

# 2016 Legislative Session

## Four Priorities in the Fight against Cancer



	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>	<p><b>CIGARETTE SURCHARGE INCREASE</b></p> <p>Efforts are underway to raise Florida's cigarette surcharge by an additional \$1. Raising the tax will reduce tobacco consumption, reduce the state's health care costs from tobacco-related diseases and generate additional revenues to invest in Florida's health care system.</p>
	<p><b>\$2.6 million</b></p>	<p><b>BREAST CANCER SCREENING</b></p> <p>The Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program provides lifesaving cancer screenings for medically underserved women between the ages of 50 and 64 who have incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level. For 2016, ACS CAN asks that the state fund the program, using a dedicated revenue source, at a level equal to approximately one-half of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control's current program investment in Florida (approximately \$2.6 million).</p>
	<p><b>\$30 million</b></p>	<p><b>RESEARCH</b></p> <p>It is vital that Florida supports measures that will increase the state's capacity for research and treatment, those measures that generate an investment in the state's research infrastructure. For 2016-17, we ask that both the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program and the Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program are funded at \$15 million each and that program funding allocations are determined on a peer-reviewed, competitive grant basis.</p>
	<p><b>\$68 million</b></p>	<p><b>TOBACCO PREVENTION AND EDUCATION</b></p> <p>ACS CAN supports the continued, full implementation of Article X, Section 27 of the Florida Constitution. Funding allocated for the Tobacco Prevention and Education program should be approximately \$68 million for Fiscal Year 2015-16 and should be allocated based on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control's Best Practices.</p>