



**Community Heat Resilience Tool (CHaRT):
Assessing CHaRT's effect on heat intervention planning**

CHaRT baseline assessment: Guide for participants

The CHaRT baseline assessment is intended to gather information about your health department's current activities related to heat, as well as about the communities that your health department serves. The number of questions in your assessment may vary depending on your answers. Please plan to spend *about one hour* completing the assessment.

Getting ready to take the assessment

This baseline survey will ask you:

- Does the health department's budget include resources dedicated to extreme heat preparedness or response programs?
- What sources of revenue fund your extreme heat preparedness or response programs?
- Which department(s), division(s), or team(s) within your organization are involved in heat-health risk assessment?
- Which department(s), division(s), or team(s) within your organization are involved in implementing heat interventions, and which have a lead role?
- Which factors influence the strategic priorities and heat intervention implementation decisions of the department(s), division(s), or team(s) that lead heat interventions, and how do those entities evaluate interventions?
- Which other sectors/entities coordinate or directly partner with your organization on heat interventions, and which do not?
- Whether the health department has conducted a needs assessment or vulnerability assessment related to extreme heat.
- Whether the health department has participated in interagency coordination calls or tabletop exercises related to extreme heat.
- Within the area served by your health department, are there any hazard preparedness and/or response plans that highlight heat as a hazard? We will ask you to upload a copy of the relevant plans, if possible. The plans will only be used for this study and will not be distributed or shared without your consent.
- About details of recently implemented or planned interventions that address extreme heat risk.

Assessment logistics



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Many questions on this survey are required. Please help us collect accurate and valuable information by answering each question to the best of your knowledge. We highly encourage you to consult with your colleagues and search for information that will allow you to provide precise answers to assessment questions.

The survey will save your answers as you progress through.

To pause the assessment: click “save and return later” at the bottom of each assessment page. You will automatically be emailed a link to return to the survey

Thank you!

As an initial incentive for your participation, each organization engaged in the research will receive \$1,000. Future incentives (up to \$5,000 total per organization) will be provided before the end of the project. We are unable to provide exact amounts at this time; we appreciate your understanding as we deal with funding uncertainties at the federal level.