

Center for Lyme Action is a 501(c)4 nonprofit dedicated to growing federal funding for Lyme and tick-borne disease. Our focus is to work with the federal government to create new working diagnostics and therapies and, eventually, a cure. Our values are bi-partisan, inclusive, humane, and scientific. And we're serious about them.

Lyme disease is a complex and sometimes chronic disease that is caused by an infection by the *Borrelia burgdorferi* bacteria from a tick bite. Nearly 500,000 people in the United States get Lyme disease every year, a rate of infection that is nearly 5 times the number of cases than in 1991. In addition, emerging tick-borne diseases such as Alpha-gal Syndrome pose an increasing threat to public health for all Americans. Federal funding for Lyme patients remains exceptionally low, and a working diagnostic, sustainable therapies, and a cure for chronic Lyme are not available.

That's why we started Center for Lyme Action. Become a member today.

## LYME CASES INCREASING

The CDC estimates nearly 500,000 cases of Lyme disease each year. The 476,000 total Lyme cases in 2018 are nearly 5 times the number reported in 1991.

LYME IS A GROWING HEALTH CRISIS

## LOW FEDERAL FUNDING

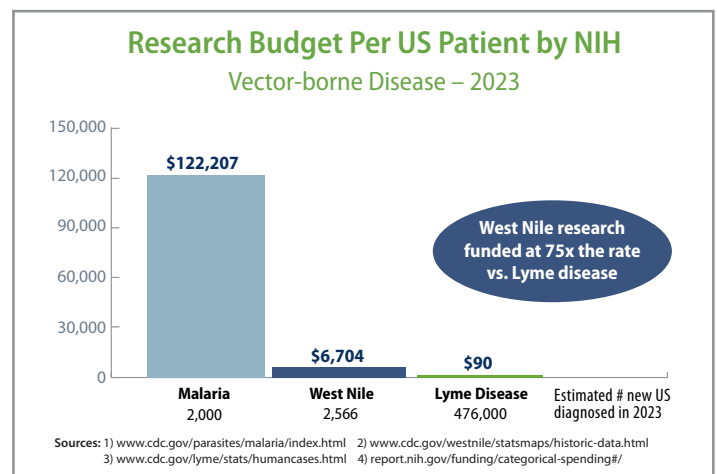
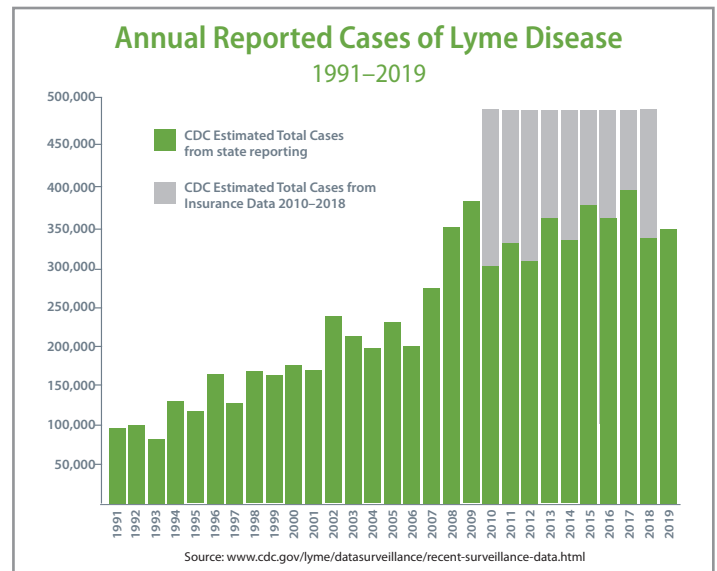
Per patient, federal funding for Lyme disease is incredibly low at \$90 per patient. Less common diseases West Nile has 75 times, and Malaria has 1,300 times the amount of per patient funding.

