

CDC Coalition

Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Request: \$7.9 Billion

The [CDC Coalition is a coalition of more than 140 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 \$7.9 billion for CDC's programs in FY 2019.** We are deeply concerned with President Trump's FY 2019 budget request for CDC which proposes a significant cut to the agency's overall budget, including drastic cuts to a number of CDC programs. We are also concerned with the ongoing attempts to repeal or cut the Prevention and Public Health Fund which currently makes up a significant portion of CDC's budget. Congress must ensure that the agency's budget remains whole in the face of these misguided efforts that threaten funding for many CDC programs.

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 detecting and responding to cases in the U.S., to monitoring and investigating disease outbreaks 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 obesity epidemics. CDC funds programs for injury control and violence prevention; global health security; health promotion in schools and workplaces; the prevention of diabetes, heart disease, stroke, cancer, lung disease and other chronic diseases; nutrition and physical activity; immunization; environmental health; oral health; preventing infant mortality and birth defects; preventing antimicrobial resistance; preventing prescription drug overdose and 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 \$7.9 billion for CDC's programs in FY 2019.**

CDC program level*

FY17	FY18	FY19 President's budget	FY19 CDC Coalition request
\$7.165	TBD	\$5.66**	\$7.9

In billions of dollars

* Total includes budget authority, Prevention and Public Health Fund, Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund and PHS Evaluation transfers.

** Includes transfer of Strategic National Stockpile and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health out of CDC. Does not include new opioid funding.