

Investments in Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, and Awareness

Provide at least a \$136 million increase for CDC Cancer Programs



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) state-based cancer programs provide vital resources for cancer monitoring and surveillance, breast and cervical cancer screening, state cancer control planning and implementation, and awareness initiatives targeting skin, prostate, colon, ovarian and blood cancers. For FY 2009, OVAC requests the following funding levels for these proven programs:

National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program

\$50 million (+\$33.7 million)

The Comprehensive Cancer Control program provides grants and technical assistance to help states develop and implement plans addressing the cancers most significantly affecting their communities through prevention, early detection and treatment. OVAC's request will allow this program to help more states implement previously developed plans.

National Program of Cancer Registries

\$65 million (+\$18.6 million)

The National Program of Cancer Registries facilitates state tracking of cancer trends and subsequent allocation of resources to address specific needs, while also identifying highly effective cancer control programs that can be emulated across the country. The registry provides critical data to ensure we remain on track in the fight against cancer. OVAC's request will enable states to continue to collect and analyze high-quality data as well as evaluate existing cancer prevention efforts.

National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program

\$250 million (+\$49.2 million)

OVAC appreciates the Administration's longstanding commitment to this important program that provides free breast and cervical screening tests to low income and uninsured women. Unfortunately, millions of eligible women lack access to these critical tests due to lack of funding. The CDC estimates that the program currently reaches only 20 percent of eligible women aged 50 to 64. OVAC's funding request for FY 2009 would allow at least an additional 130,000 women to be served by the program.

Colorectal Cancer Screening, Education & Outreach Initiative

\$25 million (+\$11 million)

Strong scientific evidence has shown that regular screening and treatment is a cost-effective way to reduce colorectal cancer incidence and mortality. However, screening rates for CRC are currently lower than for other cancer screening services. The Colorectal Cancer Screening, Education & Outreach Initiative helps increase public awareness of colorectal cancer, educate health care providers about colorectal screening guidelines and assist state programs with colorectal cancer priorities. With additional resources this program will be able to expand its awareness initiatives and reduce the number of preventable colorectal cancer deaths.

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National Skin Cancer Prevention Education Program

\$5 million (+\$3.1 million)

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States and is largely preventable. OVAC's request will allow the program to educate the public about ways to protect themselves and reduce the risks of getting skin cancer.

Prostate Cancer Control Initiatives

\$25 million (+11.8 million)

Prostate cancer, which can be successfully treated if caught early, strikes 1 in 6 men and is found at almost twice that rate in African-American men. CDC-supported programs develop and deliver appropriate public health strategies for prostate cancer, and improve the sharing of screening-related information between providers and their patients. OVAC's request will allow the program to expand and improve its outreach and early detection efforts.

Ovarian Cancer Control Initiatives

\$10 million (+\$4.7 million)

The Ovarian Cancer Initiative partners with academic and medical institutions to spur discovery of techniques that will detect this cancer and develop more successful treatments. OVAC's request will increase public and professional awareness of the symptoms and best treatments for ovarian cancer, restoring hope to the more than 20,000 women who will be diagnosed with this devastating illness this year.

Geraldine Ferraro Blood Cancer Program

\$5.5 million (+\$1.2 million)

Authorized under the Hematological Cancer Research Investment and Education Act of 2002, this program was created to provide public and patient education about blood cancers, including leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma. OVAC's request will allow the program to continue to provide patients with educational, disease management and survivorship resources to enhance treatment and prognosis.

Gynecologic Cancer and Education and Awareness

\$10 million (+\$3.5 million)

Early detection is a key element to surviving gynecological cancers. The survival rates for the most common gynecologic cancers are 90 percent when diagnosed early, dropping to 50 percent or less for cancers diagnosed in late stages. Less than half of all women with ovarian cancer are still alive five years after their diagnosis. It is critical that women and their healthcare providers are aware of the signs, symptoms and risk factors of gynecological cancers. Often, women and providers mistake gynecological cancer with gastrointestinal disorders or early menopause. Johanna's Law provides for an education and awareness campaign that will educate providers and increase women's awareness of this disease.