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Alliance Says President's FY 16 Request for FDA is "Welcome"

President Requests Appropriation of \$2.746 Billion--A \$147 Million (6%) Increase

Silver Spring, MD, February 2, 2015 –The Alliance for a Stronger FDA said it “welcomed” President Obama’s FY 16 budget request for FDA. While it falls short of the money needed to meet FDA’s new and expanding responsibilities, the President’s request would double the increase in base funding over the prior four years, the Alliance noted. As such, “it is welcomed by the FDA stakeholder community,” said Jeff Allen, PhD, President of the Alliance and Executive Director of Friends of Cancer Research.

The Alliance, whose almost 200 members represent a cross-section of FDA stakeholders, has emphasized that “substantial increases are needed to support FDA’s critical mission,” Allen said. At \$2.746 billion, the agency’s appropriation would increase by \$147 million, nearly a 6% increase.

"We urge the House and Senate appropriations committees to recognize the same FDA needs that the President has," Allen said. "The additional funding for food safety, precision medicine, drug compounding oversight, and antibiotics development will make a huge difference at the agency."

“At the same time, however, we can also point to other FDA programs that need and warrant additional funding,” Allen added. “The Alliance will continue to advocate for this additional funding.”

Under the President’s budget request, food programs (CFSAN + CVM) are proposed to grow by more than \$100 million, over 4%. Medical product programs would grow by about \$20 million slightly less than 1%. The proposal also includes \$29 million for rental payments, about 1%, which are expenses that would otherwise be paid out of the Center budgets. (See chart on page 2).

"It is a national priority for FDA to have the resources it needs to meet the challenges of medical advances, a changing global economy, and food safety," said Cynthia Bens, Vice President of the Alliance and Vice President for Public Policy of the Alliance for Aging Research. “No other Federal, state or private agency provides a fallback if FDA can’t fulfill its mission.”

“The monies for food safety are particularly timely given the FDA’s multi-year responsibility for implementing the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA),” said Chris Waldrop, Alliance Board member and Director of the Food Safety Institute of the Consumer Federation of America. “FSMA represents a fundamental change in philosophy and programming and the agency needs sufficient resources to effectively implement the law.”

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.



FEBRUARY 2, 2015—Preliminary Analysis

**--President's Request for FY 16 for FDA Funding--
Budget Authority Appropriations for FDA (does not include user fees)
Compared to FY 12-15**

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	FY15 Final	FY 16 President's Budget Request
Food	\$ 867 million	\$ 797 million	\$ 883 million	\$ 903 million	\$ 987 million
Human Drugs	\$ 478 million	\$ 438 million	\$ 466 million	\$ 482 million	\$ 485 million
Biologics	\$ 212 million	\$ 195 million	\$ 211 million	\$ 211 million	\$ 215 million
Animal Drugs/Feed	\$ 138 million	\$ 126 million	\$ 141 million	\$ 148 million	\$ 166 million
Devices & Radiological Health	\$ 323 million	\$ 296 million	\$ 321 million	\$ 321 million	\$ 328 million
Natl. Ctr. For Toxicological Research	\$ 60 million	\$ 55 million	\$ 62 million	\$ 63 million	\$ 59 million
HQ, Officer. of Commissioner & Other	\$ 154 million	\$ 160 million	\$ 172 million	\$ 175 million	\$ 181 million
Rent & Facilities Cost	\$ 266 million	\$ 268 million	\$ 294 million	\$ 285 million	\$ 314 million
CRADA Agreements		\$ 2 million	\$ 2 million	\$ 2 million	\$ 2 million
SUBTOTAL, Salaries & Expenses	\$ 2.497 billion	\$ 2.335 billion	\$2.552 billion	\$2.590 billion	\$2.737 billion
Building and Facilities Repair	\$ 9 million	\$ 6 million	\$ 9 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	\$ 2.599 billion²	\$ 2.746 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.

² Does not include \$25 million for Ebola funding that remains available until expended.