

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) COALITION

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Fiscal Year 2015 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 2015.** Unfortunately, President Obama's FY 2015 budget request for CDC represents a nearly \$243 million reduction when compared with FY 2014. In fact, CDC's budget authority under the president's budget proposal is lower than FY 2003 levels. Cuts to CDC's budget are not sustainable and will reduce the ability to investigate and respond to public health emergencies as well as foodborne and infectious disease outbreaks.

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 in injury control and violence prevention; health promotion in schools and workplaces; governmental and community initiatives to prevent diabetes, heart disease, stroke, cancer, lung disease and other chronic diseases; improvements in nutrition and immunization; programs to monitor and protect against environmental threats; improving oral health; preventing infant mortality and birth defects; preventing antimicrobial resistance and infectious diseases 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 our nation's public health defense system against emerging and reemerging infectious diseases. From pandemic flu preparedness to West Nile, smallpox and SARS detection, 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 and communities 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 the public's 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 2015.**

CDC program level*

FY13	FY14	FY15 President's budget	FY15 CDC Coalition request
\$6,286 [^]	\$6,849	\$6,606	\$7,800

In millions of dollars

* Total includes budget authority, Prevention and Public Health Fund, Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund and PHS Evaluation transfers
[^] FY 2013 CDC operating plan, includes FY 2013 sequester and \$346 reduction in PPHF resources compared to FY 2012