

# MRC Regional Workshop

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- NACCHO's role to support the MRC
- Workshop Objectives
- NACCHO's Capacity Building Resources
  - 2021 MRC Deployment Readiness Guide
  - MRC Unit Leader Trainings Series
- MRC Network Profile
- MRC Awards
  - Operational Readiness Awards
  - RISE Awards

# How NACCHO Supports the MRC



## Mission of NACCHO

**Improve the health of communities by strengthening and advocating for local public health.**

- Skill building
- Professional resources and programs
- Seek health equity
- Support effective public health practices and systems.



## Cooperative Agreement with HHS ASPR

**Resources to support capabilities of the MRC.**

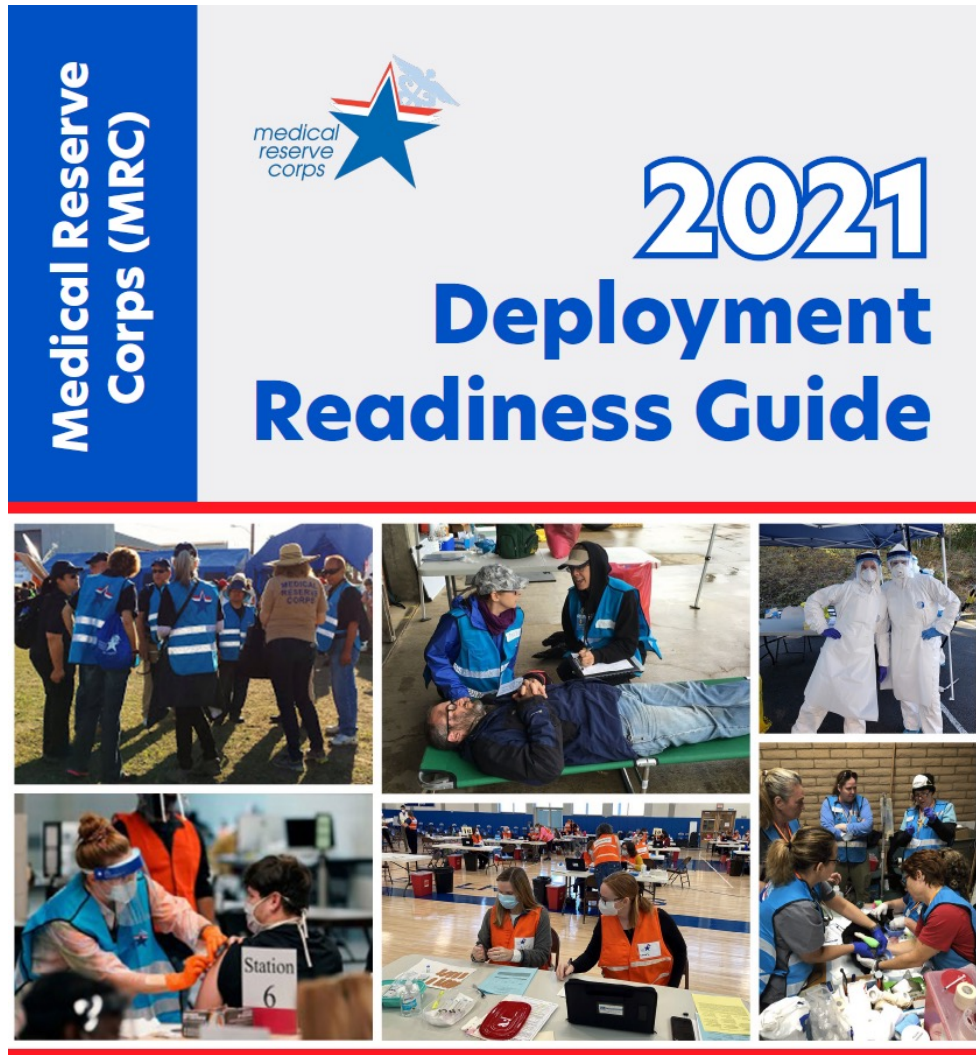
- Provide MRC small grants to develop response capabilities.
- Technical resources for training and competencies.
- Unit leadership peer-to-peer learning.
- Promote MRC capabilities

# Workshop Objectives

**Foster collaboration between MRC units and key stakeholders to improve integration of the MRC in local, statewide, or interstate deployments.**

- Provide a peer-to-peer learning environment to share best practices.
- Provide tools and resources for MRC unit leaders to support capacity building and strengthen response capabilities.
- Strengthen collaboration at the local, state, and regional level.

