

The Prevention and Public Health Fund: What Local Health Departments Need to Know

The Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF) is a funding stream primarily dedicated to investments in core public health programs at state and local health departments. Since 2010, the PPHF has supported efforts to combat infectious disease, prevent lead poisoning, detect causes of diseases and injury, and address the leading causes of rising health care costs.

The PPHF is currently in jeopardy because of the proposed repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). At stake is \$900 million in public health funding or 12% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) budget per year. See below for resources about the PPHF NACCHO members can use to advocate for the continuation of the PPHF.

- [PPHF Talking Points](#) (Also available when you [Take Action](#) through the Legislative Action Center)
- [CDC FY2016 Prevention and Public Health Fund Chart](#) – This chart will allow you to identify all of the public health programs that are funded through PPHF
- [Coalition Letter on FY2017 Cuts to Prevention and Public Health Fund](#)– A letter to Congress opposing cuts to PPHF
- [NACCHO Prevention and Public Health Fund Fact Sheet](#)
- [CDC Prevention and Public Health Fund Fact Sheet](#)
- [Trust for America's Health \(TFAH\) Information on Prevention and Public Health Fund](#) – a state by state look at the PPHF, fact sheets and talking points.
- McClatchy DC – [Trump's Obamacare repeal could devastate public health and CDC funding](#)
- Chicago Tribune – [Vaccination funding may be cut if Obamacare ends](#)

Prevention and Public Health Fund Program Cuts

With the effort by Republicans to repeal the ACA, funding from PPHF in the current fiscal year (FY2017) is in peril. Congress can add language to a repeal bill to stop this from happening. NACCHO urges local health departments to [take action now](#) and call their Members of Congress to oppose cutting the PPHF. Programs at risk include:

- 317 Immunization Program (\$324 million from PPHF or 45% of total funding)
- Epidemiology and Lab Capacity Grants (\$40 million from PPHF or 36% of total funding)
- Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (\$160 million from PPHF or 100% of total funding)
- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (\$17 million from PPHF or 100% of total funding)
- Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention (\$73 million from PPHF or 43% of total funding)
- Diabetes Prevention (\$73 million from PPHF or 43% of total funding)

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