NHGRI Sequencing Program: Recent History, and Future Directions

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Recent History: Decreasing Cost...





Allows Reduction of Funding Over Time...

Funding History (\$M/Year)



But Still Increasing Capacity.

(350 Tb is equivalent to ~3500 whole genomes @ 30X coverage)

Accomplishments of the Program in Last 5 Years

Many new project types:

- Cancer sequencing
- Complex disease studies- diabetes, autism, etc.
- Mendelian diseases
- Variation resources (1000 G)
- Many organisms (comparative genomics, pathogens and vectors, models for disease); increasing inclusion of RNAseq
- Metagenomics

 Generally building the knowledgebase for interpreting human variation

Current Project Breakdown (Year 8 Q2)

Cancer

Medical Sequencing

- Organismal Sequencing
- 1000 Genomes

Other

Benefits of the Program

- Building community resources of inestimable value
- Disseminating tools and technical "know-how"
- Promoting a data sharing ethic for genomics
- Leading standards for formats and quality
- Creating templates for project design

 Pioneering new project types (e.g, whole exome capture); entails developing new methods and adapting them to new platforms; entails new analysis methods

Benefits of the Program

Improving and maintaining the reference sequence

 Finishing/refinement: Maintaining commitment to, and capacity for, very high quality data when needed; developing new platforms with an eye to the need for this quality (structural variation, organisms)

After Major Gains, Where Next?

Context: Strategic Plan for Genomics Context: LS Sequencing Planning Workshop (2009)

Reduce Large Scale Centers, Add Three New Activities

New Sequencing Program: Four RFA's

- LS Centers (\$90M/year) continued benefits of large-scale: flexible, resource development, major projects that require scale or other unique features
- **2. Mendelian Centers** (\$10 M/year) focus to organize identification of all variants underlying Mendelian disease
- **3. Clinical Sequencing Exploration Centers** (\$5.5 M/year) identify requirements for routine clinical use by "doing".
- 4. Sequencing Informatics Tools (\$4 M/year + SBIR) speed up dissemination of sequencing by encouraging the "robustification" of critical informatics tools

New Funding Picture

Funding (\$M/Year)

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