

# Republic of the Marshall Islands Ministry of Health



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**Mission:** To strengthen the commitment to the Healthy Islands concept by implementing health promotion to protect and promote healthy lifestyles; to improve the lives of the people through primary health; and to build the capacity of the Ministry of Health, communities, families, and partners to actively participate in and coordinate preventive services programs and activities as the core resources in primary health care services

## ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH

Health agencies are working across the country to actively protect the public's health, prevent avoidable diseases and conditions, and promote healthy communities.



## CDC 2018 OPIOID OVERDOSE CRISIS FUNDING

**Year 1 (FY18)** \$200,000.00

This funding will support RMI in working to prevent opioid-related overdoses, deaths, and other outcomes. It will advance the understanding of the epidemic and scale-up prevention and response activities, including improving the timeliness of data. Specifically to:

- Strengthen jurisdictional recovery by developing trainings to MOHHS staff and community partners
- Strengthen biosurveillance by assessing drug overuse/overdose cases and better understand drug use behavior, potential for risk reduction, and drug market characteristics
- Strengthen information management by communicating the risks associated with opioid use and promote healthy behaviors, address stigma, dispel rumors and cultural misperceptions
- Strengthen countermeasures and mitigation by developing systems to respond to a potential surge and prevent new cases

See more public health successes at: [my.astho.org/75ways](http://my.astho.org/75ways)

## TOP 5 HEALTH AGENCY PRIORITIES

- 1 Address tuberculosis (TB), including multi-drug resistant TB
- 2 Eradicate leprosy
- 3 Reduce non-communicable diseases and their major risk factors
- 4 Protect against vaccine-preventable diseases
- 5 Fight childhood malnutrition

Source: ASTHO 2017 Profile

