

Congress Must Act to Increase Funding for CDC 22% by 2022

22 by 22 is a campaign urging Congress to increase funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 22 percent by fiscal year 2022 (FY22). CDC and its state and local public health partners saves lives every day by promoting optimal health for all, protecting against disease, and helping to prevent other crises. With all the health threats and challenges our nation faces today, now is the time to adequately fund CDC.

Increasing CDC's budget is the only way to ensure our nation's health is protected from communicable and non-communicable disease threats.



BUT THE MONEY WE SPEND ON PUBLIC HEALTH IS INADEQUATE...



Why 22 by 22?

American life expectancy has declined, largely due to heart disease, stroke, diabetes, suicides, and drug overdoses. CDC funds state and local public health efforts to prevent these diseases—and more, not less, is needed.

Federal investment in public health has not kept pace with inflation nor the considerable challenges posed by infectious disease outbreaks, extreme weather events, and other emergencies, such as the Flint water crisis. According to a 2017 report by the Trust for America's Health, of the \$3.5 trillion spent annually on healthcare, only three percent of all health spending is directed to public health, which includes federal, state, and local resources. That equates to an average of \$280 per person. By contrast, total healthcare spending is \$10,739 per person.

Reductions in the public health workforce strain the ability of state and local public health departments to protect and promote population health. From 2012-2016, the estimated number of full-time health agency employees decreased by three percent. By 2020, the percentage of health agency employees who are eligible for retirement will reach 25 percent.

The public health community requests that Congress provide \$7.8 billion in FY20—an increase of \$500 million in discretionary funding from FY19—to return CDC's total funding back to a predictable, sustained, and increased funding pattern needed to address several public health priorities.

Fiscal Year	Funding Recommendation
2020	\$7.8 billion
2021	\$8.3 billion
2022	\$8.8 billion

A \$1.5 billion total funding increase over three years will allow CDC to better implement effective programs to address, federal, state, and local public health priorities, such as:

PREVENTING DRUG OVERDOSES

More than 130 Americans die every day from opioid-related drug overdoses. Increased investment in prevention is needed to curb this dangerous trend.

SAVING LIVES AND CURBING COSTS THROUGH CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION

Seven out of every 10 deaths each year are caused by chronic diseases. Preventable illnesses and injuries from smoking, lack of physical activity, inadequate nutrition, and harmful environmental exposures are literally killing Americans every day.

ENHANCING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, AND RECOVERY

In 2017, the cost for weather-related disasters exceeded \$300 billion. Public health, in coordination with emergency preparedness, plays a critical role in disaster prevention, response, and recovery—and more is needed.

COMBATING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Communicable disease control is a core function of CDC and other governmental public health entities. The United States is experiencing daily infectious disease outbreaks and sexually transmitted diseases are rising at alarming rates. In 2017, reported cases of gonorrhea, syphilis, and chlamydia increased for the fourth consecutive year. These diseases, in addition to emerging infectious outbreaks, such as Zika, Ebola, and MERS, drain resources and challenge an already fragile public health infrastructure.

PREVENTING AND REMEDIATING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARDS

Complex emergencies associated with drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene trigger immediate responses due to the potential for community-wide harm and significant economic loss. Public health plays a role in preventing and responding to these crises.

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The 22x22 campaign is endorsed by nearly 100 organizations:

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AcademyHealth

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Advocates for Better Children's Diets

American Academy of Family Physicians

American Association for Dental Research

American Association for the Study of Liver

Diseases

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

American Association of Poison Control Centers

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

American College of Preventive Medicine

American Diabetes Association

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American Lung Association

American Public Health Association

American School Health Association

American Sexual Health Association

American Society for Microbiology

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National Association of School Nurses

National Coalition of STD Directors

National Hemophilia Foundation

National Network of Public Health Institutes

National Recreation and Parks Association

North American Association of Central Cancer

Registries (NAACCR)

Pitkin County Public Health

Prevent Blindness

Prevention Institute

Public Health Institute

Redstone Global Center for Prevention and

Wellness

Respiratory Health Association

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School-Based Health Alliance

Signature Pediatrics

Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America

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Society of State Leaders of Health and Physical

Education

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The AIDS Institute

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The Immunization Partnership

The Institute for Family Health/Bronx Health REACH

The National REACH Coalition

The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America

Tobacco Control Network

Triage Cancer

Trust for America's Health

West Virginia Breastfeeding Alliance

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