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TOBACCO CONTROL APPROPRIATIONS FACT SHEET

FY 2007	President's Budget	FY 2008 Suggested
\$104,241,000	\$104,241,000	\$115,000,000

With additional funding, research, communication, surveillance, and evaluation efforts would be expanded to better address the disparate burden among special populations, and to develop effective cessation services to assist current smokers who want to quit. In addition, the capacity of CDC's laboratory would be expanded to conduct more in-depth analysis of tobacco products and health outcomes. CDC would also expand its ability to provide domestic leadership and support to countries and international health organizations to help curb the growing use of tobacco products worldwide.

Basic Facts About Tobacco Use

- Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death and disease in the United States. Each year, smoking kills more people than AIDS, alcohol, drug abuse, car crashes, murders, and suicides combined.
- Smoking cigarettes or other forms of tobacco use cause more than 440,000 U.S. deaths each year, or 1 in 5 deaths.
- Tobacco use costs more than \$75 billion in medical expenses each year and \$80 billion in lost productivity.
- An estimated 46.5 million adults in the U.S. smoke cigarettes even though this single behavior will result in death or disability for half of all regular users.
- Nearly 70% of smokers want to quit, but each year less than 5% are able to do so, and every day, over 4,000 young people smoke their first cigarette - more than 1 million new smokers each year. Approximately one-third of them will eventually die from tobacco-related disease.

CDC's Tobacco Control Program

CDC provides federal leadership in tobacco control by translating the existing science base into public

health action and working with partners to improve the quality of tobacco control programs in the U.S. and around the world. CDC funds the development, implementation and evaluation of tobacco control implementation programs in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, 7 U.S. territories, 6 tribal organizations, and 8 national organizations. CDC educates the public on the health hazards of tobacco use through state-based media activities.

In addition, CDC conducts tobacco surveillance and research to strengthen the science base for tobacco control, including expanding knowledge of the health risks of nicotine, additives, and other potentially toxic compounds in tobacco products through laboratory research.

*For more information visit www.cdc.gov/tobacco

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