CDC 2018 budget request: more cuts than initiatives/increases

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Comment

The fiscal year (FY) 2018 President’s budget request for the CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) includes a total funding level of $6,037,243,000 in discretionary budget authority and the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF).

Compared to the budget for infectious diseases in 2017, an overall reduction and/or elimination is observed in the following areas: emerging and zoonotic infectious diseases (-11%), immunization and respiratory diseases (about -10%), HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, STI and TB prevention (-17%), global health (-18%), Cross-Cutting Activities and Program Support (-61%), Public Health Preparedness and Response (about -10%). Funding for antibiotic resistance initiatives will decrease by 7.5%.

Initiatives on infectious diseases include an increase of $12.5 million for vector borne diseases and an increase of $7.8 million in budget authority for Influenza Planning and Response. This funding will support influenza prevention, detection, and monitoring activities, including laboratory capacity support to states, municipalities, and territories. The funds will also be used to support influenza pandemic planning and response, and to monitor ongoing epidemics of influenza of particular public health concern (e.g. H7N9 virus infections in China).

Taken together, the current budget observes an overall decrease of $1,222,431,000 below the FY 2017 Annualized Continuing Resolution (CR) level, which is a 17% reduction.

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