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(202) 690-6343**HHS awards \$16.8 million to train public health workforce
Grants awarded to 27 Public Health Training Centers**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius today announced the award of \$16.8 million to support 27 Public Health Training Centers (PHTC) at schools of public health and other public or non-profit institutions across the country. The PHTC Program helps improve the public health system by enhancing skills of the current and future public health workforce. Institutions accredited to provide graduate or specialized training in public health are eligible for funding. Most of the funding – \$15.4 million – is made available by the Prevention and Public Health Fund included as part of the Affordable Care Act.

“Today’s awards represent a dramatic increase in support for Public Health Training Centers,” said Secretary Sebelius. “Investing in prevention and public health is the foundation for improving the health and well-being of all Americans.”

Funded organizations (1) plan, develop, operate and evaluate projects that support goals established by the Secretary in preventive medicine, health promotion and disease prevention; or (2) improve access to and quality of health services in medically underserved communities. Other PHTC activities include assessing the learning needs of the public health workforce; providing accessible training; and working with organizations to meet strategic planning, education, and resource needs.

“Whether facing public health emergencies such as natural disasters, or chronic conditions like obesity, a well-trained public health workforce is critical to ensuring the nation’s health and welfare,” said Mary K. Wakefield, Ph.D., R.N., administrator of HHS’ Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), which oversees the PHTC program.

Awards are listed below. For more information on HRSA’s health professions programs, visit <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/>.

Public Health Training Center Awards

Organization	City	State	Total
Arizona Board of Regents	Tucson	Arizona	\$647,637.00
The Regents of the University of California	Berkeley	California	\$649,819.00
Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles	Los Angeles	California	\$650,000.00
San Diego State University Research Foundation	San Diego	California	\$647,875.00
University of Colorado Denver	Aurora	Colorado	\$649,497.00
University of South Florida	Tampa	Florida	\$650,000.00
The University of Georgia	Athens	Georgia	\$630,032.00
Emory University	Atlanta	Georgia	\$650,000.00
Indiana University	Indianapolis	Indiana	\$129,267.00
University of Kentucky Research Foundation	Lexington	Kentucky	\$647,307.00

Tulane University	New Orleans	Louisiana	\$650,000.00
Trustees of Boston University, Boston University Medical Campus	Boston	Massachusetts	\$649,977.00
The Regents of the University of Michigan	Ann Arbor	Michigan	\$650,000.00
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill	North Carolina	\$643,004.00
Trustees of Dartmouth College	Hanover	New Hampshire	\$618,734.00
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New York - School of Public Health	New Brunswick	New Jersey	\$647,654.00
The Research Foundation of the State University of New York	Albany	New York	\$649,921.00
The Ohio State University	Columbus	Ohio	\$650,000.00
The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma	\$649,750.00
University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania	\$649,994.00
University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus	San Juan	Puerto Rico	\$650,000.00
University of South Carolina	Columbia	South Carolina	\$650,000.00
East Tennessee State University	Johnson City	Tennessee	\$650,000.00
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Houston	Texas	\$649,801.00
Eastern Virginia Medical School	Norfolk	Virginia	\$488,360.00
University of Washington	Seattle	Washington	\$650,000.00
Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System	Madison	Wisconsin	\$628,480.00
	TOTAL		\$16,777,109.00

The Health Resources and Services Administration is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. HRSA is the primary Federal agency responsible for improving access to health care services for people who are uninsured, isolated, or medically vulnerable. For more information about HRSA and its programs, visit www.hrsa.gov

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