of children (especially preschool children) immunized against disease; increases the number of low income children receiving health assessments and follow-up diagnostic and treatment services;
- promotes the health of mothers and infants by providing prenatal, delivery, and postpartum care for low income, at-risk pregnant women;
- promotes the health of children by providing preventive and primary care services for low income children;
- provides rehabilitation services for blind and disabled individuals under the age of 16 receiving benefits under Title XVI; and
- provides and promotes family-centered, community-based systems of services for such children and their families.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

In the latest available data (Fiscal Year 2019), the USAPI, Title V served an estimated 156,065 pregnant women, infants, and children. Program achievements include the estimated number for each population group served by Title V:

- American Samoa – 1,009 pregnant women and 11,380 infants and children;
- The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – 897 pregnant women and 13,170 infants and children;
- The Federated States of Micronesia – 1,994 pregnant women and 28,092 infants and children;
- Guam – 3,250 pregnant women and 60,482 infants and children;
- Republic of Palau – 268 pregnant women and 4,704 infants and children; and

- The Republic of the Marshall Islands – 1,407 pregnant women and 29,412 infants and children.
- Title V has had notable impact in supporting maternal and child health program capacity and workforce development. This infrastructure has served as the backbone for new initiatives, such as the development of fetal infant mortality reviews, implementation of the jurisdictional survey, expansion of telehealth and telemedicine services, support of improved oral health surveillance, and the implementation of the Zika Maternal and Child Health Services Grant.

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American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands

Regional Program

No

Funding Amount

\$2,490,635

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention

Description

The Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program supports comprehensive and coordinated state and territory EHDI systems of care so families with newborns, infants, and young children up to 3 years of age who are deaf or hard-of-hearing receive appropriate and timely services that include hearing screening, diagnosis, and early intervention (EI). The program includes screening of all newborns prior to hospital discharge (screening should be done by 1 month of age), audiology diagnosis before 3 months of age, enrollment in a program of early intervention before 6 months of age, and linkages to a medical home and family-to-family support for all infants with hearing loss.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

Program achievements include:

- Provided diagnoses of deaf and hard of hearing newborns/infants through the development and use of telehealth/tele-audiology mechanisms;
- Collaborated with family leaders to provide equitable supports and opportunities for family engagement;
- Developed partnerships with organizations such as the special education agency to ensure that language acquisition is achieved in a timely manner for identified children;
- Addressed the culturally and linguistically diverse population within the USAPI and translated materials such as hearing screening procedures, results, appointment cards, and parent surveys in the languages that are most prominent on a particular island;
- Leveraged partnerships to host learning communities to collectively address enhanced EHDI Program operations to reduce delays in lost to follow up and/or documentation.

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Eligible to Apply

American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands

Regional Program

No

Funding Amount

\$1,171,200

REGIONAL PROGRAMS

For this report, Regional Programs are defined as HRSA awardees that contribute a portion of their federal funding to programs and activities in the USAPI. HRSA generally does not fund Regional Programs directly to the USAPI, but to organizations that support the USAPI. The Regional Programs' support could be for up to six of the USAPI. In Fiscal Year 2020, HRSA funded 10 Regional Programs in the USAPI, which are listed below.

AIDS Education and Training Center, Pacific

Description

The AIDS Education and Training Center, Pacific, is one of eight regional centers around the nation. The Pacific Center provides education, training, consultation, and clinical decision support to the U.S. insular area health care providers, allied health professionals, and health care support staff caring for people with HIV/AIDS or at risk for contracting HIV. The Center operates in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and the six USAPI.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

The Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center, through its Hawaii and US-Affiliated Pacific Islands Local Partner, provided eight virtual educational training sessions that were developed and presented for participants within the US-Affiliated Pacific Islands. The sessions included trainings and clinical consultations with at least one session for each of the six affiliated Pacific Islands. All were completed between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020.

Events include:

- Clinical Consultation for the Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center in Pago Pago, American Samoa;
- Undetectable = Untransmittable in Hagatna, Guam;
- Sexual Health, Sexual History Taking in Garapan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
- HIV Patient Re-Engagement Strategies in Palikir, Federated States of Micronesia;
- Behavioral Health and HIV in Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands;
- Depression Screening in Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and
- The Intersectionality of Race, Ethnicity, COVID-19 and HIV in Koror, Palau and in Hagatna, Guam.

