



COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-NY), Ranking Member

2015 Omnibus Appropriations Act

Division G: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies

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| 2014 enacted level: | \$156.8 billion |
| 2015 Request: | \$158.1 billion |
| 2015 Omnibus: | \$156.8 billion |
| 2015 emergency funding for Ebola: | \$2.7 billion |

Highlights and key points:

- \$2.7 billion for emergency funding related to the Ebola outbreak.
- \$30.1 billion for the National Institutes of Health, which is \$150 million more than the 2014 enacted level.
- \$6.9 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which is \$21 million more than the 2014 enacted level.
- \$2.6 billion for job training through WIA Training and Employment Formula Grant program, which is \$36 million more than the 2014 enacted level, and boosts the Governor's set aside to ten percent.
- \$1.6 billion for worker protection agencies at the Department of Labor, which is \$9 million more than the FY 2014 level.
- \$2.4 billion for Child Care Block Grants, which is \$75 million more than the 2014 enacted level.
- \$8.6 billion for Head Start, which is the same as the 2014 enacted level.
- \$14.4 billion for Title I Grants to school districts, which is \$25 million more than the 2014 enacted level.
- \$11.5 billion for Special Education state grants (IDEA), which is \$25 million more than the 2014 enacted level.
- \$1.3 billion for Impact Aid, which is equal to the FY 2014 level and \$67 million more than the President's budget request.
- \$250 million for Preschool Development Grants, which is equal to the FY 2014 enacted level.
- \$445 million for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), which is the same funding level as was provided in the FY2014 bill.
- \$815 million for Seniors' Nutrition programs, which is the same as the 2014 enacted level.
- \$948 million for the Unaccompanied Minor Children program at HHS, which is \$80 million more than the FY 2014 enacted level.
- \$3.4 billion for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which is equal to the comparable FY 2014 operating level.
- \$1.1 billion for Mental Health programs, which is \$10 million less than the 2014 enacted level and \$27 million more than the Administration's request.
- \$672 million for program integrity efforts in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, which is \$378 million more than the FY 2014 level.
- \$1.1 billion for the Corporation for National and Community Service, which is \$5 million more than the FY 2014 level.

- The agreement maintains the discretionary portion of the maximum Pell grant award level at \$4,860 for the 2015-2016 school year. After addition of the mandatory supplement, the maximum award is projected to increase by \$100 to \$5,830.
- The agreement maintains level-funding for the Affordable Care Act.
- The agreement includes a new provision expanding the eligibility of students enrolled in career pathways programs to qualify for financial aid.
- The agreement includes a new provision to exempt disaster claims adjustors from elements of the Fair Labor Standards Act following the response to a natural disaster.
- The agreement extends Trade Adjustment Act (TAA) assistance to dislocated workers through fiscal year 2015, including workers who are certified for TAA after December 31, 2014.