



Academic Centers for Public Health Preparedness and Response

Program	Appropriations Bill	Agency	FY23 Appropriation	FY24 President's Budget	FY24 Recommendation
Academic Centers for Public Health Preparedness and Response	Labor-HHS	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	\$9.2 million	\$9.2 million	\$15 million

Authorized in the PREVENT Pandemics Act, the Centers for Public Health Preparedness and Response is a network of centers established and maintained by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). These centers coordinate relevant activities with state, local, and tribal health departments and officials, health care facilities, and health care coalitions to improve public health preparedness and response. They will prioritize efforts to implement evidence-informed or evidence-based practices to improve public health preparedness and response, including by helping to reduce the transmission of emerging infectious diseases. The centers will carry out activities to advance public health preparedness and response capabilities, including identifying, translating, and disseminating promising research findings or strategies into evidence-informed or evidence-based practices.

Funding Recommendation: ASPPH recommends \$15million in FY2024 to continue and expand the work of the Academic Centers for Public Health Preparedness within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Report Language: *Centers for Public Health Preparedness and Response.* – The Committee provides \$15,000,000 to establish no fewer than 10 regional Centers for Public Health Preparedness and Response to identify, translate, and disseminate promising research finding and evidence-informed or evidence-based practices to inform preparedness for, and responses to, chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear threats, including emerging infectious diseases, and other public health emergencies. The centers will provide technical assistance to state, local, and tribal health departments relating to public health preparedness and response, including participation in drills and exercises, and training public health experts to enhance preparedness and response systems.

Justification: This framework of a national network of centers will strengthen the connection between academic public health and public health departments and health care systems to proactively address future public health threats. In previous years, annual appropriations for a similar CDC program exceeded \$30 million and supported 21 academic preparedness centers at schools of public health that were created by Congress in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks.

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