

## Protecting the Public's Health By Supporting Local Health Departments *FY11 Appropriations Requests*

### **1. Public Health Emergency Preparedness (\$1.152 billion including pandemic influenza preparedness)**

#### **President's Budget: \$758 million**

Constant readiness for both new and emerging public health threats requires an established team that can plan, train, and practice on a regular basis. This funding helps to strengthen community preparedness and responsiveness to emergencies, improve cost-effectiveness, and upgrade capabilities for such tasks as distributing medical countermeasures, addressing the needs of at-risk individuals, conducting drills, and developing partnerships between local health departments, volunteers, schools, businesses and other community organizations so that they can collaborate when an emergency response must take place. With this funding, local health departments develop activities to meet specific benchmarks that align with the Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness Act's priorities of national preparedness and response, leadership, organization, and planning; public health security preparedness; and all-hazards medical surge capacity.

### **2. Advanced Practice Centers: NACCHO request \$5.5 million**

#### **President's Budget: \$5.3 million**

The APC program, a network of eight health departments across the country, supports local health departments in their efforts to develop innovative, field-tested tools and models to help other local health departments meet emergency preparedness goals. To date, more than 70 unique preparedness tools have been created that are routinely employed to assess communities' vulnerability, strengthen local response capacity, and enhance resilience.

### **3. Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant: NACCHO request \$131 million**

#### **President's Budget: \$102 million**

Local health departments are leaders in preventing disease and disability. Obesity, heart attack and accidental injury are all examples of preventable health problems local health departments address every day. The Preventive Health and Health Services block grant program is a longstanding funding source for these efforts. This funding enables cities, counties and states to address health needs not funded by other means and provides flexible funding to address unexpected health threats.

### **4. Healthy Communities: NACCHO request \$30 million**

#### **President's Budget: \$22.4 million**

The Healthy Communities Program is engaging communities to focus on chronic disease prevention. Through partnerships of local and state health departments, non-governmental organizations and community leaders, communities are working to change the places and organizations that touch people's lives every day—schools, work sites, health care sites, and other community settings—to turn the tide on the national epidemic of chronic diseases.

### **5. Health Prevention Corps: NACCHO request \$10 million**

#### **President's Budget: \$10 million**

According to the President's budget, the Health Prevention Corps program will "recruit new talent into service for state and local health departments and provide the building blocks for creating a stronger, interdisciplinary workforce." These funds are meant to create a foundation for the program by establishing a management plan for staffing and program administration, convening stakeholders to establish the program framework, and developing a curriculum for Corps members. A shortage of public health professionals is a consistent challenge for local health departments and this program will help to build a supply of new personnel offering their talents and skills to local communities.

