

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Governor's Office of  
Budget, Planning & Policy  
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**From:** Kris Kavasch, Vice President, Finance, Chief Financial Officer *KK*

**Subject:** Tobacco Funds Budget for Fiscal Year 2020

**Date:** November 1, 2019

The following represents the Tobacco Funds Budget for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler (Agency 785). This funding is used for clinical programs, basic science research, medical education, oncology, pulmonary disease, and environmental and preventative medicine. The breakout as it relates to each of our institutional strategies is as follows:

- 1) **Clinical (Pulmonary Outreach and Oncology Educational Enhancements):**  
The funding used in this strategy includes salary expenses in support of physicians who are specifically involved in therapeutic intervention in patients with smoking induced diseases. This includes care related to pulmonary/respiratory disease, cancer care, and treating other disorders exacerbated by exposure to primary and secondary tobacco smoke.  
\* **Operating Expense** \$1,217,089
  
- 2) **Basic Science Research:** The funding used in this strategy provide salary and operational support for faculty and staff whose research focuses on lung pathophysiology particularly pulmonary inflammatory reactions, connective tissue changes, oxidant mediated lung damage, DNA repair and effects of inhaled particulates. These are all processes either caused by or exacerbated by exposure to cigarette smoke.  
\* **Operating Expense** \$856,142
  
- 3) **Medical Education:** Funding includes salaries for individuals involved in providing education to healthcare professionals as well as programs associated with a wide array of diseases including many which are smoking related.  
\* **Operating Expense** \$110,210
  
- 4) **Clinical Research:** This funding provides salary support for clinical research staff to help conduct studies on lung pathophysiology associated with cigarette smoking. Clinical research projects supported by these personnel include those related to chronic obstructive lung disease, damage to airways and cancer. These studies are designed to



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provide new information to optimize treatment for the large number of patients with such smoking-related diseases.

\*        **Operating Expense**                    \$600,000

The total of all the budgeted expenses is \$2,783,441 which provides total staff support of 10.9 FTEs. We are committed to ensuring that the appropriated funds accomplish the overall objectives as designated in the settlement. These resources are particularly critical to our institution as a center dedicated to the treatment and prevention of diseases of the chest, many of which are tobacco-induced. Please let me know if you have additional questions or concerns.