

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) COALITION

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Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request: \$7.8 Billion

The [CDC Coalition is a coalition of more than 140 organizations](#) committed to strengthening our nation's prevention programs. We represent millions of public health workers, clinicians, researchers, educators and citizens served by CDC programs. We believe 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 \$7.8 billion for CDC's programs in FY 2016.** We are pleased President Obama's FY 2016 budget request would increase CDC's program level by \$141 million over FY 2015. While this additional funding provides some resources for new and important initiatives and increased funding for some programs, other important programs would be cut or are completely eliminated under the president's request.

CDC is faced with unprecedented challenges and responsibilities ranging from emergency preparedness, 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.

CDC serves as the command center for the nation's public health defense system against emerging and reemerging infectious diseases. From aiding in the prevention and control of Ebola in West Africa and detecting and responding to cases in the U.S., to monitoring and investigating the ongoing multi-state measles outbreak to 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.

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 to confront the myriad public health issues facing the nation. **We urge you to support a funding level of \$7.8 billion for CDC programs in FY 2016.**

CDC program level*

FY14	FY15	FY16 President's budget	FY16 CDC Coalition request
\$6.833	\$6.869 ¹	\$7.010	\$7.800

In billions of dollars

* Total includes budget authority, Prevention and Public Health Fund, Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund and PHS Evaluation transfers
1 Total does not include one-time \$30 million for Ebola in FY 2015 continuing resolution