

State Immunization Investments

2019

American Samoa

\$2,509,909

Vaccines for Children Program (VFC)

Vaccines: \$2,030,356

Other Funding: \$479,553

Vaccines are one of the most effective tools to protect the public's health and prevent disease. CDC supports state and local health departments to improve access to vaccines, build critical public health infrastructure, and strengthen the scientific evidence base for vaccine policy decisions and practices. CDC supports epidemiology and laboratory capacity to detect, prevent, and respond to vaccine-preventable diseases, including influenza and measles. CDC's investments save both lives and dollars.

Vaccinated children born between 1994 and 2018 will result in:

419
MILLION
illnesses prevented

\$1.88
TRILLION
societal costs saved

936
THOUSAND
deaths prevented

Supporting State Immunization Programs



Vaccines for Children Program (VFC)

\$2,030,356

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program is a federally funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to children who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of their inability to pay. CDC buys vaccines at a discount and distributes them to state health departments and certain local and territorial public health agencies. These groups distribute the vaccines at no charge to private physicians' offices and public health clinics registered as VFC providers. **American Samoa** receives **\$2,030,356** in purchased vaccines for VFC eligible children.



Immunization Program Awards

\$479,553

Immunization program awards support the essential state public health immunization workforce, ensures program effectiveness, and scientifically sound immunization policy. A strong public health infrastructure at national, state, and local levels is vital to sustaining high vaccination coverage levels and low incidence of vaccine preventable diseases. Support also maintains public health preparedness for response to a vaccine-preventable national emergency, such as a pandemic or biologic attack.

Immunization program awards promote public awareness of vaccine recommendations, support the infrastructure to manage vaccine shortages, gather information and respond to outbreaks, recruit and educate networks of immunization providers, and provide continual quality assurance. These awards also include direct assistance to states to purchase vaccines for non-VFC-eligible, uninsured populations.