

## APPROPRIATIONS FUNDING REQUESTS



33% of American adults are at risk for kidney disease. More than 37 million have chronic kidney disease (CKD)



African Americans are 3x as likely and Hispanics are 30% more likely than Caucasians to develop kidney failure as Caucasians.



Medicare spends \$120 billion+
(34% of total spending) on
beneficiaries with kidney disease.
End Stage Renal Disease affects
only 1%, but accounts for 7% of
Medicare spending.

**KIDNEY RISK CAMPAIGN** Too often, patients learn of their kidney disease after it has progressed to late stages, often including irreversible kidney failure. Early detection, intervention and treatment can slow or stop the progression of the disease. The Advancing American Kidney Health (AAKH) initiative is a public awareness campaign to enhance kidney disease awareness, educate clinical professionals and spur innovation.

Recommended funding level for FY 2021: \$10 million

**KIDNEY X** is a public-private partnership between the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) incentivizes innovators to fill unmet patient needs through a series of prize competitions focused on technology development and commercialization for prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. The private sector has already committed \$25 million.

Recommended funding level for FY 2021: \$25 million

## CDC CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE INITIATIVE

supports surveillance, epidemiology, health outcomes and economic studies in partnership with the Center for Disease Control, government agencies, universities, and national organizations.

Recommended funding level for FY 2021: \$5 million

## NATIONAL LIVING DONOR ASSISTANCE

**CENTER (NLDAC)** assists living organ donors with unreimbursed, out of pocket expenses directly related to donation, including travel and subsistence. Congress has already recognized that living donors should not have to bear any financial expense for their gift of life. Recommended funding level for FY 2021: **\$10 million** 

## NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF DIABETES, DIGESTIVE AND KIDNEY DISEASE (NIDDK)

While improvements have been made through NIDDK research, the 37 million Americans with Chronic Kidney Disease (750,000 of whom have end stage kidney failure), combined with unfunded research opportunities warrant a renewed funding commitment. Improvements in prevention and care can also lessen the impact on Medicare.

Recommended funding level: **\$2.25 billion** 

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