



California Pan-Ethnic Health Network

The Prevention and Public Health Fund in California: Impact of the “Better Care Reconciliation Act” BCRA

THE REPUBLICAN PLAN TO REPEAL THE ACA ELIMINATES THE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH FUND (PPHF) EFFECTIVE FY 2018

BACKGROUND

The Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF), created in 2010, with the passage of the ACA, is aimed at reducing long-term health costs by supporting programs that seek to address many chronic diseases that are easily preventable.

The PPHF provides support for community based prevention, including controlling tobacco use, promoting healthy eating and active living, and providing communities with vital resources for immunizations.

House and Senate Republicans are fast-tracking their “Better Care Reconciliation Act” (BCRA), which eliminates the PPHF.

LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), California received \$61.5 million in Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF) funding in FY2016. The funds are used in various ways to meet the goal of reducing disparities in California (see fig. 1).

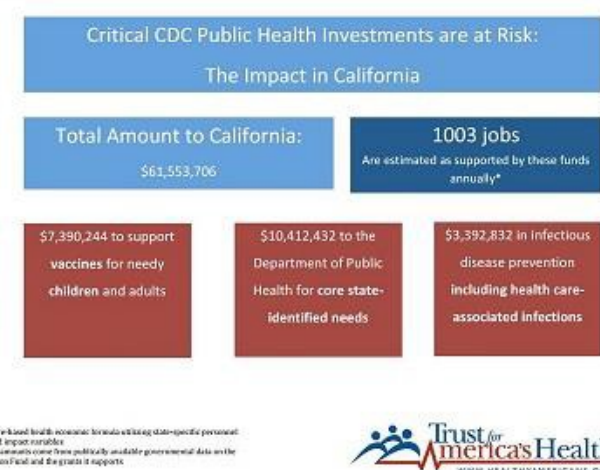


Fig. 1: Protecting the Prevention and Public Health Fund, 2016. Graph accessed at: <http://healthyamericans.org/health-issues/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/California.pdf>.

PROGRAMS AT RISK IF THE PPHF FUNDING IS REPEALED

Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH):

California received over **\$8.7 million** in REACH grants in FY 16. These grants are awarded to programs that seek to address chronic disease factors by creating culturally competent community based programs targeting African Americans, American Indians, Hispanics/Latinos, Asian Americans, Alaska Natives, and Pacific Islanders.

- One example of this was **\$500,000** awarded to Mandela Marketplace which partnered with Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, West Oakland Health Council, Oakland Unified School District and other local organizations to address a need to improve access to healthy food and beverage options in the target community.
 - **UC San Diego’s Asian Language Tobacco Quit-line:** This program which received roughly **\$1 million** is aimed at providing phone counseling

