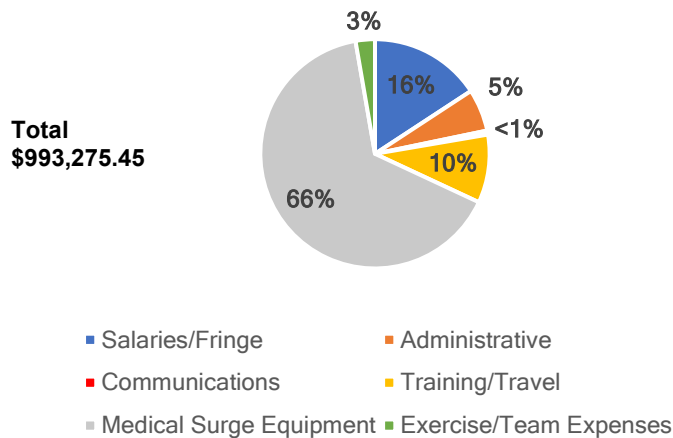


Working together, our Coalition members have accomplished amazing things in 2021!

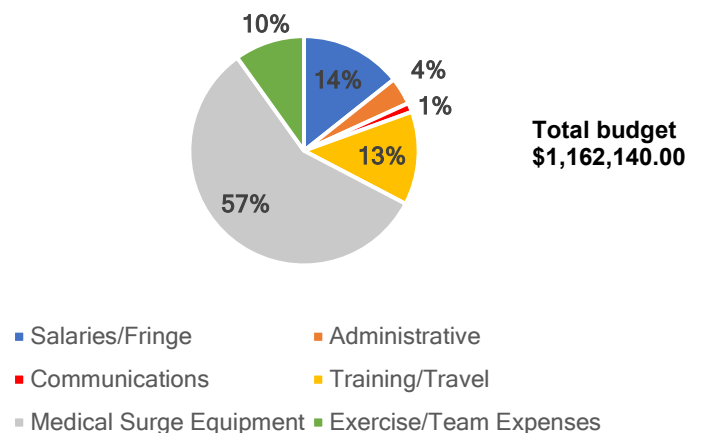


In 2021, there were more than 2,000 individual CFDMC members representing more than 700 organizations. Click for a current [List of Organizational Members](#). CFDMC is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response Hospital Preparedness Program, through a contract with the Florida Department of Health.

FY 2020-2021 Expenditures



FY 2021-2022 Allocations



Preparedness and Response Plans

Subject matter experts and workgroups worked together to create or update a number of regional response plans. Click here to view the [Plans](#).

Equipment

As shown above, CFDMC devotes a large portion of its budget to equipping hospitals for response. The hospital equipment committee identified a minimum equipment readiness package based on hospital size (for decontamination, mass fatality, infectious disease and PPE). Priority is given to ensuring that new hospitals receive the minimum equipment package, and replacing expiring equipment. All equipment is documented in the state's inventory management system and hospitals agree to abide by the CFDMC equipment management policy.

Training

CFDMC sponsored a variety of trainings during 2021, including:

- Hospital Incident Command training
- Nursing Home/Small Facility Incident Command training
- Continuity of Operations Plan training
- Certified Hospital Emergency Professional (CHEP) training
- Adult Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training
- Responder resiliency and self-care trainings
- Hazard Vulnerability Assessment training
- L-952/Public Information Officer training
- L-954/Safety Officer training



Exercises

During 2021, exercises included:

- January 2021: Great Tornado Drill (shelter in place functional exercise with more than 50 organizations)
- June 2021: Forbidden Kingdom (RMAT provided a medical aid station at this Orlando event)
- June 2021: Operation Generate Confidence (drill to test generators with more than 25 organizations)
- August 2021: Central Florida Boom (drill of the regional trauma coordination plan with 40 organizations)

- September 2021: Operation Protect & Secure (active shooter exercise with more than 40 organizations)
- October 2021: Sanford Air Show (RMAT provided an alternate care site at this event)
- December 2021: Burn Annex Tabletop was held to validate draft Burn Annex
- December 2021: A hurricane tabletop was held during the annual conference
- CFDMC began planning for the annual full scale regional mass casualty exercise in April 2022



Response

CFDMC's response role is providing situational awareness and resource coordination. CFDMC sponsors several response teams, including the regional medical assistance team (RMAT). Response activities in 2021 include:

- CFDMC provided daily COVID situation reports through May, and weekly situation reports from June through early October. During the summer COVID-19 surge, regular calls were held with hospitals to capture issues and needs and with the Florida Hospital Association to share regional issues. Statewide issues and Teletrack data were shared with the region's emergency managers, hospitals and ESF8 leads.
- Resource Coordination: CFDMC monitors all local ESF8 mission requests to the State ESF8 to determine if regional resources are available. During the summer COVID-19 surge, hospitals identified two priority needs - morgue capacity and ventilators. Funding was shifted from the hospital equipment project and the Florida Hospital Association grant to purchase 14 portable morgues (with a total capacity of 168 decedents) which were distributed to hospital systems across the region. A small cache of ventilators was also purchased and distributed to hospital systems. Both will be long-term assets for the Region.
- Teams: CFDMC's RMAT deployed incident management team personnel under a State Division of Emergency Management mission to oversee vaccination efforts, first in Region 7 and later in Region 6. Thirty-nine team members were deployed for 177 days, overseeing vaccinations to more than 500,000 individuals. The use of the team to support state missions has been submitted by the State to our federal funding partner as a best practice.



It's All About Collaboration! Healthcare and emergency response experts from across the region worked together to improve regional preparedness:

Emerging Infectious Disease (EID) Collaborative: Over summer and fall, the group, led by Dr. Vincent Hsu, focused on improving the Region's COVID vaccination rates, including developing a strategy and resources for member organization vaccination campaigns, and surveying physicians to determine barriers to providing vaccines. Mental wellness and resiliency were identified as a critical need and CFDMC worked with the University of Miami DEEP Center to develop a stress first aid program for members.

Medically Complex Children Workgroup: The group, led by Robin Ritola, continued their efforts to ensure that medically complex children, including those on ventilators, have a designated shelter. The workgroup's next efforts will be updating the Region's pediatric annex and developing a plan for reunifying unaccompanied minors.

Family Assistance Center Workgroup: The workgroup has developed credentialing criteria and a credentialing process for the FAC response team, and is currently credentialing section leaders. The team will participate in an exercise in March 2022.

Regional Trauma Advisory Board, led by Dr. Peter Pappas, and its subcommittees (Executive Committee, Clinical Leadership, Preparedness, System Support/Injury Prevention and Post-Acute Care) continue to meet bimonthly. The Trauma Preparedness Committee led the effort to develop the regional trauma coordination plan and conduct the August drill. They presented this at the National Healthcare Preparedness Conference in December and will test in the April 2022 full scale exercise.

Communications Workgroup: A pilot of a new communications process is now underway, utilizing Juvare e-ICS, EMResource, and Juvare Exchange. Florida Hospital Association is funding this project for 18 months. Over the coming year, we expect this pilot to eliminate the communications gaps experienced in past events and exercises.

FHA Grant: Using funding provided in a grant from FHA, CFDMC provided expert consultation and equipment to improve nursing home infection control and response. To date, 17 nursing homes have completed the process and several are still in process. The FHA funding was also used to provide fit-testing and in the purchase of the portable morgues.

