Where Did all the Ebola Money Go?

President Obama wants $6 billion dollars to combat Ebola in West Africa and the United States. $1.5 billion would go to a contingency fund. But the federal government gets more than $1 billion annually and seems inept at the job. Recall the CDC’s delayed response to Ebola in Texas, and the insufficient protective clothing.

The 2014 biodefense budget request was $1.33 billion dollars, including $432 million for emerging infectious diseases, $166 million to equip the CDC for public health emergencies, and $650 million to the States. Where did all this money go and do taxpayers really need to pay more?


“CDC preparedness funds take hit in proposed 2014 budget,” Robert Roos, CIDRAP (University of Minnesota), April 10, 2013.