# 2021 MRC Deployment Readiness Guide



Now available on NACCHO's  
MRC Deployment Readiness  
Resources webpage



[MRC Deployment Readiness Resources - NACCHO](#)

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# Navigating the Guide

## Rapid Deployment Checklist

Rapid-deployment phase checklist includes activities that happen during not steady state to prepare new volunteers for potential rapid onboarding and rapid deployments.

### RAPID DEPLOYMENT PHASE

#### Administration

- Ensure all volunteers complete an MRC application that includes a minimum of the following address (physical and mailing), phone number, email, profession, and opt-in text notification items, such as training, certifications, health professional status, health limitations, etc. may
- Ensure all volunteers have been issued an MRC badge, vest, and/or uniform.
- Document all volunteer activity during deployment including hours, signature, location, and
- Complete deployment tasks listed in the [Deployment Checklist \(p. 11\)](#).

#### Liability Coverage

- Ensure volunteers sign local and/or state loyalty oath and/or the MRC unit's code of conduct agreement.
- Provide information on liability coverage.
- Confirm volunteer liability coverage once activated.

#### Screening

- Basic background checks are highly recommended for all rapid volunteers.
- Have all volunteers complete health/screening statements.

#### Verifying Medical Licenses

- Verify all medical credentials immediately prior to deployment. If a license is to expire soon (or within anticipated deployment date), flag for follow-up prior to expiration.

#### Training

- Provide JITT MRC orientation.
- Provide JITT for all responders to cover roles and mission response information.
- For baseline volunteer training recommendations, please see [MRC Volunteer Tiers \(p. 8\)](#) and [MRC Core Competencies \(p. 17\)](#).

#### Safety and Medical Clearance

- Conduct risk assessments for ALL events and deployments, to include health risks. See [ICS-215A](#).
- Ensure a safety briefing is included in all activities.
- Be on alert for any accidents or injuries. Ensure volunteers understand procedures for reporting injuries.

#### Cultural Competency

- Identify volunteers who self-report language competencies.
- Based on the need of each mission, consider additional JITT training regarding ethics, sensitivity, "bedside manner," and social media sensitivity in disaster settings.
- Include cultural challenges and strategies in briefings.

## MRC Mission Set Examples

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Links both within guide and to external sources

# Deployment Readiness Volunteer Management Tools

## MRC Volunteer Tier Levels

Tiers based  
on training &  
experience

Helps identify  
non-mission-  
specific  
capacity to  
respond

## MRC Unit Leader Deployment Checklist

Checklist of  
activities by  
deployment  
phase

Admin.,  
training,  
equipment,  
medical,  
& safety  
activities

# Volunteer Tier Level Structure

Unassigned

- Spontaneous volunteers or those from other organizations.

Level 4

- Volunteers who have registered but have not completed orientation.

Level 3

- Volunteers with an introductory, baseline level of knowledge and experience.

Level 2

- Volunteers with an intermediate level of knowledge and the desire to expand their skills and abilities.

Level 1

- Volunteers with an advanced level of knowledge and/or those serving in a specialized or supervisory role.

| MRC Volunteer Tier Levels |   |   |  |
|---------------------------|---|---|--|
| Level                     | Deployable  | Level Description   | Training   |
| <b>MRC Level 1</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EMAC/Federal</li> <li>Intrastate</li> <li>Local</li> </ul> | <b>Level 1 Volunteers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet the standards for Level 2</li> <li>Demonstrated experience in non-emergency activations or emergency deployments</li> <li>Capable of serving supervisory roles</li> <li>Background check recommended &amp; may be required for EMAC deployments</li> </ul>                       | <b>Required:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IS-200</li> <li>IS-800</li> </ul> <b>Recommended:</b><br>MRC Core Competencies Learning Paths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteer Leadership</li> <li>Community Resiliency</li> </ul> |
| <b>MRC Level 2</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intrastate</li> <li>Local</li> </ul>                       | <b>Level 2 Volunteers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet the standards for Level 3</li> <li>Demonstrated experience through training/exercises</li> <li>Demonstrated participation in unit activities and non-emergency events</li> <li>Background check recommended</li> </ul>   | <b>Required:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IS-100</li> <li>IS-700</li> </ul> <b>Recommended:</b><br>MRC Core Competencies Learning Path <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteer Response</li> </ul>                                  |
| <b>MRC Level 3</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local</li> </ul>   | <b>Level 3 Volunteers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited training or participation in unit activities</li> <li>Background check recommended</li> </ul>   | <b>Required:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MRC Unit Orientation or JITT equivalent</li> </ul> <b>Recommended:</b><br>MRC Core Competencies Learning Path <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteer Preparedness</li> </ul>             |
| <b>MRC Level 4</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local surge response only</li> </ul>                       | <b>Level 4 Volunteers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registered with the MRC but have not completed MRC unit on-boarding process or orientation</li> <li>Can be deployable during a local emergency surge response, if they receive a JITT orientation, role-specific JITT, and meet rapid deployment on-boarding requirements.</li> </ul> |  |
| <b>Unassigned</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-deployable</li> </ul>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spontaneous or volunteers from other volunteer organizations</li> <li>Volunteers would need to register with the MRC unit and meet Level 3 requirements to be deployable</li> </ul>  |  |

