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Alliance on President's FY 15 Request for FDA: "FDA Would Be Weakened; Significantly More Funding Required"

President Requests Appropriation of \$2.586 Billion--A \$25 Million (1%) Increase

Silver Spring, MD, March 5, 2014 –The Alliance for a Stronger FDA expressed disappointment that President Obama's FY 15 budget request for FDA falls far short of what the agency needs to fulfill its responsibilities. At \$2.586 billion, the agency's appropriation would increase by only \$25 million, a 1% increase. The Alliance, whose almost 200 members represent a cross-section of FDA stakeholders, emphasized that "substantial increases are needed to support FDA's critical mission."

"In this time of continuing deficit reduction pressures, we understand the difficult fiscal environment under which the White House is operating," said Kasey K. Thompson, Pharm.D., M.S., President of the Alliance and Vice President, Office of Policy, Planning and Communications at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP).

He continued: "This budget proposal would actually weaken the FDA in certain areas, which we think the American people will regard as unacceptable. FDA's funding needs to be increased further—well above the FY 14 level--to reflect the agency's vast public health responsibilities and continually increasing workload. If the FDA does not have the resources to fulfill its mission, there is no other Federal, state or private agency that provides a fallback."

Under the President's budget request, food programs (CFSAN + CVM) are proposed to grow nearly 2.5%. Drugs (CDER + CBER) would grow about 2% and the rest of FDA would lose about 1.5%, including a \$3 million decrease for device programs. (See chart on page 2).

"Alliance members remain committed to assuring that FDA is adequately funded," said Jeff Allen, PhD, Vice President of the Alliance and Executive Director of the Friends of Cancer Research (FOCR). "It is a national priority for FDA to have the resources it needs to meet the challenges of a changing global economy, food safety and medical advances."

Among its responsibilities, FDA is implementing four major laws passed by Congress since 2010. These cover a biosimilars approval pathway, food safety modernization, drug and device safety and promotion of innovation, and the recently enacted Drug Quality and Security Act.

The importance of FDA and its regulated industry to the American economy is detailed in the Alliance's white paper: [FDA: A Cornerstone of America's Economic Future](#).

The Alliance's nearly 200 members are comprised of consumer, patient, professional and research groups, companies, trade associations, and individuals who support increased appropriated funding for FDA. The Alliance is the only multi-stakeholder group that advocates for increasing resources at FDA to match the agency's responsibilities. More information about the Alliance can be found at www.StrengthenFDA.org.



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**President’s Request for FY 15 for FDA Funding
Budget Authority Appropriations for FDA (does not include user fees)
Compared to FY 12 and FY 13 Post-Sequester and FY 14**

Not all numbers add due to rounding

Function Budget authority only, by center; no user fees	FY 12	FY 13 Actual¹ Post-rescission, post-sequester	FY 14 Final	President’s FY 15 Budget Request
Food	\$ 867 million	\$ 797 million	\$ 883 million	\$ 903 million
Human Drugs	\$ 478 million	\$ 438 million	\$ 466 million	\$ 480 million
Biologics	\$ 212 million	\$ 195 million	\$ 211 million	\$ 210 million
Animal Drugs/Feed	\$ 138 million	\$ 126 million	\$ 141 million	\$ 145 million
Devices & Radiological Health	\$ 323 million	\$ 296 million	\$ 321 million	\$ 318 million
Natl. Ctr. For Toxicological Research	\$ 60 million	\$ 55 million	\$ 62 million	\$ 59 million
HQ, Officer. of Commissioner & Other	\$ 154 million	\$ 160 million	\$ 172 million	\$ 175 million
Rent & Facilities Cost	\$ 266 million	\$ 268 million	\$ 294 million	\$ 285 million
CRADA Agreements		\$ 2 million	\$ 2 million	\$ 2 million
SUBTOTAL, Salaries & Expenses	\$ 2.497 billion	\$ 2.335 billion	\$2.552 billion	\$2.577 billion
Building and Facilities Repair	\$ 9 million	\$ 6 million	\$ 9 million	\$ 9 million
Food and Drug Safety Supplemental—No-Year	-----	\$ 46 million	-----	-----
All BA appropriations Total (no user fees)	\$ 2.506 billion	\$ 2.386 billion	\$2.561 billion	\$2.586 billion

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¹ Reflects Congressionally approved reprogramming from CFSAN and DVM to fund the Office of Foods and Veterinary Medicine in the Office of the Commissioner.