



FY 2016 FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2017 PRESIDENT'S REQUEST	FY 2017 NVPN'S REQUEST
\$16 M	\$23.5 M	\$25.0 M

NATIONAL VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM (NVDRS)

Violent deaths are a serious public health problem in the United States.

- Every hour, nearly six Americans die from violence-related injuries and **a total of 57,000** people die by homicide and suicide annually.
- Violent deaths **cost \$77 billion** in annual medical and work-related costs.
- U.S. males aged 15-19 **are five times more likely** to die from violence than those in other OECD countries.

Data to inform policy: *Violent deaths are preventable.* To obtain the data necessary to track violent deaths and eventually develop prevention strategies, CDC administers the NVDRS.

- NVDRS is a **state-based surveillance system that centralizes information** from a variety of state and local agencies and sources – medical examiners, coroners, police, crime labs, and death certificates— to **better characterize and monitor violent deaths.**
- NVDRS provides tools necessary for public health officials and policymakers to **design and implement targeted prevention efforts.**

The 2014 World Health Organization Global Status Report on Violence Prevention calls on Congress to strengthen data collection on violent deaths from multiple sources and promote linkage of data to provide more complete and comprehensive information to inform prevention efforts.

NVDRS has been essential in identifying problem areas and developing successful prevention efforts in **Colorado:**



- In **Colorado**, where participation in NVDRS began in 2003, the program has allowed state health officials to **monitor suicides more accurately among specific populations and better understand and prevent suicide among individuals with prior suicide attempts, adolescents, veterans, first responders (including fire, EMS, and law enforcement) and other occupational groups.**
- **Using data from the CO-VDRS**, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Colorado's Office of Suicide Prevention and the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado worked together **to increase funding for suicide prevention**, and to establish priorities to expand follow up care to reduce risk of suicide following inpatient, primary, and emergency care.
- **Using from CO-VDRS**, Colorado's Office of Suicide Prevention partnered with the Carson J. Spencer Foundation and Cactus Marketing Communications to **launch www.ManTherapy.org**, designed to provide working-age men, who account for the highest number of suicide deaths in Colorado annually, with **tools to empower** them to take **control of their mental and physical wellness.**

The National Violence Prevention Network supports the President's request for nationwide expansion of NVDRS by providing an increase of \$9 million to the CDC Injury Center.

CONGRESSIONAL ASK:
SUPPORT FY2017 FUNDING LEVEL OF \$25.0M FOR NVDRS