## MRC Unit Leader Deployment Readiness Checklists

This checklist of activities is designed to guide MRC Unit Leaders through the phases of a deployment: **Pre-deployment**, **Deployment**, **Rapid Deployment**, and **Post-deployment**. The following recommendations are by no means exhaustive but cover a broad spectrum of topics including administration, liability coverage, screening, verification of medical licensure, safety and medical clearance, training, cultural competency, and response operations.

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### Pre-Deployment Checklist

The pre-deployment phase checklist includes activities that happen during steady state to prepare volunteers for potential deployments.

#### PRE-DEPLOYMENT PHASE

##### Administration

- ❑ Ensure all volunteers complete an MRC application that includes a minimum of the following items: address (physical and mailing), phone number, email, profession, and opt-in text notifications. Additional items, such as previous training, certifications, health profession status, health limitations, etc., may be included. See [sample application](#).
- ❑ Provide MRC policy and guidance documents with written volunteer acknowledgement.
- ❑ Document and ensure volunteers understand the notification process and deployment expectations. See [sample activation process](#).
- ❑ Ensure all volunteers have been issued an MRC badge and uniform.

##### Liability Coverage

- ❑ Ensure volunteers sign local and/or state loyalty oath and/or the MRC unit's code of conduct agreement.
- ❑ Provide information on liability coverage. See [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Public Health Emergency Law \(PHEL\) Online Course \(Unit 2\)](#) or the [Emergency Law Inventory](#).

##### Screening

- ❑ All volunteers should undergo background checks, as resources allow. Consult your legal counsel regarding standards and process.
- ❑ If your unit has deployment disqualification conditions, make certain each applicant is clear of those conditions. See [pre-deployment questionnaire](#).

##### Verifying Medical Licenses

- ❑ Ensure health professional MRC volunteers are registered via [Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals \(ESAR-VHP\)](#) or other credentialing software.
- ❑ Periodically verify all medical credentials. If a license is to expire soon (or within anticipated deployment date), flag for follow up prior to expiration.

## MRC Unit Leader Deployment Phase Checklists:

- **Pre-deployment**
- **Deployment**
- **Post-deployment**
- **Rapid Deployment**

## Includes topics for each phase:

- **Administrative**
- **Liability coverage**
- **Screening**
- **Verification of licensures**
- **Safety and medical**
- **Training**
- **Cultural competency**
- **Response operations**

# Volunteer Capabilities and Baseline Training Standards

## MRC Volunteer Core Competencies

### Preparedness

- Personal & Family
- Safe Behaviors

### Response

- Volunteer Roles
- Communicate Effectively
- Surge Capacity Responses
- Clinical Management

