

Adequate funding for FDA

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is responsible for oversight of \$2.4 trillion in goods and products, which accounts for more than 20% of all consumer spending in the United States (food, drugs, devices, cosmetics, dietary supplements, nutrition, etc.) Yet, it is a relatively small agency: \$2.80 billion in budget authority (taxpayer-funded) appropriations in FY 18, plus funds derived from medical product and tobacco user fees.

Fiscal Year Program Level: CFSAN Budget Authority Appropriations

- FY 2014 Actual \$ 883 million
- FY 2015 Enacted \$ 903 million
- FY 2016 Enacted \$ 987 million
- FY 2017 Enacted \$ 1.025 billion
- FY 2018 Enacted: \$ 1.042 billion

- FY 2019 Proposed:
 - President: \$1.030 billion (the President's FY19 proposal was formulated before FY 18 enactment. Therefore, not clear if the President intended to propose a decrease)
 - House: \$1.040 billion.
 - Senate: \$1.052 billion (Senate increases of \$15.5 million in food programs would be spent on FSMA cooperative agreements with states, food import safety, food safety outbreaks and testing antibiotic resistance in imported seafood.

The substantial year-over-year growth in food safety programs slackened in FY 17 and has been relatively flat since then. Nonetheless, FDA's food safety responsibilities continue to grow.

The Alliance for a Stronger FDA has recommended a 5% increase in FY 19 funding of FDA's food safety programs. Specifically:

The Alliance's requests \$50 million in additional FY 19 food safety funding, which will enable FDA to meet the expanded scope of state partnerships, while also strengthening other key FSMA implementation priorities, particularly import safety and training.