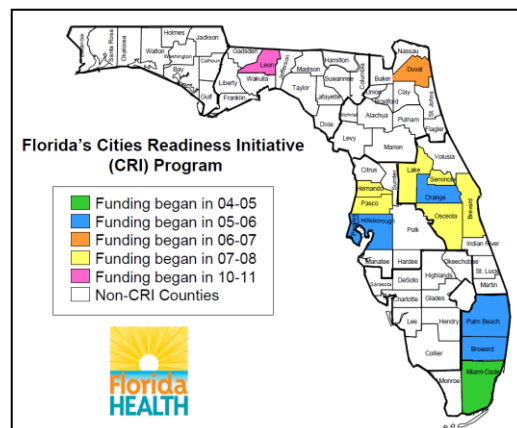# Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI)

Mission: To support major Florida counties to effectively plan for a large-scale public health incident that requires dispensing of appropriate medical countermeasures.

Vision: Communication and collaboration will be enhanced across federal, state, and local boundaries, resulting in optimal use of shared resources.

Purpose: The Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) is a federally funded program that focuses on enhancing preparedness in counties and major metropolitan statistical areas. The program works to enhance community resilience by ensuring that large metropolitan county health departments are ready to respond and best prepared to provide medical countermeasures such as medications, vaccines, and diagnostics that may be needed to lessen the effects of a public health emergency.

Program Authority/Funding: The Department receives funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement.

Objectives:

- Support county-level medical countermeasure efforts including planning, training, and exercise
- Provide technical assistance to counties with developing and implementing plans for requesting, receiving, distributing, and dispensing medical countermeasures
- Share tools, resources, and successful practices to help counties establish, sustain, evaluate, and enhance local projects
- Review county plans and assess participating communities biannually for evidence of overall readiness and ability to meet federal target capabilities
- Assist counties in developing drills and exercises to test readiness capabilities
- Enhance medical countermeasure preparedness in smaller counties through sharing of resources and lessons learned by the larger, CRI-funded counties

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www.floridahealth.gov/preparedness-and-response/community-preparedness/cities-readiness-initiative or go to www.floridahealth.gov and enter "Cities Readiness" in the search box.