Minimal funding is presently provided to CDC to support the National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (NCCCP) in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, 7 tribes and tribal organizations, one territory, and 6 U.S. Pacific Island Jurisdictions. CDC funds are used to establish comprehensive cancer control (CCC) coalitions, define cancer priorities in each state, tribe or territory/jurisdiction and provide the evidence base for effective cancer prevention and control.

Additional resources would enhance CCC coalitions’ ability to use this evidence base to develop and implement environmental and systems-level changes aimed at primary prevention, early detection, increasing access to treatment and improving the quality of life of cancer survivors. Furthermore, CDC is currently funding 13 demonstration programs within the NCCCP to develop and implement policy, environmental and systems strategies to improve cancer prevention and control. Additional funding would support expansion of the demonstration program to all NCCCP grantees, and increased capacity for priority issues.

Basic Facts About Cancer

- Cancer kills more Americans under age 85 than does heart disease. One of every four deaths in the U.S. is from cancer.
- The number of Americans living with a previous diagnosis of cancer, currently estimated at almost 12 million, is on the rise.
- Cancer cost the United States an estimated $228 billion in medical costs in 2008.

CDC’s National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program CCC is an integrated and collaborative process through which states pool resources and work through partnerships of public and private sector stakeholders to reduce the burden of cancer. CDC is working with CCC grantees to focus on six strategic priorities: emphasizing primary prevention, coordinating early detection and treatment interventions, addressing the public health needs of cancer survivors, implementing policies to sustain cancer control, eliminating health disparities to achieve health equity and ensuring impact and use of evidence and evaluation. One example of how the program collaborates with key stakeholders:

- The Maryland Cancer Collaborative has prioritized worksite wellness initiatives from the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan as a means to prevent cancer. Get Healthy Kent is a worksite wellness initiative working to strengthen the primary care infrastructure in Kent County and reduce the burden of cancer and other chronic diseases by bringing healthcare and wellness to the worksite. Get Healthy Kent represents a partnership between the Kent County Health Department, local hospitals and healthcare
providers, participating worksites, and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s Healthiest Maryland Businesses initiative. As of January 2013, 46% of the total county workforce had joined the Get Healthy Kent program.

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