Because of the incredible promise of cancer research, NCI receives more research grant applications than any other Institute or Center at NIH, by far. But the scientific demand has far outpaced NCI’s budget, meaning that 6 out of every 7 proposals go unfunded every year. The only way to meet this demand is by boosting funding for NCI.
The Road Ahead in the Fight Against Cancer

1.9 million new cancer cases estimated in 2022

609,360 estimated deaths due to cancer in 2022

In the U.S., the lifetime risk of developing cancer is: 2 out of 5

COVID-19's Impact on Cancer Mortality
The COVID-19 pandemic is expected to result in increased cancer mortality over the long term due to delayed diagnoses; interruptions or alterations in potentially curative treatment; the possibility that some adults will abandon prior patterns of preventive care; and the expectation that millions of adults will remain unemployed and without health insurance. NCI estimates a 1% increase in deaths from breast and colorectal cancer over the next 10 years, the equivalent of approximately 10,000 excess deaths due to the pandemic’s impact on screening and treatment.

NIH Funding Drives U.S. Economic Growth

Across all 50 states, more than 80 percent of NIH’s budget provides:

- 50,000 Extramural grants to
- 300,000 Researchers at
- 2,500 Universities, medical schools, and other research institutions

Did you know? NCI is one of 27 institutes and centers within the NIH.

For FY23, OVAC urges Congress to provide:

To ensure the research being supported today yields the cancer treatments of tomorrow, Congress must sustain and expand the support it is currently providing.

$49 billion NIH
$7.766 billion NCI

2. United for Medical Research (www.unifiedformedicalresearch.com)