



***FY 2012 Labor HHS Appropriations Bill***

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Built Environment and Health Program**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Center</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>2010 (CR)</b>	<b>2012 President</b>	<b>2012 TFAH</b>
CDC	National Center for Environmental Health	Built Environment & Health	\$2,683,000 <sup>1</sup>	\$0	\$4,000,000

**Background:** Community environments can serve as barriers to healthy choices, or they can help promote healthy behaviors. The design of community environments impacts the health of residents, including rates of environmentally-mediated illness, chronic disease, and injury. The transportation and development sectors invest heavily in communities, often with goals compatible with public health goals. By engaging with these sectors and adding value by employing public health tools, public health can work to modify the environment to improve health and reduce costs.

**Description of Built Environment and Health:** CDC’s Built Environment and Health Program would support Healthy Community Design activities, previously funded from the general environmental health line. A targeted budget item of \$4 million would enable CDC to support the training, tool development, and research translation to enable communities to make design changes that promote health. CDC would support up to eight entities to conduct state-wide trainings on health impact assessment (HIA), conduct prospective HIAs, and support other policy interventions into transportation and community design decision-making. CDC would continue its partnerships with national organizations to develop and make tools and training available to other regions and non-health sectors. CDC will also improve surveillance, emphasize collaborative partnerships with planning and transportation organizations, and will work to leverage these funds and more fully integrate built environment activities within existing Health Promotion activities.

**Recommendation:** Provide \$4 million for the Built Environment and Health initiative to support CDC’s ability to maintain resources aimed at helping states and communities build healthier communities.

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<sup>1</sup> The program was funded from the general CDC environmental health budget line at \$1,605,000 in 2010.