

Using CDC Block Grant Funding for Accessing Library Resources

The CDC Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant funding can be used for library services that give public health departments (PHDs) access to journals, publications, the latest evidence and additional resources. (Costs will be tied to state work plans.)

Block Grant funding can now be used for the Public Health Information Access Project (PHIAP):

In 2010, the [National Library of Medicine](#) (NLM) developed a PHIAP pilot with 8 PHDs. Between 2010 and 2015, NLM expanded the PHIAP pilot to include 19 states and 2 local health departments. The goal of the project is to provide low-cost access to high-value, evidence-based resources to improve public health practice at the state and local levels. It uses a state-defined Intranet to deliver a digital library to PHD staff, and PHDs and local libraries work together to support evidence-based public health practice. While PHIAP costs per site vary based on an algorithm related to FTEs, current averages range from \$15,000 - \$20,000 per year per participating PHD. The project provides access to information resources, including consultation, assistance with library installation of required software, training, and alternate article delivery for resources not available via the PHIAP digital library.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PHIAP OR HOW TO ACCESS LIBRARY SERVICES, please visit:

<http://nnlm.gov/phiap>.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, please contact:

- [Dianne Ochoa](#), Division of Public Health Performance Improvement, OSTLTS, CDC; or your CDC PHHS BG Project Officer for questions related to your state work plans
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