

Fund \$38M for the Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Program for FY27

Facts



The Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Program (CSP) supports **community-oriented public health approaches** to preventing suicide, currently funding 23 suicide prevention initiatives nationwide.



Established in 2020, the CSP funds initiatives through cooperative agreements designed to implement and evaluate a comprehensive public health approach, with a focus on **populations with higher suicide rates**.



CSP recipients **convene multi-sectoral partners**, utilize data to identify disproportionately affected groups, track trends in suicide deaths and behavior, and communicate progress and lessons learned.



Between 2019 and 2023, **suicide rates across CSP sites decreased by an average of 3.3%**, compared to a 1.7% increase across the country.²

Without Sustained Investment, CSP Cannot Expand Its Life-Saving Reach

The CSP has shown great promise, including a **6.5% reduction**¹ in suicide rates between 2019 and 2021 among veterans and service members served by CSP recipients. Without continued funding, states, tribes, and territories cannot fully build the comprehensive, data-driven approach suicide prevention demands.

Specifically, additional funding and targeted report language would:

- Prioritize funding to **state public health departments** to expand the CSP nationwide, and increase funding to tribes and territories to build capacity and implement prevention strategies
- **Support a strategic public health approach** addressing multiple risk factors at the individual, community, and societal levels through coordination with multisector partners
- Fully integrate **real-time data collection** from emergency departments on suicide attempts and suicidal ideation, building CSP into a national effort

CSP recipients are reporting significant, measurable results in suicide prevention. Increased investment through data-driven, community-focused strategies will help save lives.

¹ Department of Health and Human Services. *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Fiscal Year 2025 Justifications of Estimates for Appropriations Committees*, pg. 226. <https://www.cdc.gov/budget/documents/fy2025/FY-2025-CDC-congressional-justification.pdf>

² CDC Analysis provided via email to AFSP, July 2026



Report Language

AFSP requests the inclusion of the following report language that highlights the critical importance of the CSP in reducing suicide, as well as the importance of funding new initiatives under the CSP that are statewide in scope and focus on high-risk populations.

Suicide. The Committee recognizes that suicide is a serious public health problem requiring strategic suicide prevention solutions, especially among disproportionately impacted populations. The Committee further recognizes that suicide prevention requires a strategic public health approach that addresses multiple risk factors at the individual, community, and societal levels. States, tribes, and territories are most suited to lead a comprehensive public health approach to suicide prevention, which demands effectively coordinating with multisector partners to take a data-driven, evidence-based process that addresses the broad range of risk and protective factors associated with suicide. The Committee directs the Director to prioritize funding to state public health departments to expand the Comprehensive Suicide Prevention program nationwide, and to increase funding to tribes and territories to build capacity and implement strategies to prevent suicide.