

Grant to Healthcare Ready Helps Fund Issue Brief on Pharmacy and Emergency Preparedness

According to an issue brief recently published by Healthcare Ready, the role of pharmacy and pharmacists in preparing for and responding to events that impact public health has evolved markedly in the decade since Hurricane Katrina. The issue brief, [*Pharmacy and Emergency Preparedness: A Landscape Analysis*](#), was funded in part by a second grant from the NCPDP Foundation to Healthcare Ready. The publication includes partnerships and resources to proactively address challenges.

To date, the Foundation has granted a total of \$35,000 to Healthcare Ready. The first \$10,000 granted in August 2016 provided funding to support technology enhancements to Healthcare Ready's Rx Open to obtain the most accurate geocoding of the pharmacy locations for use with its interactive map. An additional \$25,000 was granted in October 2017 to further expand the Rx Open platform to include pharmacy status in the U.S. Virgin Islands and improve the mobile accessibility of the service, and support research and publication of the issue brief.