

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES, 2024

\$194.434 billion in total base discretionary funding

The Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 provides \$194.434 billion in base discretionary funding. The bill prioritizes investments in biomedical research, childcare, and early childhood education, and provides increased support for mental health care and substance use disorder prevention and treatment. The bill also includes \$2.4 billion in program integrity funding.

- Increases funding for the National Institutes of Health by \$300 million, including \$120 million increase for the National Cancer Institute and \$100 million increase for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias research.
- Increases funding for early education programs by \$1 billion.
- Maintains all legacy riders, including Hyde and Hyde-Weldon conscience protections.
- Rescinds \$4.3 billion in American Rescue Plan Act funding and \$10 billion in Inflation Reduction Act funding for IRS Enforcement.

BILL HIGHLIGHTS

- **National Institutes of Health:** \$48.2 billion (excluding CURES Act funding), an increase of \$300 million for biomedical research investments:
 - **Cancer:** \$7.224 billion, an increase of \$120 million for the National Cancer Institute and provides full funding for the Childhood Cancer STAR Act.
 - **Alzheimer's:** \$100 million increase for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias research, with increases of \$10 million for National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (\$2.604 billion) and \$90 million for National Institute on Aging (\$4.508 billion).
 - **Mental Health:** \$2.188 billion for National Institute of Mental Health, a \$75 million increase for enhanced investments in mental health research.
 - **Diabetes:** \$2.311 billion for National Institutes of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, a \$10 million increase for diabetes research.
 - **Palliative Care:** \$12.5 million increase for palliative care research within National Institute on Aging.
 - **Minority Health:** \$534.4 million for National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, a \$10 million increase.
 - **Opioids:** \$640.6 million for the Helping to End Addiction Long-term (HEAL) Initiative, a \$5 million increase.

Provides \$407 million of CURES funding, including \$172 million for the BRAIN Initiative and \$235 million for the All of Us precision medicine initiative, for total NIH funding of \$48.6 billion.

- **Opioid Epidemic:** \$4.95 billion for improving prevention, treatment, and recovery services. Funding will support the workforce, especially in rural communities, and research for critical needs, such as funding alternative pain medications. Drug overdose deaths are estimated to

have exceeded 110,000 in 2023.

- **Mental Health:** \$5.3 billion for mental health research, treatment, and prevention, including:
 - **SAMHSA Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 9-8-8:** \$519.6 million, an increase of \$18 million.
 - **Mental Health Block Grant:** \$1 billion.
 - **Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics:** \$385 million.
 - **Department of Education school-based mental health grants:** \$174 million.
- **HHS Preparedness:** \$3.6 billion for the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response, an increase of \$25 million, including \$10 million to support domestic capabilities, and a \$65 million increase for the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority.
- **Aging and Disability Resources:** More than \$2.5 billion in critical services and supports for older Americans and individuals with disabilities.
- **Early Education:** The bill includes a total increase of \$1 billion for early education programs, including:
 - **Child Care and Development Block Grant:** \$8.7 billion, an increase of \$725 million.
 - **Head Start:** \$12.3 billion, an increase of \$275 million.
- **K-12 Formula Grants:** \$18.4 billion for Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, an increase of \$20 million, and \$14.2 billion for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Grants to States, an increase of \$20 million.
- **Career and Technical Education (CTE):** \$1.44 billion for CTE State Grants, an increase of \$10 million.
- **Apprenticeship Funding:** \$285 million to support the apprenticeship grant program.
- **Pell Maximum Award:** Includes a maximum Pell Grant award of \$7,395 for the 2024-2025 school year.
- **Corporation for Public Broadcasting:** \$535 million in advance funding for FY2026. The bill also provides \$60 million for the public broadcasting interconnection system.
- **Maintains Legacy Riders:** Maintains all long-standing riders, including Hyde and Hyde-Weldon conscience protections, needle exchange prohibition, National Labor Relations Board electronic voting prohibition, and the Dickey Amendment that prohibits federal funds to promote gun control.