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# Resilience Report

Brief insights and the latest innovations in emergency management and health security.

## Requirements for ASPR's Hospital Preparedness Program



ASPR has allocated \$240M to 62 recipients for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 of the [Hospital Preparedness Program \(HPP\) Cooperative Agreement](#) with a start date of July 1, 2024. Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2028 requirements are beginning to be implemented, including requirements within Budget Period (BP) 1 due December 31, 2024 and June 30, 2025, respectively. Below, CONSTANT summarizes key information for the 318 U.S. health care coalitions (HCCs) to know about the updated HPP requirements. We also look forward to attending the [National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference](#), specifically the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response's (ASPR) *HPP New Five-Year Period of Performance* presentation presented by ASPR's Office of Health Care Readiness, to gain deeper knowledge of HPP activities.

- **Overall Focus:** The FY 2024-2028 HPP requirements seek to build on progress made within the FY 2019-2023 period of performance (PoP) and prioritize four (4) outcome areas: establish and act on multi-year priorities, enhance and sustain HCCs, coordination, and continuity of health care service delivery.
- **Key Changes:** The HPP Cooperative Agreement features more flexible and less prescriptive HCC membership requirements to allow for membership composition tailored

to unique needs. The "core" and "non-core" membership model is no longer in use, but HCCs must still maintain membership comprised of organizations from health care, emergency management, emergency medical services, and public health. Additionally, ASPR and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) worked collaboratively to include reciprocal language within the HPP and the [Public Health Emergency Preparedness \(PHEP\) Cooperative Agreement](#). Furthermore, whole community planning is prioritized, as are activities in four (4) overarching activity groups: establish governance, assess readiness, plan and implement, and exercise and improve.

- **New Requirements:** The HPP Cooperative Agreement outlines activities that address emerging threats. This includes a requirement for a Patient Movement Plan and requirements for Cyber and Extended Downtime Assessments, Planning, and Exercises. Additionally, the Cooperative Agreement emphasizes coordination for health care readiness, requiring key partners for collaboration like educational agencies, state child care agencies, the State Unit on Aging, and community-based organizations. Finally, the Cooperative Agreement integrates some components from its previous iteration into larger requirements, like the Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP) (formerly Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan) being contained within the Strategic Plan, and has new requirements like an HCC Governance Document and Readiness and Workforce Assessments.
- **Continued Requirements:** Many requirements from the FY 2019-2023 PoP continue in this cycle, including the Continuity of Operations Plan, Response Plan, Hazard Vulnerability Assessment, and Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE).
- **Resources:** View slides from ASPR's HPP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Informational Call [here](#), and take a look at ASPR's latest information on the Cooperative Agreement, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and Summary of Changes at this [link](#).

Contact Ali Leis, CONSTANT's Health Security/Healthcare Preparedness Portfolio Manager, at [ali@constantassociates.com](mailto:ali@constantassociates.com) should your organization be seeking assistance with HPP activities. CONSTANT has supported MRSEs, Hazard Vulnerability Assessments (HVAs), Patient Movement Plans, Scarce Resource Allocation Plans, Continuity of Operations Plans, Cybersecurity Plans and Exercises, and more for HCCs.

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## Upcoming Conferences

CONSTANT continues our attendance at upcoming industry conferences into the fall! Learn more below about where CONSTANT team members will be in November and December. Please contact us at [info@constantassociates.com](mailto:info@constantassociates.com) should you be interested in meeting with one of our team members while attending these events.

### International Association of Emergency Managers Conference

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### *Emergency Management Ascending*

Mona Bontty, Kim Hayward Buys, and  
Ali Leis are attending the IAEM  
Conference on behalf of CONSTANT.

Visit us at booth #910 on Monday,  
Tuesday, and Wednesday. We look  
forward to seeing you there!

**November 16-18**  
**Colorado Springs, CO**



CONSTANT is excited to announce that we will be exhibiting during the [IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX](#) (booth #910). Team members Mona Bontty, Kim Hayward Buys, and Ali Leis will be representing CONSTANT. Learn more about CONSTANT's attendance at the IAEM Conference [here](#). We'll see you in Colorado Springs next week!

### **Professional Services Council Vision 2024**

Jeff Philippart, CONSTANT's Business Development Director, will be at the [Professional Services Council \(PSC\)](#) Vision 2024 Federal Market Forecast Conference beginning November 19th. CONSTANT looks forward to joining industry and government leaders at the event in Washington D.C.

### **Baird Defense and Government Conference**

Michelle Constant, CONSTANT's Chief Executive Officer, will be at [Baird's Defense & Government Conference](#) beginning November 21st. CONSTANT is thrilled to attend the conference to learn more about key industry trends and market outlooks, and to network with government officials across our industries.

### **National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference**

Ali Leis, CONSTANT's Health Security and Healthcare Preparedness Portfolio Manager, will be attending the [National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference](#)! Should you be attending the event in Orlando in early December, contact us to connect with Ali. We look forward to connecting with our healthcare and public health colleagues.

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## In the News



### Recovery from Hurricanes Helene and Milton Continue

Per FEMA's [latest update](#) at time of writing, more than \$2.7B in assistance has been provided to Hurricane Helene and Milton survivors, including \$1.5B in direct assistance and \$1.2B for debris removal and emergency protective measures. FEMA has also shared updates about its work with the [disability community](#), ensuring survivors with disabilities have the necessary access to tools and assistance. In the press release below, FEMA summarizes a month of recovery efforts between September 25 to October 25.

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### CISA Builds International Strategic Plan

After October's Cybersecurity Awareness Month, CISA continues to release resources and new developments. CISA's first ever [International Strategic Plan](#) describes how CISA will engage and coordinate with its international partners to reduce global risk. The Strategic Plan establishes three (3) core goals. CISA also released a blog about how to embrace the "see something, say something" culture of DHS for public safety, and how that applies to CISA's cybersecurity posture.

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## 12th Meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body

In December 2021, the WHO established an Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft a WHO instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response. The process has been challenging amidst [continued disagreement](#) on critical issues. The 12th meeting, held between November 4th and November 15th, will have select sessions available to watch on a public webcast. Following the last meeting [in September](#), it was conceded that there was [not enough progress](#).

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## The Fun Stuff



### Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Thanksgiving! CONSTANT wishes our team members, colleagues, partners, and clients a joyful and safe holiday. As we reflect back on another year of *making the world a safer place*, we have so much to be thankful for.

### Recognizing Our Veterans

Yesterday, CONSTANT honored Veterans Day, celebrating the brave men and women who have served our country, including several members of our team. Thank you for your bravery and dedication to ensuring our freedom.

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## We're Here to Support You

If you need help with disaster preparedness, infectious disease planning, or anything in between, send us an email at [staff@constantassociates.com](mailto:staff@constantassociates.com). We are here to help.

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