

# Sequestration: Health Research at the Breaking Point

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AGENCY	SEQUESTER CUTS
National Institutes of Health	\$1,553,000,000
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	\$303,000,000
Food and Drug Administration	\$209,000,000
National Science Foundation	\$290,000,000
<b>TOTAL (FY 2013):</b>	<b>\$2,355,000,000</b>

Source: Office of Management and Budget; based on FY13 funding levels.

## NIH

### What does \$1.553 billion mean to the National Institutes of Health?

- That amount is more than the FY12 funding of \$1.491 billion for three major research programs at the National Cancer Institute that study the mechanisms, diagnosis and prevention of cancer.<sup>1</sup>
- This amount is more than the \$1.48 billion budget for the National Institute of Mental Health.<sup>2</sup>

## NSF

### What does \$290 million mean to the National Science Foundation?

- The NSF FY12 budget allocated nearly 80% of that amount to its applied R&D efforts.<sup>6</sup>
- That amount is equivalent to nearly the entire NSF budget for materials research, which includes study in areas such as biomaterials and metallic nanostructures.<sup>7</sup>

## FDA

### What does \$209 million mean to the Food and Drug Administration?

- That amount is approximately the funding level devoted to ensuring the safety and effectiveness of new biological products.<sup>3</sup>
- About one third of this cut would come from industry-paid user fees to supplement FDA resources to speed the drug approval process. Sequestration could jeopardize future user fees.<sup>4</sup>

## CDC

### What does \$303 million mean to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention?

- That amount is nearly the entire budget of the CDC program dedicated to emerging infectious diseases.<sup>5</sup>
- That amount comprises more than three-quarters of the CDC budget for domestic HIV/AIDS prevention and research, which totals \$392.6 million.<sup>5</sup>

**NOTE:** The budget for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) would not be affected by initial sequestration cuts. However, AHRQ funding is drawn from other federal agencies that would be subject to losses in funding from sequester. These cuts could negatively impact AHRQ's budget.

## »» Sources ««

1 — NCI FY12 Congressional Justification  
2 — NIH Office of Budget, FY12  
3 — FDA FY13 Budget Overview

4 — FDA User Fees Program  
5 — CDC FY13 Congressional Justification  
6 — NSF R&D Special Analysis

7 — NSF FY13 Funding by Program