

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) COALITION

Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Request: \$7.8 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 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 2018**. We are extremely troubled by the president's FY 2018 proposal that would cut CDC's budget by nearly \$1.2 billion, or nearly 17 percent below the FY 2017 level. Furthermore, we are deeply concerned about efforts to repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund, authorized by the Affordable Care Act, and the impact the loss of this funding would have on CDC's annual budget. The Prevention and Public Health Fund currently accounts for 12 percent of CDC's budget and Congress must ensure that CDC's budget remains whole in the face of efforts to repeal the ACA.

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 combating antibiotic resistant bacteria, 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, 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 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 2018.**

CDC program level (dollars in billions)*

FY16	FY17	FY18 President's budget	FY18 CDC Coalition request
\$7.178	\$7.165	\$5.975	\$7.8

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