

**To: Communities Putting Prevention to Work program grantees**

**From: CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion**

Language included in Section 503 of Division F, Title V, of the FY12 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 112-74) reinforces and (in selected respects) expands long-standing provisions governing the use of appropriated funds by CDC and our grantees for advocacy, lobbying, and related activities. The attached document, *Anti-Lobbying Restrictions for CDC Grantees*, is intended to help interpret these provisions. This guidance pertains to all FY12 CDC grantees and makes a distinction between the allowable activities for State/Local health departments and non-governmental organizations conducted using federal funds. The document can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/grants/foamain.shtm>

In response to this new FY12 language, CDC also issued a revised AR-12 last month, CDC's own policy prohibiting lobbying activities with federal funds that will become part of the terms and conditions of CDC awards beginning in FY12 available at [http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/grants/additional\\_req.shtm](http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/grants/additional_req.shtm).

While your awards for Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) were made prior to the enactment of these new requirements, and CPPW programs are in the process of winding down activities, we think the attached guidelines can be of use in guiding remaining activities conducted using CPPW funds, and for any other CDC funds you may receive.

It is important to note that this guidance addresses the legal aspects of policy work. Even when operating within what could be argued are legal limits, grantees should pay continuing attention to the policy positions they adopt, to Congressional intent regarding the use of appropriations, and the appropriateness of activities paid for using federal funds.

We look forward to working together as you continue your critical work in public health.