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.

Reducions 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.

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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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