There were a total of 44 registrations for these sessions. Topics ranged from continuum of care concerns like adherence, engagement, and re-engagement in care; STI/HIV prevention areas like Pre-exposure Prophylaxis and Treatment As Prevention; Stigma; Co-morbid mental health concerns for People with HIV; and mitigating the impact of the coronavirus pandemic through cultural competency.

- In addition, the Pacific AIDS Education & Training Center's regional office staff continued to participate as a resource for the USAPI Grants Management Technical Assistance calls with the jurisdictions.

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Eligible to Apply

As a regional program, the primary awardee provides funding to the USAPI.

Regional Program

Yes

Funding Amount

\$27,764

Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program, Hawaii/Pacific Basin

Description

The AHEC Program, Hawaii/Pacific Basin improves the health of the underserved populations through collaborative regional training initiatives across Hawaii and the USAPI. The primary awardee institution is the University of Hawaii at Manoa, John A. Burns School of Medicine, in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Program has nine regional community-based AHEC centers in its geographic service area: one in American Samoa, one in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, one in the Federated States of Micronesia, five in Hawaii, and one in Palau. The issues relating to this area include poor health career awareness and preparation, limited health career training opportunities, minimal continuing education opportunities, and difficulty recruiting and retaining providers.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

AHEC, Hawaii/Pacific Basin, worked with educational and other organizations such as Workforce Investment Boards and Health Career Opportunity Programs to assess and meet local community health workforce needs. AHEC served individuals through recruitment activities, community-based training for health professions students and providers, and innovative recruitment programs. Program achievements include:

- Provided a mentoring program that continuously supported 1,172 members, 70 percent of whom are educationally and/or economically disadvantaged students. Hawaii AHEC assisted 15 students with applying to a health professions programs with 4 students accepted into medical school and a graduate program;
- Launched the AHEC Speaker's Bureau aimed towards high school students in which over 143 individuals have volunteered and are actively speaking to schools across the state about health careers. Many of these speakers serve as mentors within the Pre-Health Careers Corps;
- Implemented the AHEC Scholars Program with 137 scholars to date. All AHEC Centers have individualized the AHEC Scholars Program for their unique area. Collectively, these two cohorts of scholars have completed 360 clinical and 360 didactic hours; and
- Implemented the Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) project. ECHO is a telehealth initiative that engages providers from all health care areas and disciplines in weekly distance continuing education sessions. ECHO also shares evidence-

based practices and mentoring and facilitates educational and case discussion led by experts. Hawaii AHEC has held 133 inter-professional 1-hour sessions on behavioral health topics and geriatrics followed by case presentations. These sessions are designed to increase teamwork and decrease provider isolation.

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Eligible to Apply

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Regional Program

Yes

Funding Amount

\$1,778,820

Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program

Description

The Guam/Micronesia Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program has developed a health care workforce that maximizes patient, family, and caregiver engagement and improves health outcomes for older adults by integrating interdisciplinary team geriatrics into primary care. The program transforms clinical training environments into integrated geriatrics and primary care delivery systems by developing providers at all levels who can assess and address the needs of older adults and their families and caregivers. The program also works with community-based programs to increase skills and support for patients, families, and caregivers, and provides resources for providers at all levels to assess and address dementia-specific problems. The region served includes all islands in Guam and the Marshall Islands.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

The Guam/Micronesia Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program was recently funded to fill gaps in care for the elderly through workforce development, family and caregiver training, and enhancement of the University of Guam nursing assistant program. The vision of the Guam/Micronesia Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program is to transform the current health systems serving older adults and those with Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) through workforce development and engaged community networks, resulting in improved health outcomes and an improved quality of life for older adults in Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, and

