LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES, 2027

The Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2027 provides $209.9 billion in base discretionary funding. The bill also provides $3.2 billion in program integrity funding, and $1 billion in supplemental funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The bill invests in America's children, families, and communities, prioritizes funding to help make Americans healthier, supports life-saving biomedical research, and strengthens U.S. biodefense and emergency preparedness.

- Bolsters American leadership and national security with increased funding for life-saving biomedical research, development of life-saving medical products, and continued support for onshoring drug and device manufacturing.
- Protects access to postsecondary education for low-income students and ensures the long-term stability of the Pell Grant program by including funding to address the shortfall and maintain the maximum award level.
- Prioritizes funding to help make Americans healthier, including investments in chronic disease, autism, nutrition, and rural Americans' access to care to address critical and persistent health care challenges.
- Strengthens support for working families with increased investments in affordable child care and early education.

Bill Highlights

Biomedical Research: $49 billion, an increase of $500 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to support American leadership in biomedical research, including:

- **Alzheimer's:** $4 billion, an increase of $100 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for Alzheimer's disease and related research.
- **Cancer:** $7.5 billion, an increase of $160 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for the National Cancer Institute, including $35 million, an increase of $5 million, for the Childhood Cancer STAR Act.
- **Diabetes:** $2.4 billion, an increase of $25 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.
- **Rare Disease Research:** $20 million increase from the FY2026 enacted level for rare disease research.
- **ALS Research:** $20 million increase from the FY2026 enacted level for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) research.
- **Women's Health Research:** $116.5 million, an increase of $10 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for the Office of Research on Women's Health and $88.4 million, an increase of $25 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for the

Implementing a Maternal Health and Pregnancy Outcomes Vision for Everyone (IMPROVE Initiative).
- **21st Century Cures Act Innovation Programs:** $20 million for the BRAIN Initiative and $50 million for the All of Us Program.

Biodefense and Emergency Preparedness: $3.7 billion, an increase of $42 million form the FY2026 enacted level, for the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) to support advanced research and development of life-saving medical products and U.S. manufacturing.

Opioid Epidemic: Funding to support research and programs to combat the opioid crisis and other substance abuse disorders, including:
- $1.6 billion, an increase of $15 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for the State Opioid Response grants.
- $2 billion, an increase of $10 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant.
- $510.6 million, an increase of $5 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for CDC's opioid overdose prevention and surveillance work.
- $650.6 million, an increase of $10 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for NIH's Helping to End Addiction Long-term (HEAL) Initiative.
- $147 million, an increase of $2 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program.

Rural Health: Funding to address health care challenges in rural America, including:
- $455.5 million, an increase of $37.6 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for HRSA's rural health programs.
- $471 million, an increase of $20 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for NIH's Institutional Development Awards (IDeA) Program to build biomedical research capacity in states that have historically received relatively low levels of NIH funding.
- $10 million for a new pilot program at NIH to improve cancer outcomes in rural America.
- $8 million, an increase of $2 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for CDC's Office of Rural Health.

Mental Health: Funding to support mental health research, treatment, and prevention, including:
- $549.6 million, an increase of $15 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.
- $385.5 million for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics.
- $2.2 billion, an increase of $10 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for NIH's National Institute of Mental Health.
- $1 billion, an increase of $5 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for the Mental Health Block Grant.
- $164 million for school-based mental health grants at the Department of Education.

Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases: Funding to address the continued increase in cases of Lyme and other tick-borne disease in the U.S. including:

- $96.6 million, an increase of $5 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for Lyme and Tick-Borne disease research and surveillance programs at the CDC.
- $130 million, an increase of $20 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for Lyme and Tick-Borne disease research at NIH.
- $5 million for LymeX to advance public-private partnerships and innovation in Lyme disease prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.

K-12 Formula Grants: $18.4 billion to support Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, $1.3 billion for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, an increase of $5 million from the FY2026 enacted level, and $15.2 billion for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act State Grants, an increase of $50 million from the FY2026 enacted level.

School Choice: $500 million for Charter School Program grants for the startup, replication, and expansion of high-quality charter schools to increase families' educational choice.

Career and Technical Education: $1.5 billion for Career and Technical Education programs, an increase of $10 million from the FY2026 enacted level.

Pell Grants: An increase of $15 billion from the FY2026 enacted level to address the long-term stability of the Pell Grant program and maintain the maximum Pell Grant award at $7,395 for the 2027-2028 school year.

Child Care: An increase of $100 million from the FY2026 enacted level to support early education and affordable child care options for working families, including:

- $8.9 billion, an increase of $50 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for the Child Care and Development Block Grant.
- $12.4 billion, an increase of $50 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for Head Start.

Energy Assistance: $4.1 billion in base funding, an increase of $25 million from the FY2026 enacted level, and $1 billion in supplemental funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program to help low-income families and older adults afford home heating and cooling costs.

Apprenticeship Funding: $305 million, an increase of $20 million from the FY2026 enacted level, to support the apprenticeship grant program.

Caregiving: $237 million, an increase of $3 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for the Administration for Community Living's family caregiving and respite care programs.

Senior Nutrition Program: $1.1 billion, an increase of $10 million from the FY2026 enacted level, for the Senior Nutrition Program to support access to nutritious meals for older adults.

Maintains Legacy Riders: The bill maintains all long-standing riders, including the Hyde Amendment and Weldon conscience protections, needle exchange prohibition, NLRB electronic voting prohibition, and the Dickey Amendment. The bill includes no new funding for Title X and continues protections against the use of Title X funds for abortions.