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. Congress must continue to provide this critical funding that protects the public’s health every day. If the PPHF is eliminated, there will be devastating cuts to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state and local health departments in the midst of FY2017. In FY2016, the PPHF made up 12% of the CDC’s budget, including more than half of funding for immunization programs. Since FY2010, the federal government has invested nearly $6.25 billion in state and local core public health programs and innovative programs.

### SECTION 317 IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM
FY17: $607 million ($324 million from PPHF)
President’s FY18 Budget: $521 million ($204 million from PPHF)
NACCHO Request: $650 million

The 317 Immunization Program funds 50 state health departments, six large cities (Chicago, Houston, New York City, Philadelphia, San Antonio, and Washington, DC) and eight territories for vaccine purchase for in-need populations and immunization program operations, including support for implementing billing systems for immunization services at public health clinics to sustain high levels of vaccine coverage. Immunizations continue to be one of the most cost-effective public health interventions.

### PREVENTIVE HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT
FY17: $160 million (all from PPHF)
President’s FY18 Budget: $0
NACCHO Request: $170 million

The Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant is a vital source of funding for state and local public health departments. This unique funding gives states the autonomy and flexibility to solve state problems and provide similar support to local communities while still being held accountable for demonstrating the local, state, and national impact of this investment. States develop health plans and report their activities to CDC.

### CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING/HEALTHY HOMES
FY17: $17 million (all from PPHF)
President’s FY18 Budget: $17 million
NACCHO Request: $35 million

Lead poisoning still is a major public health threat in the United States today. Over half a million children have blood lead levels high enough to threaten their health. CDC funds 29 state and six city health departments (Chicago, Houston, New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC) to identify families with harmful exposure to lead, track incidence and causes, inspect homes and remove environmental threats, connect children with appropriate services, and educate the public and healthcare providers. The crisis surrounding lead poisoning in Flint, MI, has highlighted the need to tackle this public health threat.

### EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LAB CAPACITY GRANTS (ELC)
FY17: $195 million ($40 million from PPHF)
President’s FY18 Budget: $155 million
NACCHO Request: $195 million

The ELC grant program is a single grant vehicle for multiple programmatic initiatives that go to 50 state health departments, six large cities (Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles County, New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC), Puerto Rico, and the Republic of Palau. The ELC grants strengthen local and state capacity to perform critical epidemiology and laboratory work by detecting, tracking, and responding to known infectious disease threats and
Local health departments make it easier for people to be healthy and safe and they depend on the PPHF to help the tens of millions of Americans who needlessly suffer from preventable diseases. Here are some examples of PPHF-supported local programs:

- The Louisiana Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and a New Orleans area Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) clinic worked together to pilot a blood lead testing program. The pilot program provided testing to 1,395 children. More than 80% of these children had never received blood lead testing before. This program found that testing children during WIC clinic visits was a successful method in screening high-risk children. Child lead testing reportedly increased by 25% between July 2015 and April 2015 as a direct result of the pilot program.

- CDC’s 317 Immunization Program allows for health departments to address vaccine preventable diseases in times of outbreaks. For example, county health departments in California were able to obtain a supply of almost 5,000 doses of the MMR vaccine during the 2015 measles outbreak that started at Disneyland and eventually spread to other states, thus preventing sickness and potentially saving lives.

- The Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) Program in Ohio is funded by the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant at CDC. CHC aims to increase physical activity and access to nutritious food and promote tobacco-free living spaces. In 2015, the CHC program expanded its reach from 17 to 23 counties, including county and local health departments. Meigs County Health Department partnered with local schools to implement tobacco prevention programs for adolescents and youth. These efforts have increased awareness about tobacco-related dangers among students and parents to protect health and stop youth from using tobacco.

## CDC Funding in PPHF (FY2017)

- 54% Chronic disease (diabetes, heart disease prevention)
- 19% Flexible funding for state health department priorities
- 19% Immunization
- 6% Infectious disease prevention (excluding immunization)
- 2% Environmental health (lead poisoning)

### About NACCHO

NACCHO is the voice of the more than 3,000 local health departments across the country. These city, county, metropolitan, district, and tribal departments work every day to ensure the safety of the water we drink, the food we eat, and the air we breathe.

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