### Leadership

- Situational Awareness
- Public Health for All Populations

### Community Resilience

- Ethical Principles
- Legal Principles
- Recovery Considerations

LEARNING PATHS

| MRC Core Competencies Training Plan   |   |  |            |                      |
|---|---|--|------------|----------------------|
| Learning Path: Volunteer Preparedness   |   |  |            |                      |
| DMPH Competency   | MRC Performance Qualifications                    | Suggested Training and MRC-TRAIN Course Number   | Time       | Volunteer Tier Level |
| 1.0 Demonstrate personal and family preparedness for disasters and public health emergencies.                           | Complete a personal and family preparedness plan. | • Personal and Family Preparedness* - <a href="#">MRC-TRAIN 1081145</a>                                  | 25 minutes | Level 3              |
|   |   | • Animal Emergency Preparedness - <a href="#">MRC-TRAIN 1025307</a>                                      | 1 hour     | Level 2              |
| 5.0 Demonstrate knowledge of personal safety measures that can be implemented in a disaster or public health emergency. | Demonstrate safe behaviors during MRC activities. | • Personal Safety* - <a href="#">MRC-TRAIN 1081353</a>   | 40 minutes | Level 3              |
|   |   | • Workforce Resiliency 2: Individual and Organizational Preparedness - <a href="#">MRC-TRAIN 1021348</a> | 2.25 hours | Level 3              |
|   |   | • Blood-borne Pathogen Overview - <a href="#">MRC-TRAIN 1040544</a>                                      | 10 minutes | Level 3              |
|   |   | • CDC Project Firstline: What is PPE? - <a href="#">MRC-TRAIN 1096546</a>                                | 4 minutes  | Level 3              |
|   |   | • Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Healthcare Settings - <a href="#">MRC-TRAIN 1099936</a>        | 1 hour     | Level 2              |
|   |   | • Disaster Responder Health and Safety - <a href="#">MRC-TRAIN 1037220</a>                               | 6 hours    | Level 1              |

# Volunteer Deployment Readiness E-Learning Modules



## MRC TRAIN

- ✓ MRC Volunteer Deployment Readiness: [Pre-Deployment Phase 1086867](#)
- ✓ MRC Volunteer Deployment Readiness: Deployment and Post-[Deployment Phases 1086868](#)

## NACCHO University:

- Both courses can be found in the [Public Health Preparedness tab - Medical Reserve Corps.](#)

## MRC Volunteer Deployment Readiness: Pre-Deployment Phase

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Welcome to the Medical Response Unit (MRC) Pre-Deployment eLearning course. This course is the first of two designed for MRC volunteers that may be activated and deployed for an emergency response. The courses are designed to provide an overview of the activities that an MRC Volunteer should expect and prepare for during the phases of an activation or deployment.

This course will cover a range of activities that an MRC volunteer can do to prepare for an activation or deployment. The content covered within is intended to be a guide and may not include specific pre-deployment requirements for local MRC units or state requirements. Be sure to check with your MRC unit for a complete list of deployment and post-deployment requirements.

The course will launch from the NACCHO website. To download a certificate you must select the "Complete Acknowledgement" tab.

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## MRC Volunteer Deployment Readiness: Deployment and Post Deployment Phases

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# MRC Core Competencies Volunteer Training Plan – January 2022

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The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Training Plan is a suggested guide for training MRC Volunteers at the local level. It presents a “menu” of options to guide MRC Unit leaders and volunteers with trainings that align with the DMPH Competencies. MRC units can choose trainings from the training matrix, use other trainings not listed in the matrix, or create their own unit-specific trainings based on the DMPH competencies.

[https://www.train.org/mrc/training\\_plan/4101](https://www.train.org/mrc/training_plan/4101)

# Mission Sets to Develop Unit Capabilities

## Definition:

A Mission Set is a planning document that

- describes a scalable response and recovery capability for MRC units and volunteers
- that is organized, developed, trained, and exercised prior to an emergency or disaster
- for local, state, and/or regional deployment purposes.

## Mission Sets serve as:

- A foundation to build capabilities for common response missions.
- A means for MRC unit leaders to demonstrate their unit capabilities.
- Resource to support public health response plans.
- Reference for developing training and exercises.

## Mission Sets include:

- Types of personnel
- Training requirements
- Equipment requirements
- Pre-planning considerations
- Additional resources such as job action sheets

# Mission Sets Developed by MRC units



## MRC Mission Sets

### MRC Mission Set Examples

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## Mission Sets featured in the 2021 DRG:

- COVID-19 Responses
  - PODs
  - COVID-19 Testing
  - Medical Surge
  - Risk Communications
  - Targeted Outreach
  - PPE Fit Testing
- Medical Surge/ Alternate Care Sites (ACS)
- Risk Communications
- Outreach
- Medical & Non-Medical Shelter Operations
- Community Reception Centers (Radiation Response)
- Resiliency (Disaster Behavioral Health)
- Animal Response
- Family Assistance Center
- Medical Volunteer Coordination

# MRC Unit Leader Training Series

- **Unit Leader Responsibilities and Resources**
- **Developing Unit Leadership**
- **Volunteer Management**
- **Developing Unit Training Plans**
- **Unit Administration Requirements**
- **Developing Community Partners**

Intended for MRC unit leaders that are engaged in the planning, development, and execution of an MRC unit.

