



## FY 2004 Budget Request for CDC

CDC and ATSDR strive to improve effectiveness and accountability to keep pace with our increasingly varied responsibilities to the nation. CDC and ATSDR work to confront terrorism preparedness and response and other causes of death, illness, and disability such as HIV/AIDS, infectious diseases, injuries, heart disease, cancer, diabetes, birth defects, environmental hazards, and obesity.

The FY 2004 Budget Request supports an aggressive approach to leadership and management, including practicing science that is evidence-based and grounded in sound peer-reviewed research; providing efficient service to meet the needs of our partners and customers; fine-tuning and managing our systems so that we use our personnel, technology, infrastructure, and information efficiently to achieve results; and ensuring that our strategies truly prepare us for future challenges.

The CDC/ATSDR FY 2004 Budget Request totals \$6.5 billion. This amount represents an increase of \$61.1 million compared with the FY 2003 President's Budget. Included in this request is \$4.2 billion in budget authority to be provided to CDC from the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education regular appropriations bill; \$73.5 million in budget authority to be provided to ATSDR from the Veterans Affairs-Housing and Urban Development regular appropriations bill; \$1.1 billion from the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund for CDC's Terrorism Preparedness and Response Program; \$1.1 billion from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services for the Vaccines for Children Program; and \$52.0 million from an interagency transfer for Public Health Service evaluation activities. This request does not include funding for Smallpox and the Strategic National Stockpile, which have been moved to the Department of Homeland Security.

Highlights of the FY 2004 Budget Request include

- An increase of \$100.0 million for the *STEPS TO A HEALTHIER U.S.* initiative, a research-based strategy to prevent diabetes, obesity, and complications of asthma. This initiative will reduce the burden of these conditions by involving several HHS agencies in the promotion of nutrition, physical activity, healthy youth, and preventive health care.

- An increase of \$50.0 million for the Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of **HIV** in Africa and the Caribbean, a Presidential initiative to combat HIV and AIDS in 14 countries hardest hit by the epidemic.
- A total of \$114.0 million for **BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES** will fund construction of the new Headquarters and Emergency Operations Center and will continue needed campuswide utility infrastructure upgrades and annual repairs and improvements that will ensure CDC has adequate facilities and equipment to carry out its public health mission.
- An additional \$10.0 million to develop the **PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK (PHIN)** will integrate and expand CDC's existing networks to establish a consistent exchange of information between public health partners.
- **HEALTH STATISTICS** will use a \$5.0 million increase to complete a sample redesign for the National Health Interview Survey and maintain the sample size for the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, efforts that are the centerpiece of CDC's capacity to collect policy-relevant information on the nation's health.
- **IMMUNIZATION** will implement several improvements in the financing of childhood vaccines to increase access for underinsured children eligible for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, restore tetanus and diphtheria toxoid (Td, DT) vaccines to the VFC program, and build a national stockpile of childhood vaccines to ensure that shortages do not recur.

The FY 2004 Budget Request also includes funding that maintains the following critical programs:

A total of \$87.5 million for surveillance and epidemiological research to find the causes of **BIRTH DEFECTS AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**, as well as the implementation of prevention, screening, and health promotion programs for children and adults living with disabilities.

As part of their total funding of \$834.0 million, **CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION** will receive a \$10.0 million increase for Breast and Cervical Cancer, \$5.0 million increase for the Youth Media Campaign, \$3.0 million to expand Heart Disease and Stroke prevention,

a \$5.0 million increase for School Health programs, \$1.0 million for the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), and \$1.0 million for the Comprehensive Cancer Control program.

A total of \$150.2 million for **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH** will support programs that protect people's health from hazards in their environment.

**EPIDEMIC SERVICES AND RESPONSE** will receive \$76.2 million to support public health training activities that prepare practitioners to detect and respond to disease outbreaks.

For **SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE PREVENTION AND TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL**, a total of \$297.1 million will support STD prevention programs in states and work to control TB infection.

Funding of \$331.6 million for **INFECTIOUS DISEASES CONTROL** will improve the nation's ability to identify, control, and prevent outbreaks of infectious disease.

With \$144.8 million, **INJURY PREVENTION AND CONTROL** programs and research will increase our understanding as to why injuries occur and how best to prevent them.

A total of \$246.3 for **OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH** will support research, tracking, and prevention programs that will improve the nation's ability to identify and prevent work-related illnesses and injuries.

**PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT** will continue to strengthen the practice of public health by creating an effective workforce, conducting practice research, and ensuring laboratory quality with a total of \$113.7 million.

CDC has requested \$1.116 billion for **TERRORISM** preparedness and response for FY 2004. This represents level funding with the 2003 President's Budget. This request will further strengthen CDC's ability to achieve its strategic goals by continuing to invest in state preparedness and response efforts, expanding bioterrorism preparedness for all biological threat agents, and assessing effects of these investments on public health preparedness and capacities. In addition, CDC has refocused its priorities to prepare the nation for all types of biological, chemical, radiological, and conventional terrorist threats. CDC will continue to implement the proven strategies that began in 2001 and 2002, while at the same time remaining flexible to be able to respond to unknown and emerging threats.

## FY 2004 Budget Request for ATSDR

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) was established in 1980 by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (also known as Superfund). ATSDR works to protect the public from exposures to hazardous wastes and to environmental spills of hazardous substances.

The FY 2004 Budget Request for ATSDR totals \$73.5 million in budget authority. This represents a decrease of \$3.9 million below funding in the FY 2003 President's Budget. This request provides for the continuation of high value service to the American public as well as advancement in environmental health science. ATSDR will continue to conduct **PUBLIC HEALTH ASSESSMENTS**, health consultations, exposure investigations, and other public health activities. The Agency will also continue **DEVELOPING AND EVALUATING METHODS** to measure and track high-priority chronic diseases with potential links to environmental exposures, such as cancer clusters. With FY 2004 funding, ATSDR will maintain activities that **EDUCATE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS** (including physicians, nurses, and emergency responders) about how to identify and treat the health effects that might result from exposure to toxic substances. The request will allow the Agency to continue implementing the Agenda for **PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH**, as well as developing **HIGH-QUALITY, STANDARD REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS** such as the *Toxicological Profiles*.

Although CDC and ATSDR operate as independent agencies, both strive to protect and improve the health of the American public. CDC oversees ATSDR's financial management, and the Director of CDC also serves as the Administrator of ATSDR.

*For more information about the budget for CDC or ATSDR, call the Financial Management Office at 404-639-7410.*

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