

**Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center  
Tobacco Settlement Funds Appropriations  
Preliminary Fiscal Year 2000 Budget**

**Fund:** Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education   **Amount:** \$1,399,066

Appropriations from this Fund benefit medical research, health education, or treatment programs at identified health-related institutions of higher education. The FY2000 budget for the allocation from this Fund to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) is as follows:

**Medical Research:** TTUHSC plans to use this appropriation to support centers of excellence and seed grant programs dedicated to research into chronic conditions, including diabetes, respiratory disease, cancer, dementia, and cardiovascular disease. These programs will be determined after an internal competitive review process and will require that the faculty who receive them leverage additional funds from private or public sponsors. This allocation will also support the School of Medicine's Department of Health Services Research in its studies of the cost effectiveness and medical efficacy of healthcare practices as well as the health research program of the Texas Tech Institute of Environmental and Human Health.

**Health Education:** TTUHSC supports with this appropriation a variety of education initiatives whose goal is to reduce tobacco use by the youth and families of West Texas as well by the clients and staff of TTUHSC. Partners in these initiatives include state and county medical associations, local school districts, the American Heart Association, and the American Cancer Society.

**Treatment Programs:** Funds from this appropriation support TTUHSC's primary prevention programs that focus on chronic diseases in at-risk populations in West Texas. The diseases targeted include diabetes, cancer, and respiratory and cardiovascular disease. Since alcohol use and smoking contribute to or complicate these diseases, proceeds from the tobacco settlement funds additionally will support preventive and treatment efforts that focus on behaviors related to the use of these substances.

**Fund:** Permanent Fund for Health-Related Institutions   **Amount:** \$2,250,000

Proceeds from a \$25 million endowment are designated for the TTUHSC-EI Paso campus and may be applied to the establishment and operation of a institute of public health in that city. Proceeds from a second \$25 million endowment are committed for the TTUHSC components outside of EI Paso and may be used to support research and other programs that benefit the public health in areas

outside of El Paso. The FY2000 budget for the earnings from these two endowments of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) is as follows:

**Programs at TTUHSC-El Paso:** Proceeds from the endowment for El Paso (\$1,125,000) are to support collaborative initiatives at the Border Health Institute established by HB 2025, infectious disease research focusing on re-emerging diseases such as tuberculosis, a Center of Excellence in diabetology and diabetes treatment, and research in environmental health.

**Programs at TTUHSC Components in Amarillo, Lubbock, and Odessa:** Proceeds from the endowment designated for TTUHSC components other than El Paso (\$1,125,000) are to support research and other programs that benefit the public health. This includes research in areas such as immunology, virology, infectious agents, reproductive biology, aging, and the rehabilitation, nursing, and pharmaceutical sciences. Such research will improve the prevention and treatment of chronic and acute conditions involving the factors under investigation. In the aggregate, these efforts also will advance TTUHSC's goal of joining the top-rank of health research institutions.