Provide resources and recommendations for unit leaders that support the ***MRC Unit Factors for Success***.

Develop an MRC unit that supports their community preparedness, response, and recovery plans.

Can be taken in any order depending on the needs of the user.

# Unit Leader Training Series on MRC TRAIN



1. **Developing MRC Unit Leadership:**  
<https://www.train.org/mrc/course/1101198/>
2. **Developing MRC Unit Training Plans:**  
<https://www.train.org/mrc/course/1101199/>
3. **MRC Volunteer Management:**  
<https://www.train.org/mrc/course/1101321/>
4. **MRC Unit Leader Responsibilities and Resources**  
<https://www.train.org/mrc/course/1102996>
5. **Developing Unit Administrative Requirements**  
<https://www.train.org/mrc/course/1102994>
6. **Building Community Partnerships**  
<https://www.train.org/mrc/course/1102995>

# Network Profile of the MRC

## What is it?

- Periodic report to review the state of the MRC
- Provides comparison and trends in data from previous profiles
- Promotes capabilities, strengths, and priorities for partners and stakeholders.

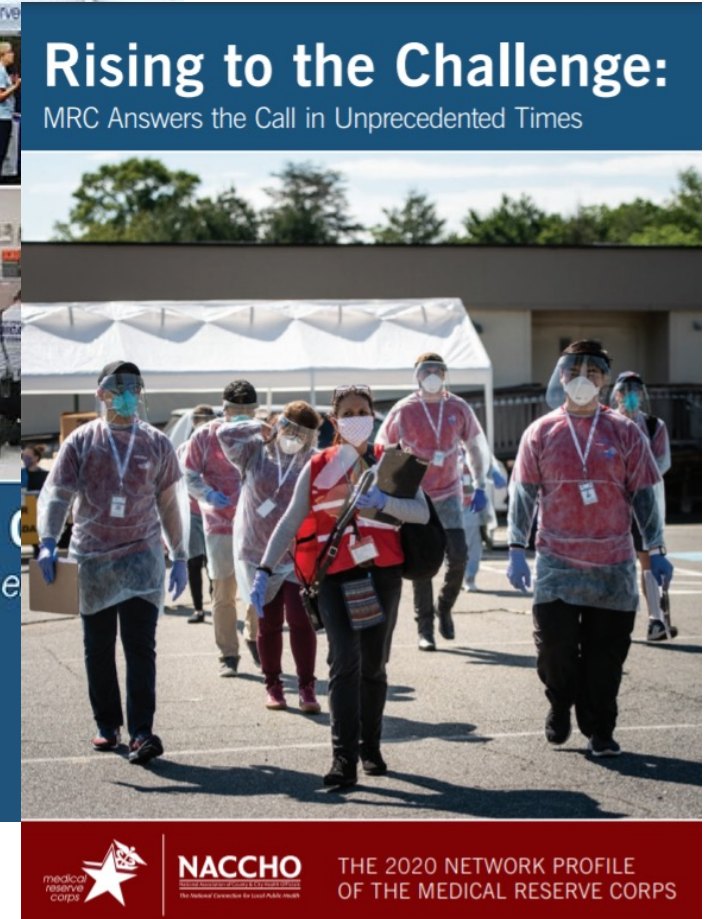
## Report Methodology:

- Survey to all active unit leaders
- Includes data that profiles the MRC network for a specific calendar year
- Response rates average 60-80%



2017 MRC Profile

2020 MRC Profile



# Resources Available to Promote MRC

Executive Summary

Full Profile Report

3 Downloadable Infographics

2020 NETWORK PROFILE OF THE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

## Executive summary

**OVERVIEW**

The 2020 Network Profile of the Medical Reserve Corps shares a snapshot of the MRC network in 2020, including the newest data on unit demographics, funding, training, partnerships, response activities, and capabilities.

The report's survey was fielded from January to March 2021 and 461 MRC unit leaders (60%) responded. This report comes at a pivotal time in the MRC's history.

In fiscal year 2020 alone, over 800,000 volunteer hours supported new missions, large-scale events that included multiple agencies, and long-term support requirements, such as call centers, contact tracing, and vaccination clinics. The skills, training, situational readiness, community engagement, and diversity of MRC volunteers afforded a clear advantage to communities by providing a ready surge workforce structure. This report sheds light on the makeup of that workforce locally, as well as the needs, challenges, and successes of the network.

