



OVAC FY2009 Appropriations Requests

One Voice Against Cancer (OVAC), a coalition of nearly 40 cancer-related organizations representing millions of Americans, works in support of federally funded programs that engage in the fight against cancer, and will work to ensure that the Administration and Congress make funding for cancer research and CDC cancer control programs a priority in fiscal year (FY) 2009.

Recent cuts to the National Cancer Institute (NCI) budget, coupled with the fact that for five consecutive years the overall National Institutes of Health (NIH) budget has failed to keep up with biomedical inflation, have resulted in the scaling back and elimination of promising cancer research programs. OVAC's appropriations request for NCI is identical to NCI's FY 2009 Professional Judgment Budget request for current services, an amount the Institute requires to sustain NCI programs, restore some of the funding cuts that have occurred over the past few fiscal years, and provide for some minimal growth. The Center for Disease Control's (CDC) cancer control programs provide vital resources for cancer monitoring and surveillance, screening programs, state cancer control planning and implementation, and awareness initiatives targeting skin, prostate, colon, ovarian and blood cancers. Enhanced funding for the CDC is required to continue the success these programs have had in bringing the progress gained from research to communities throughout the country.

Finally, OVAC recognizes the importance of additional funding for the Food and Drug Administration to finance critical safety and scientific programs that will help deliver safe and effective therapies to market. The member organizations recognize the critical role that the FDA serves as the nexus between new discovery and routine cancer care.

As members of OVAC, we agree to work with the Administration and Congress to ensure adequate resources in the FY 2009 budget for cancer research, education, prevention, awareness, treatment, and control. We will be active throughout the budget and appropriations processes, and will seek ways to enhance our message and ability to hold lawmakers accountable for their actions.

For FY 2009, OVAC will urge the Administration and Congress to support the following funding recommendations:

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

\$30.81 billion (\$1.88 billion (6.5%) over FY2008)

National Cancer Institute (NCI)

\$5.26 billion (\$455 million (9.5 %) over FY 2008, based on the FY09 NCI Current Services Professional Judgment Budget)

National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD)

\$213.8 million (\$13.8 million over FY 2008)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control (CDC)

\$445.5 million (\$136 million over FY 2008)

- **National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program: \$50 million (\$33.7 million over FY 2008)**
- **National Program of Cancer Registries: \$65 million (\$18.6 million over FY 2008)**

- **National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program: \$250 million (\$49.2 million over FY 2008)**
- **Colorectal Cancer Screening, Education & Outreach Initiative: \$25 million (\$11 million over FY 2008)**
- **National Skin Cancer Prevention Education Program: \$5 million over five years**
- **Prostate Cancer Awareness Campaign: \$25 million (\$11.8 million over FY 2008)**
- **Ovarian Cancer Control Initiative: \$10 million (\$4.7 million over FY 2008)**
- **Geraldine Ferraro Blood Cancer Program: \$5.5 million (\$1.2 million over FY 2008)**
- **Gynecologic Cancer and Education and Awareness (Johanna's Law): \$10 million (\$3.5 million over FY 2008)**

Alliance for Prostate Cancer Prevention
 American Academy of Dermatology Association
 American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)
 American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)
 American College of Surgeons
 American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ASTRO)
 Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum
 Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN)
 C3: Colorectal Cancer Coalition
 Colon Cancer Alliance
 CureSearch
 Friends of Cancer Research
 Intercultural Cancer Council Caucus (ICCC)
 International Myeloma Foundation
 Lance Armstrong Foundation
 Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
 Malecare Prostate Cancer Support
 Men's Health Network
 National Alliance for Hispanic Health
 National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalitions
 National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
 National Cervical Cancer Coalition
 National Coalition for Cancer Research (NCCR)
 National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA)
 National Ovarian Cancer Coalition
 National Patient Advocate Foundation
 National Prostate Cancer Coalition
 Nevada Cancer Institute
 Ovarian Cancer National Alliance
 Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)
 Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition
 Prevent Cancer Foundation
 Sarcoma Foundation of America
 Society of Gynecologic Oncologists
 Society of Surgical Oncology
 Susan G. Komen for the Cure Advocacy Alliance
 Us TOO International Prostate Cancer Education and Support Network