

TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION

	FY 2008 Appropriation	FY 2009 Omnibus	FY 2010 PB Request	FY10 Change from FY09 Omnibus
Discretionary Grants	\$0	\$0	\$110,000,000	+\$110,000,000
<i>PHS Evaluation Funds</i>	0	0	4,455,000	+4,455,000
Formula Grants to States	0	0	50,000,000	+50,000,000
Total, Program Level	\$0	\$0	\$164,455,000	+\$164,455,000

Authorizing Legislation – Section 1110 of the Social Security Act for discretionary grants; authorizing legislation is proposed for the state formula grants.

2010 Authorization Discretionary grants – such sums as may be appropriated; state formula grants – budget includes proposal for authorizing legislation.

Allocation Method Formula Grants and Discretionary Grants

Program Description and Accomplishments -- The new Teen Pregnancy Prevention initiative addresses rising teen pregnancy rates by supporting evidence-based models that provide medically-accurate and age-appropriate resources to reduce the risks of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. These funds will support both the replication of evidence-based models and demonstration programs to identify new effective approaches.

The budget provides \$110 million in discretionary funds for a competitive grant program for community and faith-based organizations as well as outreach, training, technical assistance and evaluation. Not less than \$75 million will be used to fund grants for programs to replicate curriculum-based models that have been shown through strong evaluation (defined as experimental) to be effective in reducing teen pregnancy, delaying sexual activity, or improving contraception use (without increasing sexual activity). Not less than \$25 million will be used to fund grants for demonstration programs to develop, replicate, refine, and test additional models and innovative strategies for preventing teen pregnancy. These programs do not necessarily have to have a rigorous evaluation demonstrating effectiveness, but must show promise and potential. The models grantees propose to use will be subject to rigorous evaluation and if shown to be effective, grantees may be eligible for funding under the \$75 million designated for evidence-based programs. All grantees must use a curriculum that is both age appropriate and medically accurate.

The Secretary will award grants to non-profit faith-based and community organizations for teen pregnancy prevention programs for youth ages 12 to 19. Grants will last three to five years and provide an average of \$350,000 with a 25 percent match requirement. All applicants must agree to randomly assign participants if selected for a national evaluation.

Approximately 20 curriculum-based models have been evaluated using a rigorous experimental design and shown to reduce teen pregnancy rates, increase contraception use, or delay the onset of sexual activity. Many of these programs have a strong emphasis on abstinence and encourage teens to wait to have sex, but also provide information on contraception and comprehensive sex education. The most successful programs usually include a youth development component, such as service learning, academic support, or opportunities to participate in sports and the arts. Although several models have been

identified, research on teen pregnancy is still emerging. This budget directs most funds towards programs that have been shown to be effective, but also provides room for innovation to identify new approaches.

The budget also funds activities to support parents in communicating with their children about teen pregnancy and other high-risk behaviors. These funds will be used for an interactive website and other outreach activities for parents, youth, teachers, and community members.

The budget also seeks authorization for a new \$50 million mandatory teen pregnancy prevention grants to states, tribes, and territories.

Budget Request – The FY 2010 request for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention initiative is \$164 million, including \$110 million to fund approximately 275 discretionary grants, \$4.5 million in Public Health Service Act evaluation funds to support rigorous evaluation, and \$50 million in mandatory funds for states, tribes, and territories.