**CAPABLE**

**PODS:**  
**89%** of MRC units are prepared to support medical Points of Dispensing (PODs) or mass vaccinations.

**2020 NETWORK PROFILE OF THE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS**

**NACCHO**  
National Association of County & City Health Officials

### INFOGRAPHIC: MRC UNIT SNAPSHOT

**UNIT DEMOGRAPHICS:**

- 64%** of units are housed in Local Health Departments (a decrease compared to 68% in 2017)
- 85%** of units have been with their housing organizations for five or more years (compared to 74% in 2017)
- 91%** of units are integrated into their housing organization's emergency plan (a slight increase compared to 89% in 2017)

**AVERAGE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS:**

- 43%** SMALL serving fewer than 100,000
- 19%** MEDIUM serving 100,000-250,000
- 38%** LARGE serving more than 250,000

**COMMUNITIES SERVED BY MRC UNITS:**

- 43%** SMALL serving fewer than 100,000
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**UNIT LEADERS:**

- 22%** of unit leaders are volunteers (a slight decrease compared to 23% in 2017)
- 40%** of current unit leaders have served in their role for six or more years (an increase compared to 34% in 2017)
- 43%** of unit leaders have advanced degrees (Master's or higher) (an increase compared to 37% in 2017)
- 36%** of advanced degrees are in Public Health/Administration (a sharp decrease compared to 55% in 2017)
- 69%** of unit leaders devote, on average, five or more hours per week to the MRC (a sharp increase compared to 59% in 2017)

**TOP 4 FUNDING SOURCES:**

- 2020:** NO FUNDING (33%), OPERATIONAL READINESS AWARDS (29%), PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS GRANT (25%), LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT (13%)
- 2017:** NO FUNDING (28%), OPERATIONAL READINESS AWARDS (24%), PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS GRANT (34%), LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT (14%)

**TOP 4 FUNDING SOURCES:**

- 2013:** NO FUNDING (33%), OPERATIONAL READINESS AWARDS (29%), PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS GRANT (25%), LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT (13%)
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**RESPONDED TO COVID-19 DURING THE PAST YEAR:**

- 84%** of units overall!
- 76%** SMALL
- 89%** MEDIUM
- 91%** LARGE

**DISTRIBUTION OF UNITS:**

- Urban:** 16%
- Suburban:** 35%
- Rural/Priority/Remote\*\*:** 41%
- State-wide:** 6%
- Tribal:** 1%

**VOLUNTEER HOURS:** 820,000 hours between October 1, 2019, and September 30, 2020

**EMERGENCIES INCLUDING COVID-19:**

- 321** Non-emergency
- 1535** Emergencies including COVID-19
- 1352** COVID-19 only emergency responses

**TOP MISSION SETS DEVELOPED:**

- Mass vaccination or mass dispensing: 44%
- Contact tracing: 38%
- COVID-19 testing: 33%
- Center support: 31%
- Emergency Operations Center support: 29%

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:**

- Community trainings: 45%
- Preparedness information campaigns: 34%
- Support at health clinics or medical/First Aid stations: 40%
- Mass vaccination or mass dispensing: 31%
- Disaster resilience: 19%
- Emergency Operations Center: 32%

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**38%** of units provide emergency medical services.

**29%** of units are supported by their sponsoring organization (all or part).

**TOTAL:** Nearly 200,000 volunteers among almost 800 units, including: Washington, DC, American Samoa, Federal State of Micronesia, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Marshall Islands, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

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# Funding Challenges for the MRC

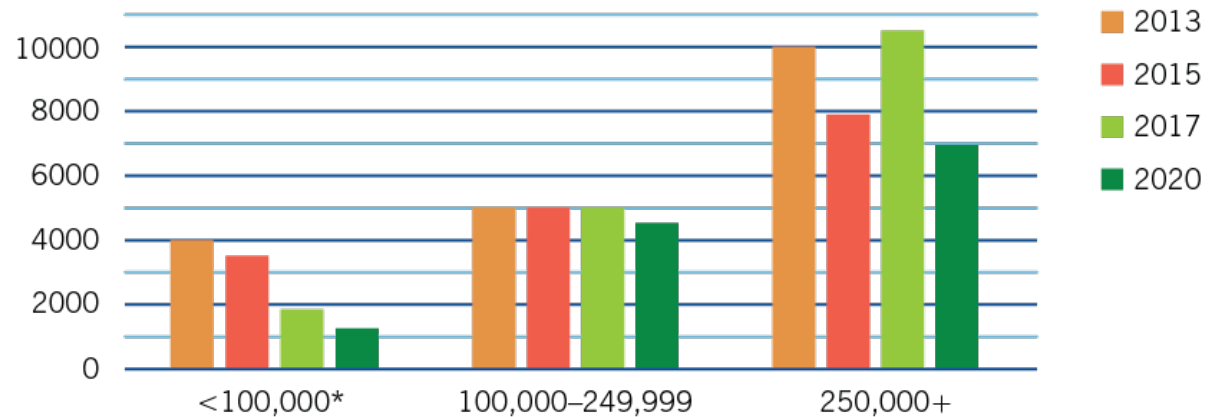
## Findings from the 2020 MRC Network Profile:

