



# APPROPRIATIONS

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## LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2027

The Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill provides a total discretionary allocation of \$189.3 billion, which is \$5.6 billion (3%) below the Fiscal Year 2026 enacted level. This bill prioritizes funding for biomedical research, biodefense, and rural health – and returns education back to the States. The bill advances President Trump’s bold vision to right-size Washington’s bloated bureaucracy while reining in runaway spending on social programs.

### KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Bolsters U.S. health, national security, and border protections by:**
  - Providing \$48.8 billion in funding to support America’s continued leadership in biomedical research, countering China’s growing threat in basic science research.
  - Strengthening America’s biodefense and countering global health security threats by providing a \$105 million increase for the research, development, and procurement of medical countermeasures within the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR).
  - Prohibiting the purchase of supplies from China for the Strategic National Stockpile, which supports American manufacturers by expanding the domestic industrial base for these items.
  - Supporting the nation’s domestic production of critical medicines by providing a \$65 million increase for ASPR’s Center for Industrial Base Management and Supply Chain.
  - Providing an increase of \$184 million for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) programs focused on ensuring readiness, protecting public health, and responding to domestic and international emerging health threats.
  - Maintaining funding for global health security and consolidating Global HIV/AIDS, TB, Measles, and other Vaccine Preventable Diseases funding lines into a new consolidated Global Emerging Infectious Diseases grant to give the CDC greater flexibility to rapidly address health threats before they destabilize partner countries or reach our borders.
  
- **Safeguards American taxpayer dollars and preserves core functions by:**
  - Increasing funding to combat health care fraud, waste, and abuse.
  - Accepting President Trump’s reduction of unnecessary funding in the Refugee Resettlement and Unaccompanied Alien Children programs while preserving core functions such as sponsor vetting, interagency coordination, welfare checks, and reporting requirements for vulnerable children.
  - Streamlining duplicative behavioral health programs, while increasing mental health and substance abuse block grant funding by \$61 million.
  - Providing increased funding for the 988 Lifeline, youth and young adult suicide prevention, and Medication-Assisted Treatment.



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- Strengthening Tribal communities by supporting mental health and substance abuse treatment, elder care, and child and family services, while promoting accountability and self-sufficiency.
- Eliminating the duplicative Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.
- **Supports the Trump Administration and mandate of the American people by:**
  - Eliminating the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, consistent with President Trump's Executive Order 14173, *“Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity.”*
  - Prioritizing substance abuse treatment, prevention, and long-term recovery, including the use of opioid overdose reversal medications, while prohibiting taxpayer funds from going to harm-reduction activities that encourage continued use of illicit controlled substances.
  - Maintaining the longstanding Hyde Amendment and ensuring no federal funding can be used for abortion on demand.
  - Prohibiting funding for schools that support antisemitic conduct or discriminate against religious student groups.
  - Maintaining the longstanding Dickey Amendment, which ensures that federal funds cannot be used to advocate or promote 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment limitations.
  - Providing an increase of \$5 million for discretionary adoption programs to eliminate barriers to adoption, supporting permanency, and training child welfare professionals.

## DETAILED FUNDING SUMMARY

### Department of Labor

Provides a discretionary total of \$9.8 billion to the Department of Labor, which is \$3.7 billion (27%) below the FY26 enacted level.

- Increases funding by \$25 million for communities affected by natural disasters or economic dislocations.
- Eliminates funding for the Bureau of International Labor Affairs.
- Provides \$60 million for enhanced work training in rural communities, including the Appalachian, Delta, and Northern Border regions.
- Increases funding by \$10 million for the Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants Program.
- Supports the implementation of Executive Order 14278, *“Preparing Americans for High-Paying Skilled Trade Jobs of the Future,”* by providing robust funding of \$290 million, an increase of \$5 million, to support the Trump Administration’s goal of surpassing one million new active apprentices.
- Provides \$20 million for wastewater operators throughout rural America.
- Provides \$25 million to grow the American cybersecurity workforce.



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- Matches the budget request with reduced funding for the department’s Wage and Hour Division, a decrease of \$25 million, and reduces Occupational Safety and Health Administration funding by \$52 million.
- Matches the budget request by eliminating the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, consistent with President Trump's Executive Order 14173, “*Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity.*”

## Department of Health and Human Services

Provides a discretionary total of \$110.8 billion to the Department of Health and Human Services, which is \$4 billion (4%) below the FY26 enacted level.

- Provides \$575 million for rural health, including increased support for rural hospitals – especially those at risk of closure – and expanded rural residency opportunities.
- Maintains \$1.85 billion in funding for primary health care, which supports community health centers that provide affordable, accessible, and high-quality health care in underserved communities.
- Provides \$1.43 billion to strengthen the health workforce and connect skilled health care providers to rural communities and other areas in need.
- Provides \$48.8 billion for the National Institutes of Health, to ensure America’s competitive edge in basic biomedical research to develop cures and treatments for cancer, Alzheimer’s disease, and rare diseases – and to support the Trump Administration’s priority of increased research into chronic diseases.
- Supports the President’s request to fully fund the Biothreat Radar program, which strengthens the nation’s early detection and response capacity for novel and high-consequence pathogens.
- Provides a \$15 million increase to combat antimicrobial resistance, including antifungal drug resistance.
- Increases funding for food safety to continue strengthening the nation’s prevention and surveillance of foodborne and waterborne diseases.
- Consolidates the Sexually Transmitted Infections, Viral Hepatitis, and Infectious Diseases and the Opioid Epidemic funding lines into a new consolidated prevention grant that gives states the flexibility to address local and state-specific challenges.
- Provides \$5 million to develop universal clinical decision-making tools for improved diagnosis and monitoring of diseases in children.
- Provides a \$3 million increase for ASPR’s National Special Pathogen System, which includes the National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center (NETEC), and the 13 Regional Emerging Special Pathogen Treatment Centers (RESPTCs).
- Provides \$4 million for eating disorder identification, treatment, and recovery.
- Provides a \$10 million increase for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.
- Provides a \$10 million increase for the Child Care and Development Block Grants at \$8.84 billion, which helps subsidize childcare costs for low-income working families.



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- Provides a \$10 million increase for Head Start at \$12.37 billion, which promotes school readiness of children under the age of 5 from low-income families through preschool services.
- Provides a \$5 million increase for programs under the Community Services Block Grant Act at \$815 million, including \$14 million total for rural community facilities.

## Department of Education

Provides a discretionary total of \$70.7 billion to the Department of Education, which is \$8 billion (10%) below the FY26 enacted level.

- Increases funding by \$60 million for charter schools, \$5 million for Impact Aid, and \$4 million for Indian Education.
- Provides \$15.5 billion for special education and \$4.8 billion for rehabilitation services.
- Increases funding to support people with disabilities at schools like Gallaudet University and the American Printing House for the Blind.
- Protects and strengthens Pell Grants at a discretionary maximum award level of \$6,385, which when combined with statutory mandatory funding, would support a total maximum award of \$7,445.

## Related Agencies

- Reduces funding by \$5 million for the Corporation for National and Community Service.
- Maintains funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services.
- Provides a \$26 million increase for the Social Security Administration to support frontline services for America's seniors and other beneficiaries.