

Protecting the Public's Health By Supporting Local Health Departments *Fiscal Year 2012 Appropriations Requests*

National Public Health Improvement Initiative: NACCHO request \$50 million

FY12 President's Budget \$40.2 million

The purpose of this initiative is to increase the ability of public health departments to meet national standards and reengineer their systems to meet 21st century challenges, including implementation of the full range of science-based approaches to improving community health.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreements: NACCHO request \$730 million

FY12 President's Budget: \$643 million (FY10 less 10%)

Constant readiness for both new and emerging public health threats requires an established local team that can plan, train, and practice on a regular basis. This funding helps to upgrade capabilities for emergency response tasks such as distributing medical countermeasures, addressing the needs of at-risk individuals, conducting drills, and organizing collaboration among public health, schools, businesses and volunteers. Consistent funding is vital because these capacities cannot be ramped up and down as emergencies occur. With this funding, local health departments can sustain their level of readiness to meet benchmarks that align with the Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness Act.

Public Health Workforce Development: NACCHO request \$73 million

FY12 President's Budget: \$73 million

The nation suffers an acute shortage of trained public health professionals, including epidemiologists, laboratorians, public health nurses, and public health informaticians. These funds will expand an essential program for both training of new talent and upgrading the knowledge and skills of existing professionals.

Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Grants: NACCHO request \$705 million

FY12 President's Budget: \$705 million

The President's budget consolidates previously existing grants for disease prevention and health promotion into one new program to provide state and local health departments with greater flexibility to target funds to those diseases that most burden their jurisdictions, using the most effective strategies for the populations they serve. The proposal recognizes that many chronic diseases have common risk factors. NACCHO supports this approach conceptually and looks forward to working with Congress on the array of details that will ensure successful, efficient, accountable implementation.

Community Transformation Grants: NACCHO request \$221 million

FY12 President's Budget: \$221 million

This program builds on the success of its predecessors, the Healthy Communities, REACH and Communities Putting Prevention to Work programs. It will continue the use of evidence-based approaches to creating healthier communities by promoting smoking cessation, active living, healthy eating, and prevention of injuries.

FDA Foods Sub-Program: Improving Response and Recovery - Field Activities

NACCHO Request: \$49 million

FY12 President's Budget: \$49 million (FY10: \$49 million)

The globalization of our food supply, the increasing speed and scope of distribution, and evolving consumer expectations demand an integrated approach to protecting our food supply. Funds will support local, state and federal response to foodborne illness.

FDA Retail Food Safety Initiative and Training: FY12 President's Budget: \$8 million for food safety training; \$5.6 million for retail food safety (FY10: \$1 million)

NACCHO request \$8 million for food safety training; \$5.6 million for retail food safety

These resources will support needed improvements in local health departments' capacities to protect the public from unsafe food through innovation in Food Code enforcement and training to ensure uniform competence of the food safety workforce.