the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

- Goal 1: Partner with primary care delivery sites, other academic institutions, and community-based organizations to develop and implement an interdisciplinary geriatrics workforce curriculum for their nurses, certified nursing assistants, health professions students, social workers, physicians, and other health care workers to improve health outcomes for older adults.
- Goal 2: Develop and implement an innovative, evidence-based geriatrics and ADRD curricular component into the University of Guam nursing assistant training program, and provide innovative clinical experiences in primary care and community-based settings, with an interdisciplinary approach that will produce a culturally competent workforce skilled in geriatric health care.
- Goal 3: Transform the clinical practice environment of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority Skilled Nursing Unit to become an age-friendly health care system with improved patient outcomes for elderly/those with ADRD.
- Goal 4: Establish partnerships to develop and deliver community-based training programs focused on improving the care to older adults. Provide training to patients, family caregivers, and direct care workers. The Guam/Micronesia Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program will act as a resource for patients, families, and health professionals in Guam and Micronesia and serve as a model for the western Pacific.
- Goal 5: Increase the knowledge of ADRD and improve the quality of care for persons with ADRD by developing and implementing evidence-based, culturally relevant ADRD training for the direct care workforce, and family caregivers and strengthen the ADRD referral systems and support mechanisms in Guam and Micronesia.

Target Outputs: 880-950 health professions students trained; 240-330 certified nursing assistants; 1,250 families, patients, caregivers trained; ongoing chart reviews at skilled nursing units; 50 percent skilled nursing units registered nurses/certified nursing assistants certified in rehab/restorative care. At the end of the second (of five) year of funding, these targets are at least 50 percent accomplished and are expected to be exceeded by the end of the grant cycle.

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Eligible to Apply

American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands

Regional Program

Yes

Funding Amount

\$754,499

Hemophilia Treatment Centers

Description

The Regional Hemophilia Network establishes integrated and collaborative regional networks to promote and improve the comprehensive care of individuals with hemophilia and related bleeding disorders or clotting disorders such as thrombophilia. The Western Regional Hemophilia Network provides funds to the Guam Comprehensive Hemophilia Care Program. The Western Regional Hemophilia Network that supports the USAPI is based within Region IX.

Network staff ensures that the federally funded hemophilia treatment centers within their region provide full access to coordinated, integrated care in the context of a medical home model; provides technical assistance to staff on grant goals, projects, and activities; creates and disseminates clinical and patient education materials; monitors local, state, and federal health policy; conducts outreach to underserved and uninsured populations; assists in developing new treatment centers; and collaborates with public and private stakeholders to provide optimal care to patients and families.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

Regional Hemophilia Network program ensured that individuals with hemophilia and other bleeding disorders and their families have access to quality care and appropriate hematologic, genetic, and other medical expertise. In addition, the program ensured they have access to a medical home that provides accessible, family-centered, continuous, comprehensive, coordinated, compassionate, and culturally effective care. Program achievements include:

- Utilized a life course approach, refining service delivery to meet the medical, psycho-social, peer support, and genetic counseling and testing needs of individuals and families;
- Developed and implemented effective, culturally and linguistically relevant outreach methods to unserved and underserved people with hemophilia and other congenital bleeding disorders; and
- Demonstrated skills and knowledge in the care of individuals with bleeding disorders including preventive medicine, carrier detection, genetic and prenatal counseling, patient education, blood product use, and understanding of the complications of therapy.

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Eligible to Apply

American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands

Regional Program

Yes

Funding Amount

\$500,000 (This is a regional project that provides funds to the Comprehensive Hemophilia Care Programs.)

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental (LEND) and Related Disorders Training Program, University of Hawaii

Description

LEND, University of Hawaii, provided interdisciplinary training to enhance the clinical expertise and leadership skills of professionals dedicated to caring for children with neurodevelopmental disabilities (NDD) and other related disabilities, including autism spectrum disorder (ASD). In American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the LEND program supports the development of medium- and short-term trainees, serves as a continuing education partner, and has been funded by HRSA since 1994. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, planned travel to the USAPI was halted and program activities shifted to address new priorities. Hawaii LEND has recognized the tremendous health and economic disparities impacting the many USAPI migrants in Hawaii and the issues around racism and bias impacting these communities, including families with NDD/ASD. The Program has also recognized the ongoing challenges faced by professionals in the USAPI to provide services to children with NSD/ASD, which are being addressed by activities that were added in Fiscal Year 2020.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

Program achievements include:

