Federal Agencies and Grant Programs

See below for a complete list of the federal agencies and their relevant programs that remain vital to AFSP's mission and require sustained advocacy for critical funding related to suicide prevention.

For more information on AFSP's federal advocacy efforts, download our **federal funding one-pager**.

Acronym	Agency Name or Program	Description
NIH	**National Institutes of Health**	The NIH is the nation's medical research agency made up of 27 Institutes and Centers, each with a specific focus.
NIMH	**National Institute of Mental Health**	The NIMH, an Institute under the NIH, is the lead federal agency for research on mental disorders, including suicide prevention research. NIMH supports and conducts research to understand who is at risk of suicide and why, and evaluates the effectiveness of different suicide prevention programs.
CDC	**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**	The CDC is the nation's leading science-based, data-driven service organization that protects the public's health. CDC uses data, science, and partnerships to identify and implement effective suicide prevention strategies, and funds recipients to address suicide risk among groups with high or increasing rates of suicide.
SAMHSA	**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**	SAMHSA leads public health programs – including the 988 Lifeline and key suicide prevention grant programs – that treat mental illness, prevent substance abuse and addiction, and provide treatments and supports to foster recovery while ensuring access and better outcomes.
HRSA	**Health Resources and Services Administration**	HRSA programs provide healthcare to people who are geographically isolated and economically or medically vulnerable, including people with HIV, pregnant people, low-income people, residents of rural areas, and American Indians and Alaska Natives. HRSA programs also support suicide prevention and mental health infrastructure, primarily through workforce training, technical assistance, and clinical grants.
DHA	**Defense Health Agency**	The DHA supports uniformed services healthcare, including TRICARE. The DHA also conducts and supports research related to service members' health, including suicide prevention research.

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VHA	**Veterans Health Administration**	The VHA is the largest integrated healthcare system in the country, spanning 170 medical centers across the United States and 1,193 outpatient sites. The VHA provides clinical healthcare services for eligible veterans, including services to prevent suicide and support both mental health and behavioral health.
CDC Programs		
CSP	**Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Program**	CDC's CSP supports community-oriented public health approaches to preventing suicide. The CSP currently funds 24 initiatives nationwide to help prevent suicide among high-risk populations, including veterans, rural communities, and youth/young adults – as well as the real-time collection of data from emergency departments on suicide attempts and suicidal ideation.
NVDRS	**National Violent Death Reporting System**	The NVDRS collects information about violent deaths including homicides, suicides, and deaths caused by law enforcement acting in the line of duty. NVDRS is a crucial source of data related to trends in suicide, helping researchers, health professionals, and others understand how best to prevent suicide.
SAMHSA Programs		
GLS	**Garrett Lee Smith**	The GLS Youth Suicide Prevention Grant Program helps state and tribal communities implement comprehensive suicide prevention strategies. The GLS Campus Suicide Prevention Grant Program supports colleges and universities to implement comprehensive suicide prevention strategies.
NSSP	**National Strategy for Suicide Prevention**	The NSSP is a bold new 10-year, comprehensive, whole-of-society approach to suicide prevention that provides concrete recommendations for addressing gaps in the suicide prevention field. The NSSP Grant Program provides funding to states, tribes, and community-based organizations to implement comprehensive, evidence-based suicide prevention and intervention programs.
SPRC	**Suicide Prevention Resource Center**	SPRC provides critical resources, technical assistance, and training to enhance state and local suicide prevention efforts.
Department of Defense/Department of War Programs		
TRICARE	**TRICARE**	TRICARE is the primary healthcare program for uniformed service members, eligible retirees, and their families. TRICARE provides comprehensive coverage, health plans, special programs, prescriptions, and dental plans for covered individuals.

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Department of Veterans Affairs Programs		
VCL	**Veterans Crisis Line**	The Veterans Crisis Line provides free, confidential support to veterans, service members, and their families at any time via phone, text, or online chats. This service is available through the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline by dialing 988 and pressing 1. Individuals do not need to be enrolled to receive VA benefits to access the Veterans Crisis Line.
SSG Fox SPGP	**Senior Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program**	The Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program provides federal grant funding for innovative suicide prevention initiatives across the country. These include initiatives to provide outreach to veterans, mental health screening, education on suicide risk, crisis care, case management, peer support, assistance in receiving service-connected benefits, and more.