CURE Puts Pennsylvanians in a Healthier State

How CURE Came To Be

NOVEMBER 1998
In the largest civil settlement in U.S. history, U.S. tobacco companies agreed to pay $206 billion to 46 states and the District of Columbia to cover some of the health care costs of smoking-related illness.

JUNE 2001
Governor Tom Ridge signed the Tobacco Settlement Act into law, which authorized the establishment of CURE. PA has been one of the few states to use the settlement money appropriately—to reduce tobacco use. Other states have used the money to pave streets or build factories.

What is CURE?

COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSAL RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
CURE supports broad-based health research to discover new scientific knowledge that can be applied to improve the health of all Pennsylvanians.

CURE FUELS RESEARCH
Biomedical
Clinical
Health Services

CURE FUNDS PROJECTS
Smoking cessation
Cancer research
Big data infrastructure
Diabetes research
Infectious disease research

CURE WELCOMES GRANT SEEKERS
Universities
Hospitals
Non-Profits

The bottom line?

CURE funding benefits the health of Pennsylvanians and boosts the economy

CURE supports 39 institutions across Pennsylvania
85+ patents filed for commercial use
More than 1,000 healthcare jobs created
More than $1 billion leveraged in additional research funding