MORE FUNDING REQUIRED

## NO WORKING DIAGNOSTIC OR CURE

Current diagnostics don't work—missing up to 60% of acute cases. Current treatments are insufficient for chronic patients and work for approximately 85% of acute patients.

NEED DIAGNOSTIC AND CURE



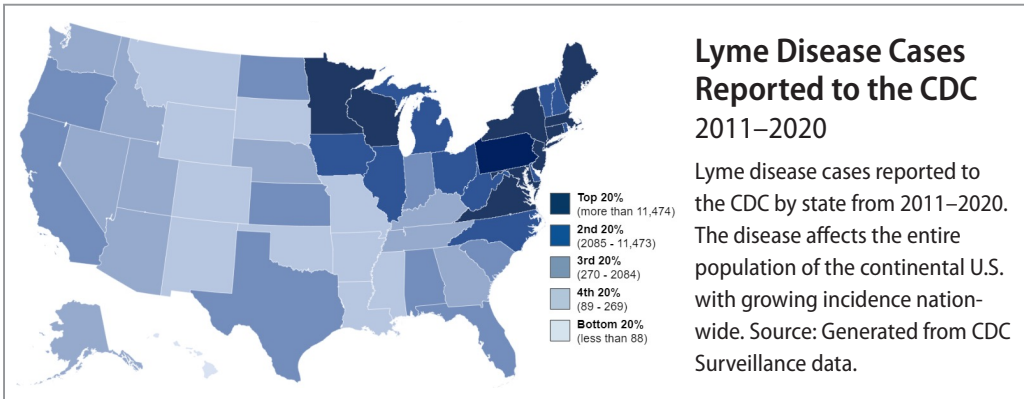
# CENTER FOR LYME ACTION 2020–2024 REPORT

In 2020, despite being an election year full of massive changes due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Center for Lyme Action grew federal funding for Lyme disease from \$59M in FY20 to \$123M in FY21. The Center for Lyme Action was thrilled to be a key driver for the historic \$64M increase over FY20 for Lyme and tick-borne disease funding.

For FY22 funding, Center for Lyme Action brought together 230 advocates from 40 states for its second fly-in in February 2021. Advocates made 6 requests resulting in increases for Lyme and tick-borne diseases from \$123M to record-breaking appropriations of \$157.5M.

For more than 5 years, advocates return each February for the annual Virtual Fly-In. They make appropriations requests in virtual meetings, complete constituent appropriations forms, write letters, and hold in-person meetings.

To date, the impact of the Center for Lyme Action advocacy organization has been very significant. Advocates participating in Center for Lyme Action programs have **increased federal funding for Lyme and tick-borne disease by \$366M** since the organization started in 2019.



## OCTOBER 2019

Launched Center for Lyme Action in Washington, DC

## DECEMBER 2019

President signs Kay Hagan Tick Act into law

## FEBRUARY 2020

First CLA Fly-in focused on FY21

## DECEMBER 2020

President signs \$64M total increase in Lyme funding for FY21

## FEBRUARY 2021

Second Fly-in (virtual) for FY22

## FEBRUARY 2022

Third Virtual Fly-in for FY23

## MARCH 2022

President signs FY22 increase of \$34.5M for Lyme & tick-borne (TBD) programs

## DECEMBER 2022

President signed FY23 increase of \$21M for Lyme and TBD programs

## FEBRUARY 2023

Fourth Virtual Fly-in for FY24

## FEBRUARY 2024

Fifth Annual Fly-in for FY25

## ABOUT CENTER FOR LYME ACTION

In 2019, a group of dedicated advocates and several Lyme and tick-borne disease foundations came together to support a new initiative to grow federal funding for Lyme and tick-borne conditions. Bay Area Lyme Foundation, Alexandra Cohen, Project Lyme, and Laure Woods saw the need to create a new organization and became the founding charter members. The organization is member-supported with the goal to increase federal research funding for Lyme and tick-borne diseases. The Center for Lyme Action is grateful to all its members and, particularly its Charter Members who also serve on its Advisory Board.