



OVAC FY 2010 Appropriations Requests

One Voice Against Cancer (OVAC), a broad coalition of cancer-related organizations representing millions of Americans, works in support of federally funded programs that engage in the fight against cancer, and will work to ensure that the Administration and Congress make funding for cancer research and control programs a priority in Fiscal Year (FY) 2010.

Thanks to the support provided in the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act*, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI) are well positioned to carry out the President's charge of having a research program that will "have the greatest impact on developing innovative diagnostics, treatments, and cures for cancer." Additionally, the new support provided in the *FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act* for cancer research and prevention is a critical element to achieving long-term success at reducing overall cancer incidence and mortality. Beyond improving the quality of life for millions of Americans, the long-term economic benefits derived from the development of new preventive, detection, and therapeutic tools for cancer would be incalculable. To provide sustainable and predictable funding for the NIH and NCI, OVAC is requesting that the NIH budget increase to \$33.3 billion in FY 2010 and that the NCI budget increase to \$6 billion.

It is also important to note that at least half of all cancer deaths last year could have been detected early and aggressively treated, or prevented altogether, simply by using the knowledge and tools that are already available to us today. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) cancer prevention and control programs provide vital resources to every state for cancer monitoring and surveillance, screening programs, state cancer control planning and implementation, and awareness initiatives targeting skin, prostate, colon, ovarian, and blood cancers. Enhanced funding for the CDC in FY 2010 is required to continue the success these programs have had in bringing the progress gained from research to communities throughout the country.

Finally, OVAC recognizes the importance of additional funding for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to finance critical safety programs, open new foreign offices, upgrade laboratories, scientific expertise and information technology systems, as well as hire more inspectors. A strong FDA is needed to deliver safe and effective therapies to market. The member organizations recognize the critical role that the FDA serves as the nexus between new scientific discoveries and routine cancer care.

As members of OVAC, we agree to work with the Administration and Congress to ensure adequate resources in the FY 2010 budget for cancer research, education, prevention, awareness, treatment, and control. We will be active throughout the budget and appropriations processes, and will seek ways to enhance our message and ability to hold lawmakers accountable for their actions.

For FY 2010, OVAC will urge the Administration and Congress to support the following funding recommendations:

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

\$33.3 billion (\$3 billion (10%) over FY 2009)

National Cancer Institute (NCI)

\$6 billion (\$1 billion (20%) over FY 2009)

National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD)

\$227 million (\$21 million (10%) over FY 2009)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control (CDC)

\$471 million (\$131 million over FY 2009)

- **National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program: \$50 million (\$34 million over FY 2009)**
- **National Program of Cancer Registries: \$65 million (\$19 million over FY 2009)**
- **National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program: \$250 million (\$44 million over FY 2009)**
- **Colorectal Cancer Screening, Education & Outreach Initiative: \$50 million (\$11 million over FY 2009)**
- **National Skin Cancer Prevention Education Program: \$5 million (\$3.1 million over FY 2009)**
- **Prostate Cancer Awareness Campaign: \$25 million (\$12 million over FY 2009)**
- **Ovarian Cancer Control Initiative: \$10 million (\$4.6 million over FY 2009)**
- **Geraldine Ferraro Blood Cancer Program: \$6 million (\$1.3 million over FY 2009)**
- **Gynecologic Cancer and Education and Awareness (Johanna's Law): \$10 million (\$3.2 million over FY 2009)**

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Patient Navigator Program: \$18.6 million

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

\$2.425 billion (\$374 million (18%) over FY 2009)