

Overview of Federal Funding for Childhood Asthma Programs for FY2014 and FY2015

Federal investments in children's health go a long way toward helping kids grow-up to become healthy and strong adults. In FY 2014, out of a federal budget of \$3.6 trillion, our nation spent just around \$80 billion on children's health, including a long list of programs across the federal agencies that serve the needs of children with asthma. Asthma-related federal spending supports a wide array of programs, from biomedical research and health care services, to clean air, healthy home and school environments. These federal investments are vital to the symptom prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and long-term management of childhood asthma.

The FY14 budget makes up for some of the cuts implemented through sequestration in FY13, however, when compared with FY12 levels, spending on children's health is still down \$175 million. Programs like the CDC's National Asthma Control Program (NACP) saw an increase, with the NACP receiving 24.7 million in FY2014, an increase from 23 million in FY13 post-sequester, but still less than the 25.3 million received in FY12. Note these numbers do not reflect the President's proposed transfers to implement the Working Capital Fund in his FY15 budget shown in the chart below.

Looking ahead to FY2015, President Obama recently presented his budget request to Congress. Many of the programs that serve children with asthma fare well in the President's plan, despite the challenging budget climate. In particular, many programs within the Environmental Protection Agency that affect children with asthma received a significant increase.

It is important to remember that the President's budget represents only the Administration's wish list of priorities, providing a blueprint for Congress to consider as it begins the process of allocating federal dollars for spending. Ultimately, Congress holds the reins on setting funding levels.

As the budget season moves forward, the Childhood Asthma Leadership Coalition will continue to urge Congress to maintain support for the programs that protect the health and well-being of our nation's children, especially those with asthma.

To help of partners navigate the ever-changing budget process, the chart below outlines the most important federal programs for childhood asthma and the actual funding levels for FY2014 (compared to FY2013) as well as the President's FY 2015 budget request to Congress.

	Туре	FY12 Funding	FY13 Funding	Obama FY14 Request	Omnibus FY14	FY14 vs FY13	FY15 Obama
HHS							
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention							
National Asthma Control Program*	D	25,298	26,100	28,435	27,596	1,496	27,596
Environment and Health Outcome Tracking – PPHF*	D	35,000	20,740	29,000	0	-20,740	24,000
Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry	D	76,215	72,228	76,215	74,691	2,463	74,691
Prevention and Public Health Fund*	M	825,000	462,916	1,250,000	831,000	368,084	810,000

Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health Program*	D	53,940	14,204	0	21,005	6,804	0
National Institutes of Health							
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute	D	3,084,851	3,072,863	3,098,508	2,988,605	-84,258	2,987,685
National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences	D	684,297	649,216	691,348	665,439	16,223	665,080
National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Disease	D	4,482,369	4,265,706	4,578,813	4,358,841	93,135	4,423,357
Agency for Healthcare Research Quality	D	405,053	433,065	433,697	364,008	-69,057	334,099
Health Resources and Services Administration							
Community Health Centers**	D	1,472,000	1,390,507	1,566,892	1,400,343	9,836	911,017
School Based Health Centers	M	15,000	47,500	0	0	-47,500	0
ЕРА							
Office of Children's Health Protection	D	7,481	7,093	8,486	6,548	-545	not available
Environmental Programs and Management							
Clean Air and Climate	D	286,108	430,000	308,268	455,000	-152,509	474,000
Indoor Air and Radiation	D	33,717	34,730	33,230	34,365	-365	37,252
Infrastructure, State and Tribal Assistance Grants							
Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program	D	30,000	11,706	6,000	20,000	-5	0
Categorical Grant: State and Local Air Quality Management	D	235,729	224,384	257,229	228,219	3,835	243,229
Science and Technology							
Research: Air, Climate, and Energy	D	98,845	87,126	105,724	94,972	1,257	101,942
HUD							
Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes							
Healthy Homes	D	10,000	18,358	25,000	15,231	-3,127	25,000

^{*}The FY 2013 and FY 2014 levels have been made comparable to FY 2015 to reflect transfers to implement the Working Capital Fund

^{**}Reflects only the discretionary spending, this program also receives mandatory spending through the Affordable Care Act