



APPROPRIATIONS

CHAIRMAN TOM COLE *Tom Cole*

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

The Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act provides \$221 billion.

This bill supports President Trump's efforts to safeguard taxpayer dollars, eliminate out-of-touch progressive policies, and end the weaponization of government by eliminating or reducing 38 programs. It reprioritizes taxpayer dollars where they matter most: into lifesaving biomedical research and resilient medical supply chains, classrooms and technical programs that set Americans up for success, and rural hospitals and primary health care to support strong and healthy families.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Enacts President Trump's mandate from the American people into law by:**
 - Reducing program and administrative funding following the direction of President Trump to rein in the bloated federal bureaucracy.
 - Protecting the right to life by maintaining the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits taxpayer funding for abortion on demand.
 - Supporting the Trump Administration's Executive Order on Restoring Gold Standard Science.
 - Maintaining the longstanding Dickey Amendment to ensure that federal funds cannot be used to advocate or promote restrictions on Second Amendment rights.
 - Rescinding the Biden Administration's massive expansion of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) funding to audit everyday Americans.
- **Champions President Trump's Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) agenda by:**
 - Prioritizing primary care funding for rural health, health centers, and the health workforce to end the chronic disease epidemic.
 - Providing dedicated funding to coordinate Secretary Kennedy's Food is Medicine initiative.
 - Increasing funding for nutrition research at the National Institutes of Health.
 - Increasing funding for mental health and substance use treatment and prevention.
- **Invests in President Trump's Make America Skilled Again (MASA) agenda by:**
 - Supporting apprenticeship programs to build strong American working families.
 - Increasing funding to train workers and educate students in rural America.
 - Supporting investments in career and technical education, as well as community colleges that provide Americans alternatives to overpriced higher education programs.
 - Increasing funding to strengthen Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) consistent with President Trump's White House Initiative to Promote Excellence and Innovation at HBCUs.



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- **Bolsters President Trump's America First National Security Agenda by:**
 - Providing \$48.7 billion to ensure America remains the pioneer in biomedical research, a necessary counter to China's growing threat in basic science research.
 - Strengthening American biosecurity to defend against chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats to the homeland.
 - Investing in cybersecurity training to defend the homeland against foreign actors.
- **Safeguards American taxpayer dollars and enhances core government functions by:**
 - Providing significant program integrity resources to protect the Social Security system and root out waste, fraud, and abuse in federal health care programs.
 - Prioritizing increased funding for the Social Security Administration to enhance frontline customer service provided directly to America's seniors.

DETAILED FUNDING SUMMARY

Department of Labor

- Provides a discretionary total of \$13.7 billion to the Department of Labor (DOL).
 - Reduces spending on the federal bureaucracy by \$62 million across the department, building on the significant savings achieved by the Trump Administration.
 - Reduces funding for DOL enforcement agencies by \$13 million, including reductions to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs.
 - Supports the implementation of Executive Order 14278, "*Preparing Americans for High-Paying Skilled Trade Jobs of the Future*" by providing \$285 million to support the Trump Administration's goal of surpassing one million new active apprentices.
 - Provides \$55 million for job training throughout rural America.
 - Provides \$15 million to grow the American cybersecurity workforce.

Department of Health and Human Services

- Provides a discretionary total of \$116.6 billion to the Department of Health and Human Services.
 - Reduces spending on the federal bureaucracy by over \$100 million across the department, building on the significant savings achieved by the Trump Administration.
 - Provides \$418 million for rural health, including increased funding for America's rural hospitals, specifically targeting facilities at risk of imminent closure and increasing rural residency opportunities.
 - Maintains \$1.9 billion to support community health centers that provide affordable, accessible, and high-quality health care in underserved communities.
 - Provides \$1.4 billion to strengthen the health workforce and connect skilled health care providers to rural communities and other underserved areas.
 - Provides \$1.2 billion to support maternal and child health, including children with special health care needs.



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- Eliminates the CDC's Social Determinants of Health that promoted social engineering while distracting grant recipients from combating infectious and chronic diseases.
- Provides \$49 billion for the National Institutes of Health to ensure America maintains its edge in basic biomedical research for cures to cancer, Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, rare diseases, and chronic diseases impacting Americans.
- Increases funding for the mental health and substance use block grants, including other behavioral health programs such as the State Opioid Response Grants, Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, suicide prevention grants, first responder training grants, and medication-assisted treatment services for substance use disorders.
- Provides \$2 million for eating disorder identification, treatment, and recovery.
- Provides a \$20 million increase for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.
- Provides \$8.8 billion for Child Care and Development Block Grants, which provide vouchers for working families to access childcare.
- Provides \$12.4 billion for Head Start to support school readiness of children from low-income families.
- Provides \$810.4 million for programs under the Community Services Block Grant Act.
- Provides \$3.2 billion for the research, development, and procurement of medical countermeasures to combat chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats to the American people, an increase of \$73 million.

Department of Education

- Provides a discretionary total of \$79 billion to the Department of Education.
 - Reduces spending on the federal bureaucracy by \$24 million across the department, building on the significant savings achieved by the Trump Administration.
 - Increases funding by \$20 million for special education, by \$5 million for Impact Aid, and by \$5 million for rural education.
 - Provides \$500 million for charter schools.
 - Maintains funding for the Pell Grant's discretionary maximum award level to support low-income students pursuing their educational goals after high school.
 - Increases funding to \$38 million for the Special Olympics.

Related Agencies

- Reduces funding for the National Labor Relations Board by \$5 million, the first cut to the Board in more than 10 years.
- Provides no funding for National Public Radio and the Public Broadcasting Service.
- Increases program integrity funding by nearly \$500 million to safeguard the Social Security system for all Americans.
- Provides a \$50 million increase for the Social Security Administration to support frontline services for America's seniors and other beneficiaries through field office visits, calls, and online services.