- Funding comes from multiple sources
- Not equal across units and jurisdiction sizes
- Sustainment challenges

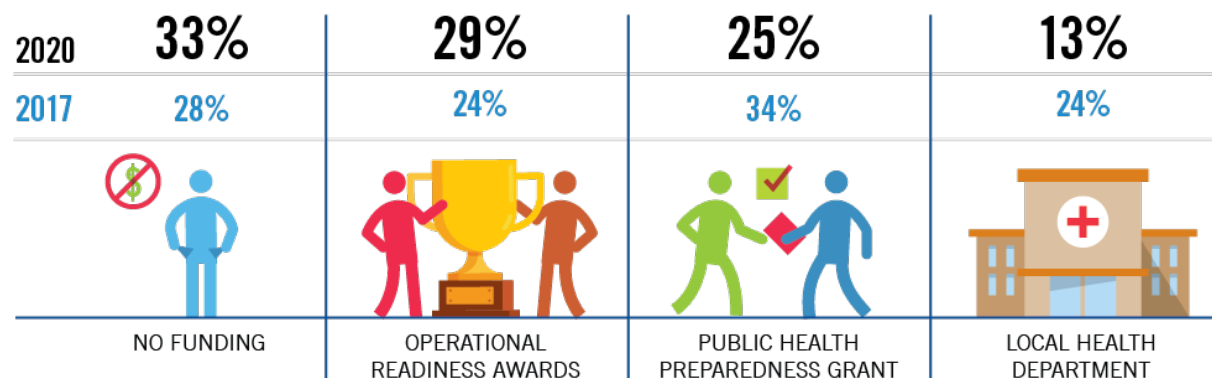
## NACCHO's role:

- Provide small awards (ORA)
- Focus on building sustainment
- Supplemental funding for COVID response (RISE Awards)

### MEDIAN OPERATING BUDGET:



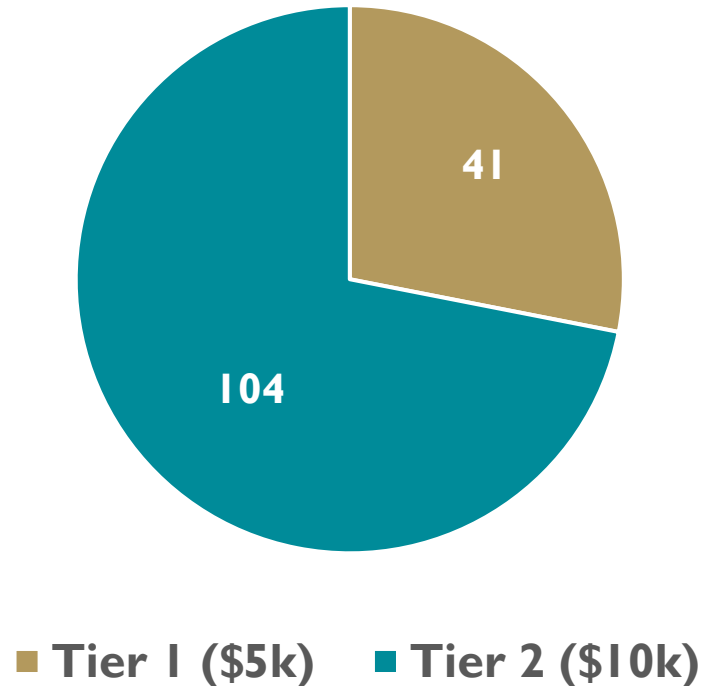
### TOP 4 FUNDING SOURCES:



# 2023 MRC Operational Readiness Awards

## 2023 Operational Readiness Awards

**\$1,245,000 Total Funding**  
**145 Awards to MRC units**



- **Provides seed money** for MRC units to build and strengthen volunteer and unit response capabilities.
- **Aims to build the operational readiness capabilities** of MRC volunteers and units to meet the emergency preparedness and response needs of their local, regional, or statewide stakeholders.

