

Federal Investment in Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, Outreach and Education

CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control Saves Lives

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) urges **Congress to increase funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) cancer programs to at least \$482.9 million in Fiscal Year 2027.**

The burden of cancer is still unacceptably high¹



2.1 Million+
new cancer cases
projected
in 2026



39 out of 100
people in the U.S.
will develop
cancer during
their lifetime



Breast Cancer
is rising 1% per year,
with a steeper pace
among women
under 50

Program	FY26	FY27 ACS CAN Request	Program Description
CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control	\$413.0m	\$482.9m	Supports cancer programs that help Americans better understand their cancer risk and better utilize prevention, screening and treatment options.
National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (including WISEWOMAN)	\$236.5m	\$265m	Provides cost-effective breast and cervical cancer screenings, diagnostic tests and treatment referral services to communities that are limited-income, underserved, under-insured, and uninsured.
National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (Cancer only)	\$201.9m	\$230m	
National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program	\$22.4m	\$32m	Supports community-focused coalitions that share resources and expertise, prioritize evidence-based strategies and implement cancer plans to address cancer needs in their communities.
Colorectal Cancer Program	\$44.3m	\$51m	Partners with clinics and health systems to increase evidenced-based colorectal cancer screening rates among high-need groups.
National Program of Cancer Registries	\$53.4m	\$63.4m	Supports state-based cancer registries to gather, manage and analyze data about incidence, stage at diagnosis and treatment.
Ovarian Cancer Control Initiative	\$15.5m	\$20m	Partners with academic and medical institutions to advance techniques that will detect ovarian cancer and develop more successful treatments.
Breast Cancer Awareness for Young Women (Bring Your Brave)	\$6.96m	\$9m	Educates women under 45 about breast cancer through personal stories of facing cancer at a young age.
Inside Knowledge About Gynecologic Cancer (Johanna's Law)	\$12m	\$15m	Raises awareness of gynecologic cancer and encouraging women to recognize warning signs and seek medical care.
Cancer Survivorship Initiative	\$7.725m	\$1.5m	Addresses cancer survivorship through cancer control initiatives and the development of survivorship activities and materials.
Prostate Cancer Awareness Initiative	\$16.2m	\$20m	Conducts research on prostate cancer, enhances prostate cancer data, and educates men about prostate cancer screening.
Skin Cancer Prevention	\$12m	\$15m	Supports research and community-based programs to implement skin cancer prevention.

Flagship Cancer Programs

DCPC's flagship cancer programs include the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, Colorectal Cancer Control Program, and the National Program of Cancer Registries. These programs help fund and support state, tribal, and territorial cancer control efforts, cancer screenings, and cancer registries, with nearly 80 percent of funding going directly to states. These programs save lives by preventing cancer, detecting it early, and improving outcomes.

Cancer Prevention, Early Detection & Screening Programs Saves Lives

- Served **over 6.7 million women** and detected 350,000 breast and cervical cancers combined.
- Developed **65 cancer control plans** that serve as blueprints for cancer action in all 50 States, DC, 7 US Pacific Islands and 7 tribes and tribal organization.
- **Partnered with 777 clinics** to implement evidence-based interventions for CRC screening.
- Supported **cancer registries** in 46 states, DC, Puerto Rico, the US Pacific Island Jurisdictions and the U.S. Virgin Island representing **97% of the US population**.

Partnerships and Public Education Campaigns

In addition to its flagship programs, DCPC leverages partnerships and public education campaigns to share applied research, surveillance data, and programmatic insights across a range of cancer issues, helping Americans better understand their cancer risk and more effectively use prevention, screening, and treatment options. This work includes targeted initiatives such as the Bring Your Brave campaign, which educates women under 45 about breast cancer through personal stories of facing the disease at a young age.

Opportunities with FY27 funding:

- Serve an **additional 64,000+ women a year**, resulting in the detection of more than 610 breast cancers and 1,140 cervical cancers and precancerous lesions.
- Expand **real-time cancer registry** reporting in up to **16 states**.
- Increase **support to 68 awardees of the National Cancer Control Program** to train health workers and increase support for cancer survivors and caregivers.
- **Enhance the Bring Your Brave** Public Education Campaign to increase the reach of the campaign to more young women.



"Early Detection and screening simply saved my life. Funding for this program is critical to detecting and treating cancer at an early stage, when treatment is more effective and less expensive."

Stephanie Barr
ACS CAN Volunteer
Prairie Village, Kansas

In 2010, Stephanie Barr discovered a lump, the size of a lemon, in her breast. A waitress with no health insurance, Stephanie was able to access a mammogram and ultrasound through participation in the *Kansas Breast and Cervical Early Detection Works Program*, one of the many innovative programs funded by the CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. After discovering the lump was malignant, NBCCEDP staff members helped her enroll in Medicaid for treatment.

Free of cancer, Stephanie credits the NBCCEDP with helping to catch the cancer before it spread.