

Prevention and Public Health Fund Progress made, defense continues

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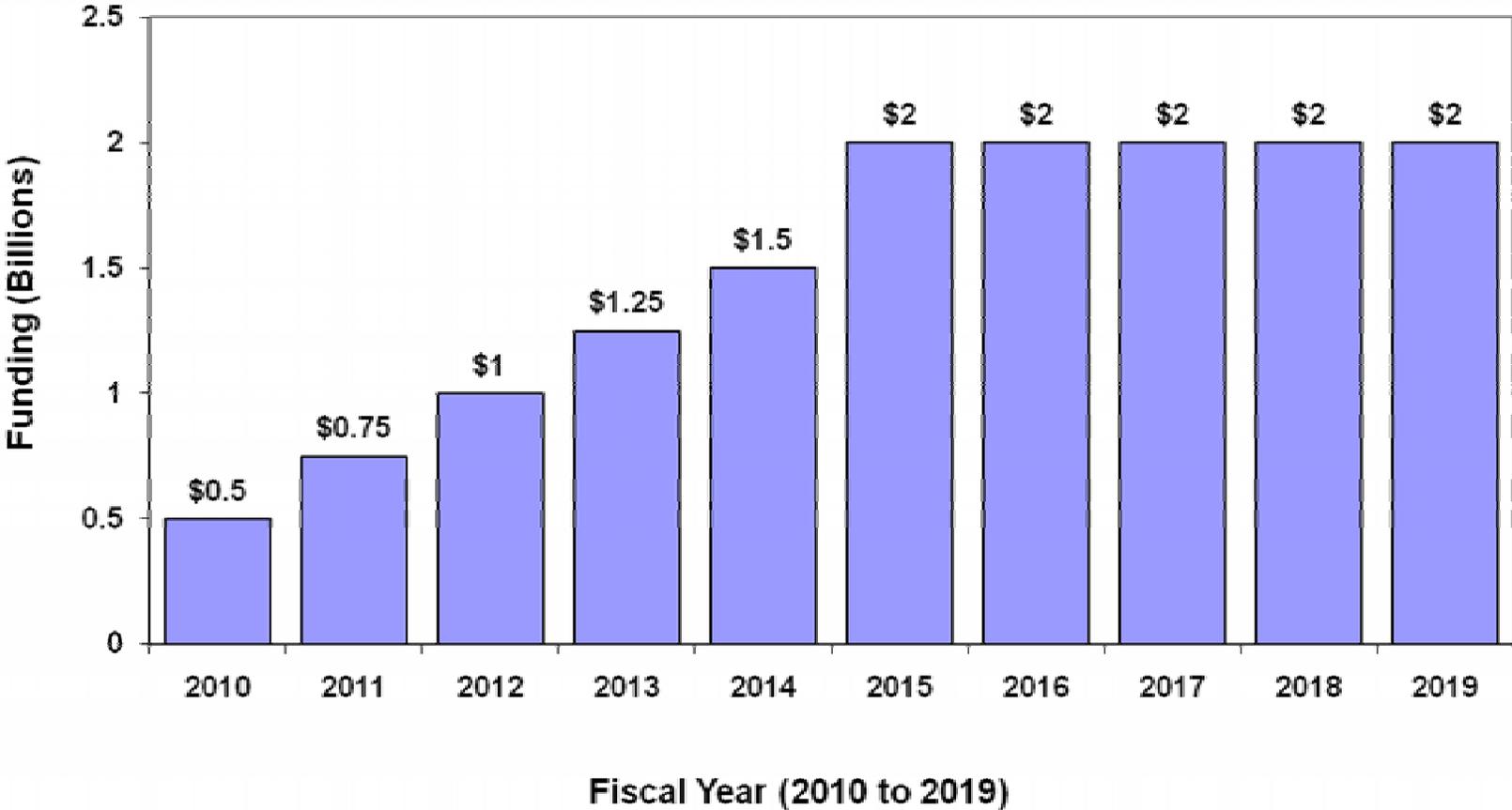
Prevention Fund success

- A year of challenges ended on a high note – increase in the Prevention & Public Health Fund from \$750 million in FY2011 to \$1 billion in FY2012

President's FY13 budget proposal

- Cuts CDC funding by 11.7% (\$664 million cut in budget authority)
 - \$1.4 billion cut since FY10
- Cuts Prevention Fund by \$4 billion over 10 years
 - Fund would remain at \$1.25 billion for FY13-15, be capped at \$1.5 billion for FY16-22.
- Uses Fund to pay for CDC base activities
 - **None of this is final until Congress does its job!**
Focus moves to appropriations process.

Public Health and Prevention Fund Allocations FY2010 to FY2019



Latest on Advocacy Front

- Successful protection of PPHF in 2011 short-term tax extenders/“doc fix” package
- Rumors of \$3.5 billion in cuts still on table for full one-year extension of tax extenders/“doc fix”/unemployment benefits package
- This deal is happening **NOW** so details are still emerging

Call Congress: 202-224-3121

- As you work toward an agreement on the extenders package, I urge you to support the Prevention and Public Health Fund and oppose any efforts to reduce, eliminate or divert its funding.
- It is counterintuitive to cut prevention to pay for more treatment. Cutting a critical, overdue investment that bends the cost curve on chronic diseases including the obesity epidemic, is penny-wise and pound foolish.

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- We can't afford to balance the budget by cutting prevention, and shouldn't eliminate these funds before they've even had a chance to work. The Fund will help Americans to make healthier choices and take personal responsibility for their own health and the health of their families and children.
- Chronic diseases account for 70 percent of all deaths and 75 percent of all Medicare spending. If we reduce obesity rates by five percent the United States would save almost \$30 billion in five years. The Prevention Fund is an essential part in bringing communities together on innovative projects that will help us reverse the obesity epidemic and bring health costs down.
- Over 70 percent of Americans support increased funding for prevention regardless of whether it saves money – because it saves and improves American lives.

Tax extenders/“doc fix” Conferees

□ **Senate:**

- Jon Kyl (R-AZ)
- Mike Crapo (R-ID)
- John Barrasso (R-WY)
- Ben Cardin (D-MD)
- Max Baucus (D-MT)
- Jack Reed (D-RI)
- Bob Casey (D-PA).

□ **House:**

- Dave Camp (R-MI), Kevin Brady (R-TX), Renee Ellmers (R-NC), Nan Hayworth (R-NY), Tom Price (R-GA), Tom Reed (R-NY), Fred Upton (R-MI), Greg Walden (R-OR), Sander Levin (D-MI), Xavier Becerra (D-CA), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Allyson Schwartz (D-PA), and Henry Waxman (D-CA)

Additional Resources

Resources: Update TFAH Advocacy Toolkit --

<http://healthyamericans.org/health-issues/protecting-the-prevention-and-public-health-fund/advocate-toolkit/prevention-fund-materialsresources>

- ✓ Backgrounder for advocates
- ✓ Key messages
- ✓ Fact sheets
- ✓ Media/blog post
- ✓ Sample letter to Members of Congress
- ✓ Report-back form

For more information

Please visit www.healthyamericans.org to view the full range of Trust for America's health policy reports. Or www.healthyamericans.org/health-reform for health reform implementation information.

Can also contact rhamburg@tfah.org to sign up for our Daily Digest on Wellness and Prevention in Health Reform

Thank you!