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• Community resources to support survivor needs;
• Increasing funding would support enhanced primary prevention efforts, increased access to early detection and quality treatment, and efforts to improve the quality of life of cancer survivors.

The NCCCP provides a strategic, coalition-based approach to reduce the number of illnesses and deaths caused by 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. Program activities include efforts to:
  • Increase colorectal cancer screening rates to 80% nationwide, including in every single community;  
  • Increase HPV vaccination coverage rates to prevent HPV-associated cancers that currently cause nearly 34,000 cancer deaths in men and women each year;  
  • Increase surveillance efforts to better understand the needs of cancer survivors and facilitate access to community resources to support survivor needs;  
  • Increase activities to improve cancer health outcomes among populations who experience poorer health outcomes than most; and  
  • Sustain healthy, effective cancer coalitions.

Additional funding would significantly increase NCCCP awardees’ capacity in these priority areas.

Basic Facts About Cancer
  • One in three Americans will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.  
  • Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, resulting in nearly 600,000 deaths in 2019, the most recent year for which complete incidence data are available.  
  • Cancer deaths are greater than any other disease, regardless of age among American Indian, Alaska Natives, Asian/Pacific Islander and Hispanic Americans.  
  • The number of Americans living with a previous diagnosis of cancer is on the rise, with current estimates at almost 23.3 million.  
  • Cancer cost the United States an estimated $157 billion in medical expenses in 2010, and this number is expected to increase substantially over the next 10 years.

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