- Provided in-depth trainings on equity, systemic and implicit bias, especially among USAPI migrants in Hawaii and across the nation, to long-term trainees. Trainings have emphasized the historical and cultural context of racism and bias, the impact on children with NSD/ASD, and their families, and steps to address this from raising awareness to advocacy.
- Developed and currently implementing the Collaborations Across the Pacific or “CAP” Academy. Through this special program, the Hawaii LEND is working with University of Hawaii Center on Disability Studies Navigating Student Success in the Pacific (NSSP) Program and Project Building Bridges (PBB) speech-language pathology students at San Francisco State University to support severely disabled children and families served by NSSP teachers in the islands of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia. The Program has had two sessions with trainees and faculty based in California, Hawaii, Republic of

the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia. NSSP teachers (short-term trainees) are learning about strategies to support their students with NSD/ASD. Hawaii LEND trainees are learning about the challenges and approaches to working in rural and remote communities, communication and working with professionals and families from different cultures, and inter-professional/inter-disciplinary approaches to complex problems.

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Eligible to Apply

Domestic public or nonprofit agencies, including institutions of higher education. See Title III, §399BB(e)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service Act. Domestic faith-based and community-based organizations, tribes, and tribal organizations are also eligible to apply.

Regional Program

Yes

Funding Amount

\$599,000

(Note: This is the total amount of the LEND, University of Hawaii grant.)

Poison Control Stabilization and Enhancement Program

Description

The Poison Control Program (PCP) supports poison control centers' (PCCs) efforts to prevent and provide treatment recommendations for poisonings, comply with operational requirements needed to achieve and sustain accreditation, and improve and enhance communications and response capability and capacity. PCP improves the quality of data received from PCCs to the National Poison Data System in support of national toxico-surveillance activities conducted by CDC. The USAPI are serviced by two PCCs, via contractual relationships as they do not have their own individual PCC. PCC services are accessed through the toll-free Poison Help number in American Samoa and Guam (1-800-222-1222), and in the Federated States of Micronesia, (1-888-222-4516).

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

Program achievements include:

- Provided \$20.2 million in grant funds to 55 PCCs representing 89 percent of program funding; and
- Awarded \$645,118 to the PCCs that provide services to the USAPI.

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Eligible to Apply

American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands

Regional Program

Yes

Funding Amount

\$645,118 (funding goes to Nebraska PCC and Oregon PCC)

Poison Control Center CARES Supplemental Award

Description

This supplemental funding was given to support the increase in public calls to the PCCs for exposures related to COVID-19.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

Program achievements include:

- Provided \$4.8 million in supplemental grant funds to 55 PCCs to hire additional staff, purchase equipment and supplies to allow for remote work, and create educational and outreach materials.
- Provided \$151,894 to the PCCs that provide services to the USAPI.

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Regional Program

Yes

Funding Amount

\$151,894 (funding goes to Nebraska PCC and Oregon PCC)

Regional Genetic Networks

Description

The Regional Genetics Network program establishes multi-sectoral, collaborative regional networks to increase access to genetic services and education, especially for medically underserved populations. Western States Regional Genetics Network is one of seven Regional Genetics Networks across the nation and serves Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Guam. In addition to linking individuals and families to genetic services, Regional Genetics Networks develop and provide resources to genetic service providers, public health officials, and families and implement innovative models of telehealth with a focus on clinical genetics outreach.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

Program achievements by Western States Regional Genetics Network include:

- Hawaii-based medical geneticists provided consultations to Guam via e-mail and telephone regarding newborn screening results and other genetics-related inquiries;
- Family advocates and leaders in Guam continued to participate in developing and sharing of genetics and family engagement resources; and
- Provided technical assistance to Guam NBS program to improve their program functions and on use of telehealth in response to COVID-19.

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Eligible to Apply

Guam

Regional Program

Yes

Funding Amount

\$600,000

State and Regional Primary Care Association (Pacific Islands)

Description

State and Regional Primary Care Association Cooperative Agreements provide training and technical assistance to increase access to care, achieve operational excellence, and improve health outcomes at existing and potential health centers in states and regions. Through submission and approval of Primary Care Association Non-Competing Continuation Progress Reports, 52 organizations received funding in fiscal year 2020 under HRSA-17-057.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

The Pacific Island Primary Care Association continued to provide training and technical assistance to health centers in the USAPI through the dissemination of promising practices, facilitation of trainings, coordination of stakeholder meetings, and other activities. Program achievements include:

- Supported the improvement and expansion of primary health care systems specific to local needs;
- Improved and expanded integrated systems of care;
- Built and sustained local and regional capacity and collaborations among organizations; and
- Collaborated with behavioral health organizations that provided training and technical assistance in substance use disorder and other behavioral health issues relevant to the USAPI.