# MRC Awards to Support Response Capabilities

## Respond, Innovate, Sustain, and Equip Awards (RISE)

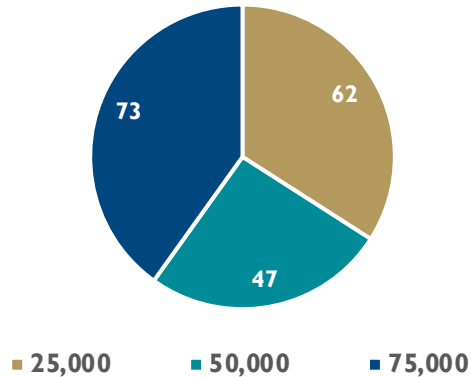
**15,235,000 - Total Funding to Date**

- **Provides resources** to the MRC network **to support COVID-19 response** efforts.
- **Prioritizes building capacity** for the MRC to respond, innovate to evolving requirements, sustain staffing requirements, and equip MRC units with resources needed to support their mission.

# MRC Respond Innovate Sustain & Equip Awards

## RISE Awards Round One

RISE Round 1 Awardees by Tier Level



**\$15,276,250**  
**Total**  
**Funding**

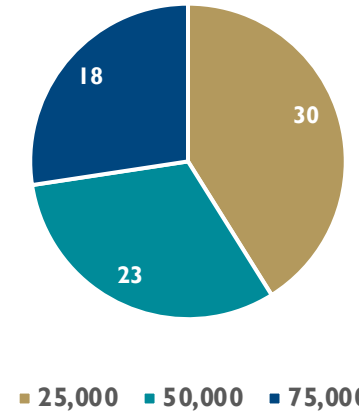
**Total Amount Awarded: \$11,510,000**

9,375,000 plus \$2,135,000 option for extra funding

- **\$25,000: 62 units & 30 extra funds**
- **\$50,000: 47 units & 29 extra funds**
- **\$75,000: 73 units & 52 extra funds**

## RISE Award Round Two

RISE Round 2 Awardees by Tier Level



**Total Amount Awarded: \$3,766,250**

\$3,250,000 plus \$516,250 option for extra funding

- **\$25,000: 30 units & 12 extra funds**
- **\$50,000: 23 units & 10 extra funds**
- **\$75,000: 18 units & 9 extra funds**

# Where to find NACCHO's Resources

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the NACCHO website with links for LHD Directory, Virtual Communities, Toolbox, Contact Us, and a search bar for NACCHO.org. Below this is a secondary menu with links for About, Our Work, Education & Events, Membership, Policy & Advocacy, Resources & Research, Partnerships & Opportunities, and Communications. The main content area shows a breadcrumb trail: N / Programs / Public Health Preparedness / Medical Reserve Corps, followed by social media share icons. The title 'Medical Reserve Corps' is prominently displayed above the logo.



The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national organization that strengthens public health, reduces vulnerability, and enhances capabilities.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

NACCHO's MRC Team has developed the following to support MRC units across the country including readiness resources, funding opportunities, and information on the most recent Network Profile studies.



### PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS

#### Network Profile of the Medical Reserve Corps

This report presents the newest data on Medical Reserve Corps unit funding, partnerships, composition, activities, and capabilities.



### PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS

#### MRC Deployment Readiness Resources

Check out the latest MRC deployment readiness resources available through NACCHO.



### PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS

#### MRC Funding Opportunities

NACCHO MRC team is pleased to offer funding opportunities for MRC units.

The 'FEATURED CONTENT' section is highlighted with a teal header. Below it is a row of four navigation buttons: 'RESOURCES' (with a group of people icon), 'NEWSLETTERS' (with a play button icon), 'MRC LEADERSHIP SUMMITS' (with a first aid kit icon), and 'SUCCESS STORIES' (with a trophy icon). Below these buttons, the 'MRC Regional Workshops' section is introduced with a paragraph explaining the purpose of these workshops. At the bottom of this section, a link is provided to access PDFs of slides from the 2023 MRC Regional Workshops.

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# Questions?

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