



*Preventing Illness in America's Home Towns*

**FY 2012 Labor HHS Appropriations Bill  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - National Center for Chronic Disease  
Prevention and Health Promotion**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012 President</b>	<b>2012 TFAH</b>
Community Transformation Grants	n/a	\$221,061,000	\$221,061,000

**Background:** Community prevention is a central component of public health. The Community Transformation Grant (CTG) program represents a critical opportunity to implement, evaluate, and disseminate evidence-based community preventive health activities to reduce chronic disease and address racial and ethnic disparities. This program will move us away from our current stove-piped approach to disease prevention and change the focus to innovative, cross-cutting approaches to reducing the risks that affect health and cause injury. This program will align with the National Prevention Strategy to target funding to create healthier communities by implementing policy, environmental, programmatic, and infrastructure changes at the local level where children and families live, work, play, exercise, and learn.

**Results:** The CTG program was recently funded for the first time in FY 2011. While returns on investments in community prevention often accumulate over time, CTG efforts will build on the evidence base built by CDC's Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) program. Additionally, performance metrics for CTG will be released in tandem with funding that will require grantee reporting as a condition of funding. These measures are expected to include improvements in health outcomes (including changes in weight, nutrition, physical activity, tobacco use, emotional well-being and overall mental health), policy adoption and practices implementation, and population and subpopulation participation.

**Recent Funding History:** The CTG program was funded for the first time in FY 2011. The Prevention and Public Health Fund FY 2011 allocations included \$145 million for the CTG program. Based on public dialogue that the CDC has held regarding a soon-to-be-released Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), FY 2011 funding will provide competitive grants to state and local government agencies, Indian tribes or tribal organizations, national networks of community-based organizations, and state and local non-profit organizations. Grants will be used for both community prevention capacity building and investing in targeted interventions to reduce the prevalence of the leading causes of death, associated risk factors, and health disparities.

**Recommendation:** Provide \$221 million for the Community Transformation Grant program to permit CDC to expand 2011 activities to new communities and programs. Additionally, appropriated funding for FY 2012 for the CTG program should ensure that activities previously supported under the CDC's Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) and Healthy Communities programs, which are proposed for elimination, are integrated into and continue to be supported by CTG activities. A Government Accountability Office (GAO) report (2003) previously identified REACH as one of the most effective programs in addressing health disparities.