

CDC Coalition

Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request: \$7.8 Billion

The [CDC Coalition is a coalition of more than 150 organizations](#) committed to strengthening our nation's public health and prevention programs. We represent millions of public health workers, clinicians, researchers, educators and citizens served by programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Congress should support CDC as an agency – not just the individual programs that it funds. Given the challenges and burdens of chronic disease and disability, public health emergencies, new and reemerging infectious diseases and other unmet public health needs, **we urge a funding level of at least \$7.8 billion for CDC's programs in FY 2020.** Additionally, we strongly urge you to reject the more than \$750 million in proposed cuts to CDC programs included in the president's FY 2020 budget proposal.

CDC serves as the command center for the nation's public health defense system against emerging and reemerging infectious diseases. From aiding in the surveillance, detection and prevention of the Zika virus to playing a lead role in the control of Ebola in West Africa and the current outbreak in the Republic of the Congo, to monitoring and investigating disease outbreaks in the U.S., to strengthening pandemic flu preparedness, CDC is the nation's – and the world's – expert resource and response center, coordinating communications and action and serving as the laboratory reference center. States, communities and the international community rely on CDC for accurate information and direction in a crisis or outbreak.

CDC is faced with unprecedented challenges and responsibilities ranging from emergency preparedness and chronic disease prevention, to combating the tobacco and opioid epidemics. CDC funds programs that address environmental health; injury and violence prevention; global health security; health promotion in schools and workplaces; prevention of diabetes, heart disease, stroke, cancer, lung disease and other chronic diseases; nutrition, physical activity and obesity; HIV/AIDS prevention; immunizations; prevention of infant mortality and birth defects; antimicrobial resistance; public health oral health; vision health; public health research and health statistics. It is notable that more than 70 percent of CDC's budget supports public health and prevention activities by state and local health organizations and agencies, national public health partners and academic institutions.

In addition to ensuring a strong public health infrastructure and protecting Americans from public health threats and emergencies, CDC programs are crucial to reducing health care costs and improving health. Despite the progress CDC has made to meet these needs, the agency's programs have been woefully underfunded. **We urge you to support a funding level of at least \$7.8 billion for CDC's programs in FY 2020.**

CDC program level

FY18	FY19	FY20 President's budget	FY20 CDC Coalition request
\$7.75**	\$7.3*	\$6.532*	\$7.8*

In billions of dollars

Program level total includes budget authority, Prevention and Public Health Fund, Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund and PHS Evaluation transfers.

**Total does not include funding for the Strategic National Stockpile which was transferred by the administration from CDC to ASPR in FY 2019.*

*** Does not include one-time lab funding of \$480 million in FY 2018*