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NATIONAL PROGRAM OF CANCER REGISTRIES APPROPRIATIONS FACT SHEET

FY 2007	President's Budget	FY 2008 Suggested
\$47,891,000	\$47,891,000	\$50,286,000

Additional funding is needed to support states and territories to improve the overall quality and completeness of registry data and improve their ability to use their data to report on trends, monitor program impact, identify cancer clusters, and respond to public inquiries and concerns regarding cancer occurrence. With these additional resources, CDC would increase support to state registries to improve capacity for using cancer data to develop and evaluate interventions; conduct special data linkages, such as linking registry data with environmental and risk factor data; enhance use of electronic reporting of data; and support more patterns of care studies.

Basic Facts About Cancer

- Cancer surveillance is an indispensable tool that enables public health professionals to track and respond to the cancer burden at the local, state, and national levels.
- Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, exceeded only by heart disease. One of every four deaths in this country is from cancer.
- The overall estimated cost of cancer in the U.S. for 2005 was \$210 billion, which included health care expenditures and lost productivity.

CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries

The National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) is the backbone of the CDC's state-based cancer control program. State-based cancer registries are data systems designed to collect, manage and analyze data about cancer incidence and mortality. This information is also used to guide planning and evaluation of cancer control programs; help allocate health resources; contribute to clinical, epidemiologic, and health services research; and respond to concerns from citizens over the presence of cancer in their communities. The CDC's NPCR currently supports 45 states, the District of Columbia, and three territories. CDC and the National Cancer Institute jointly produce official federal cancer statistics annually in the *U.S. Cancer Statistics: Incidence and Mortality* report.

CDC provides training to states in data collection, analysis, and interpretation. CDC also provides assistance to states in assuring data completeness, timeliness, and quality. More complete and accurate data will strengthen local cancer control programs; provide a clearer understanding of national trends, cancer burden in special populations, and regional variations in cancer; and provide new insights into rare cancers such as childhood cancers and brain tumors.

*For more information visit, <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr>

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