

## NACo Public Health Toolkit: Recent Investments in Prevention and Wellness

### **Broad National Prevention and Public Health-Related Initiatives**

#### **Prevention and Public Health Fund**

The Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF)<sup>1</sup> created by the ACA provides for an expanded and sustained national investment in prevention and public health programs. The PPHF contains dedicated funding for state and local prevention and public health activities, totaling to \$15 billion in mandatory funding over 10 years.

Prevention and Public Health Fund	
2010	\$500M
2011	\$750M
2012	\$1B
2013	\$1.25B
2014	\$1.5B
2015 and each year thereafter	\$2B, totaling \$15B over 10 years

#### Types of Activities to be Funded

The PPHF dollars can be used to support programs authorized by the Public Health Service Act. Funding from the PPHF is intended to be used for a range of prevention and wellness activities and initiatives, including efforts to reduce tobacco use, increase access to healthy foods, enhance existing preventive services and improve state and local public health infrastructure. County public health department programs are eligible for a number of the funding opportunities available through the PPHF.

#### **PPHF Funding Allocations**

While the PPHF is mandatory spending, numerous factors including the appropriations process will affect how the funds will be specifically allocated each year.

Some of the funding from the PPHF has already been distributed—of the \$500 million from the PPHF specified for FY2010, \$250 million was allocated for workforce development in the primary care sector, and \$250 million was allocated for community and clinical prevention, public health infrastructure, training and research and tracking.

In FY2011, \$750 million was allocated for community and clinical prevention, public health infrastructure, training and research and tracking.

#### Additional Information & Resources

Prevention and Public Health Fund fact sheet from Healthcare.gov: http://www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/prevention02092011b.html

Trust for America's Health Web page on the ACA: <a href="http://healthyamericans.org/health-reform/">http://healthyamericans.org/health-reform/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> PPACA Section 4002



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Prevention and Public Health Fund fact sheet from the American Public Health Association:

http://www.apha.org/NR/rdonlyres/63AB0803-AC5B-41BE-82F8-

790F446EAA28/0/PreventionPublicHealthfactsheet.pdf

Presentation at NACo's 2011 Legislative Conference by Eli Briggs of the National Association of County and City Health Officials for workshop on ACA prevention and public health investments:

http://www.naco.org/programs/csd/Documents/Health%20Reform%20Implementation/NACCHO\_3\_7\_11.pdf

State-by-State Information

State-by-state information on Prevention and Public Health Fund allocations from Healthcare.gov:

http://www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/prevention02092011a.html

Trust for America's Health Web page on state-by-state information on PPHF allocations: http://www.tfah.org/reports/prevention-fund/

For information about NACo's health legislative priorities and the PPHF, click here.