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Eligible to Apply

As a regional program, the primary grantee (not a USAPI) supports T/TA in all USAPIs.

Regional Program

Yes

Funding Amount

\$796,244

(This increase included one-time supplemental funds for COVID-19 and ongoing funding for workforce activities.)

State Primary Care Office

Description

The State Primary Care Office works in cooperation with region-wide organizations to conduct needs assessments related to the primary care, dental health, and mental health workforce and to develop recruitment and retention activities in areas lacking adequate health services and health care providers.

Program/Project Achievements for Fiscal Year 2020

Program achievements include:

- Completed the update to Health Professional Shortage Areas scores for the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Palau Republic of the Marshall Islands; and
- Provided informational sessions on National Health Service Corps program, recruitment, and retention at local and regional health events/meetings.

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Eligible to Apply

American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands

Regional Program

Yes

Funding Amount

\$137,445

U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands Jurisdictions (USAPI)

No.	Program Title	Federated States of Micronesia	Palau	Republic of the Marshall Islands	American Samoa	Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	Guam	Regionally Funded Projects	Totals
1	Community Health Center Program	\$7,571,868	\$2,899,114	\$2,265,031	\$4,454,756	\$2,267,182	\$3,127,128		\$22,585,079
2	Emergency Medical Services for Children Partnership Grants	(-\$70,772)	\$119,344	(-\$94,951)	\$32,102	68,074	\$130,000		\$183,797
3	Family Professional Partnership/ Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$96,750	\$96,750	\$96,750		\$290,250
4	Geriatrics Academic Career Award Program					\$76,200			\$76,200
5	Grants to States for Loan Repayment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28,845	\$0		\$28,845
6	Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities	\$399,848				\$400,000	\$0		\$799,848
7	Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program	n/e	n/e	n/e	\$881,556	\$700,337	\$874,675		\$2,456,568
8	National Health Service Corps	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$189,503	\$100,000		\$389,503
9	Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part B	50,000	56,831	49,999	42,532	65,020	281,210		545,592
10	State Systems Development Initiative	\$50,000	\$41,759	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000		\$291,759
11	Maternal and Child Health Services	\$519,563	\$147,736	\$185,808	\$492,447	\$464,050	\$681,031		\$2,490,635
12	Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI)	\$244,412	\$226,368		\$245,000	\$215,408	\$240,012		\$1,171,200
13	AIDS Education and Training Center, Pacific	n/e	n/e	n/e	n/e	n/e	n/e	\$27,764	\$27,764

No.	Program Title	Federated States of Micronesia	Palau	Republic of the Marshall Islands	American Samoa	Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	Guam	Regionally Funded Projects	Totals
14	Area Health Education Center Program, Hawaii/U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,778,820	\$1,778,820
15	Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 754,499		\$754,499
16	Hemophilia Treatment Centers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
17	Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders Training Program, University of Hawaii	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$599,000	\$599,000
18	Poison Control Stabilization and Enhancement Program	n/e	n/e	n/e	n/e	n/e	n/e	\$645,118	\$645,118
19	Poison Control Center CARES Supplemental Award	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$151,894	\$151,894
20	Regional Genetic Networks	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$600,000	\$600,000
21	State and Regional Primary Care Association (Pacific Islands)	n/e	n/e	n/e	n/e	n/e	n/e	\$796,244	\$796,244
22	State Primary Care Office	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$137,445	\$137,445
	Totals	\$8,764,919	\$3,491,152	\$2,455,887	\$6,395,143	\$4,621,369	\$6,335,305	\$5,236,285	\$37,300,060

HRSA FUNDING TABLES - n/e = not eligible

Freely Associate States: Federated State of Micronesia, Palau and Republic of the Marshall Islands

Territories: American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam