

Congress Approves Omnibus Spending Package

On May 4, Congress passed [P.L. 115-31](#) the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017, which provides funding through September 30, the end of FY2017. The spending package prevents a government shutdown that was previously avoided by H.J. Res. 49, a continuing resolution that funded the government through May 5 (see [The Source](#), 4/28/17). President Trump signed the bill into law on May 5.

The measure complies with spending levels established by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 ([P.L. 114-74](#)) and provides \$1.07 trillion in discretionary funding; \$93.5 billion would be allocated for overseas contingency operations (OCO). The legislation includes \$551.1 billion for defense programs and \$518.5 billion for nondefense programs. In addition, the bill includes \$352 million to carry out the 21st Century Cures Act (P.L. 114-255) and allocates to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \$35 million in previously appropriated funds to address lead poisoning prevention in Flint, Michigan under P.L. 114-254 (see [FY2017 Continuing Resolution Summary](#)).

The agreement contains \$2 million to establish the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission, which will plan and implement commemorations of the 100th anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote. The measure also contains funding for the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument.

The chart below summarizes the current FY2017 funding levels for programs important to women and their families.

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

The FY2017 omnibus bill provides a total of \$153.4 billion, which includes \$20.9 billion in discretionary funding. This amount is \$12.8 billion over FY2016, but \$16 billion below President Obama's FY2017 budget request.

The measure allocates \$60 million for breastfeeding support initiatives and \$13.6 million for the program's infrastructure.

The legislation also contains \$400,000 for the Women and Minorities in STEM Fields initiative within the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Program/Agency	FY2016	President's FY2017	
		Request	FY2017
Department of Agriculture – Domestic Food Programs			
Food and Nutrition Service	\$109.796 billion	\$111.763 billion	\$108.111 billion
Child Nutrition Programs	\$22.150 billion	\$23.231 billion	\$22.794 billion
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	\$6.35 billion	\$6.35 billion	\$6.35 billion
Special Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	\$80.849 billion	\$81.689 billion	\$78.481 billion

Commodity Assistance Program	\$296.217 million	\$313.139 million	\$315.139 million
Department of Agriculture – Foreign Assistance			
P.L. 480 Title II Food for Peace	\$1.466 billion	\$1.35 billion	\$1.466 billion
McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition	\$201.626 million	\$182.045 million	\$201.626 million
Food and Drug Administration			
Food and Drug Administration (FDA)	\$4.739 billion	\$4.798 billion	\$4.714 billion
User Fees	\$2.018 billion	\$2.067 billion	\$1.954 billion
<i>Mammography User Fees</i>	\$20.109 million	\$21 million	\$20.522 million

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

The current spending bill provides \$56.6 billion in discretionary funding for programs within the Departments of Commerce and Justice, as well as for several science-related agencies. This amount is \$833 million over FY2016 and \$2 billion over President Obama's FY2017 request. The Department of Justice would receive \$29 billion in FY2017, \$143 million below FY2016.

The FY2017 bill includes \$2 million for grants focusing on girls in the juvenile justice system and \$72.5 million for missing and exploited children programs.

In addition, the measure contains funding to address domestic violence in tribal communities (\$4 million), implement the Adam Walsh Act (P.L. 109-248) (\$20 million), support the National Sex Offender Public Website (\$1 million), and to address the backlog in testing sexual assault kits (\$45 million).

Program/Agency	FY2016	President's FY2017 Request	FY2017
Office on Violence Against Women	\$480 million	\$489 million	\$481.5 million
Grants to Combat Violence Against Women (STOP Grants)	\$215 million	\$200 million	\$215 million
Transitional Housing Assistance	\$30 million	\$30 million	\$30 million
Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women	\$5 million	\$3 million	\$3 million
Consolidated Youth-Oriented Program	\$11 million	\$11 million	\$11 million
Sexual Assault Victims Services	\$35 million	\$35 million	\$35 million

Rural Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Enforcement	\$34 million	\$34 million	\$35 million
Violence on College Campuses	\$20 million	\$26 million	\$20 million
Civil Legal Assistance	\$45 million	\$52.5 million	\$45 million
Elder Abuse Grant Program	\$5 million	\$6.25 million	\$5 million
Family Civil Justice	\$16 million	\$16 million	\$16 million
Education and Training for Disabled Female Victims	\$6 million	\$6 million	\$6 million
National Resource Center on Workplace Responses	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Indian Country-Sexual Assault Clearinghouse	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Research on Violence Against Indian Women	\$1 million	\$1 million	\$1 million
Rape Survivor Child Custody Act	\$2.5 million	--	\$1.5 million
Office of Justice Programs	\$1.883 billion	\$1.676 billion	\$1.691 billion
Victims of Trafficking	\$45 million	\$0	\$45 million
Prison Rape Prevention and Prosecution	\$10.5 million	\$10.5 million	\$10.5 million
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	\$9 million	\$9 million	\$9 million
DNA Initiative	\$125 million	\$105 million	\$125 million
Debbie Smith Backlog Grants	\$117 million	Did not specify	\$117 million
Sexual Assault Forensic Exam	\$4 million	Did not specify	\$4 million
Related Agencies			
Commission on Civil Rights	\$9.2 million	\$9.43 million	\$9.2 million
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	\$364.5 million	\$376.646 million	\$364.5 million
Legal Services Corporation	\$385 million	\$475 million	\$385 million

Defense

The omnibus bill provides \$516.1 billion in discretionary funding for FY2017. This amount is \$2 billion over FY2016 and \$16.3 billion over President Obama's request.

The bill includes \$120 million for breast cancer research, \$20 million for ovarian cancer research, \$8 million for global HIV/AIDS prevention, and \$296 million for sexual assault prevention and response programs, including \$25 million for the implementation and expansion of the sexual assault special victims counseling program.

The FY2017 bill also provides \$10 million for the recruitment and retention of women in the Afghanistan National Security Forces and training of female security personnel, and \$5 million for the Women in Military Service Memorial.

Program/Agency	FY2016	President's FY2017 Request	FY2017
Military Personnel	\$129.229 billion	\$128.902 billion	\$128.726 billion
Defense Health Program	\$32.329 billion	\$33.468 billion	\$33.781 billion

Financial Services and General Government

The current spending bill provides \$21.5 billion in discretionary funding. This amount is \$1.97 billion less than FY2016 and \$2.6 billion below President Obama's FY2017 request and includes funding for the Small Business Administration.

The legislation continues the ban against using federal or local funds for abortions in the District of Columbia.

Program/Agency	FY2016	President's FY2017 Request	FY2017
Small Business Administration	\$871.042 million	\$877.894 million	\$886.671 million
Entrepreneurial Development Programs	\$231.1 million	\$230.6 million	\$245.1 million
<i>Women's Business Centers</i>	\$17 million	\$16.7 million	\$18 million
<i>National Women's Business Council</i>	\$1.5 million	\$1.5 million	\$1.5 million
<i>Microloan Technical Assistance</i>	\$25 million	\$31 million	\$31 million
<i>Small Business Development Centers</i>	\$117 million	\$115 million	\$125 million

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

The omnibus bill provides \$161 billion in discretionary funding for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS), Education, as well as other agencies and programs. This amount is \$934 million less than FY2016 and \$2.86 billion below President Obama's request.

The bill extends through FY2018 the authorization for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program and does not prohibit states from using federal grants for family planning and preventative screening services provided by Planned Parenthood.

The Department of Labor would receive \$12.1 billion, which is \$83 million below FY2016 and \$710 million below President Obama's FY2017 request.

HHS would receive \$73.5 billion in FY2017. This amount is \$2.8 billion over FY2016 and \$3.8 billion over President Obama's request. The amount includes funding for several women-specific chronic disease and health promotion, injury prevention and control, and substance abuse treatment programs within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Department of Education would receive \$68 billion in FY2017. This amount is \$1.2 billion below FY2016 and \$2.3 billion below President Obama's FY2017 request.

President's FY2017			
Program/Agency	FY2016	Request	FY2017
Department of Labor			
Dislocated Workers' Assistance	\$1.242 billion	\$1.334 billion	\$1.242 billion
Women in Apprenticeships	\$994,000	\$0	\$0
Women's Bureau	\$11.536 million	\$12.902 million	\$12.53 million
International Labor Affairs	\$86.125 million	\$101.23 million	\$86.125 million
Department of Health and Human Services			
Health Resources and Services Administration	\$6.384 billion	\$5.983 billion	\$6.461 billion
Community Health Centers	\$1.491 billion	\$1.341 billion	\$1.491 billion
Maternal and Child Health Bureau	\$845.117 billion	\$845.117 billion	\$863.617 billion
<i>Maternal and Child Health Block Grant</i>	\$638.2 million	\$638.2 million	\$641.7 million
<i>Heritable Disorders</i>	\$13.883 million	\$14 million	\$13.883 million
<i>Universal Newborn Hearing Screening</i>	\$17.818 million	\$17.818 million	\$17.818 million
<i>Healthy Start</i>	\$103.5 million	\$103.5 million	\$103.5 million
Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act	\$2.323 billion	\$2.298 billion	\$2.319 billion
Ryan White Part C- Early Intervention	\$205.079 million	\$280.167 million	\$201.079 million

Ryan White Part D-Children, Youth, Women and Families Programs	\$75.088 million	\$0	\$75.088 million
Family Planning	\$286.479 million	\$300 million	\$286.479 million
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (overall)	\$7.233 billion	\$7.039 billion	\$7.255 billion
Global Health	\$427.121 million	\$442.121 million	\$435.121 million
HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STDs, and TB Prevention	\$1.122 billion	\$1.127 billion	\$1.117 billion
National Institutes of Health (overall)	\$32.084 billion	\$31.084 billion	\$34.084 billion
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities	\$279.718 million	\$279.68 million	\$289.069 million
Administration for Children and Families (overall)	\$32.758 billion	\$34.761 billion	\$33.975 billion
Child Support Enforcement	\$4.071 billion	\$4.277 billion	\$4.277 billion
Refugee and Entrant Assistance (aid to victims of trafficking)	\$18.775 million	\$22 million	\$18.755 million
Child Care Development Block Grant	\$2.761 billion	\$2.962 billion	\$2.856 billion
Children and Families Services Program	\$10.984 billion	\$11.725 billion	\$11.294 billion
<i>Head Start</i>	\$9.168 billion	\$9.602 billion	\$9.253 billion
<i>Family Violence/Battered Women's Shelters</i>	\$150 million	\$151 million	\$151 million
<i>National Domestic Violence Hotline</i>	\$8.25 million	\$12.3 million	\$8.25 million
Promoting Safe and Stable Families (overall)	\$404.765 million	\$424.765 million	\$384.765 million
Office of the Secretary—General Departmental Management	\$520.837 million	\$544.89 million	\$525.457 million
<i>Sexual Risk Avoidance</i>	\$10 million	\$0	\$15 million
<i>Teen Pregnancy Prevention Community Grants</i>	\$101 million	\$104.79 million	\$101 million

<i>Office of Minority Health</i>	\$56.67 million	\$56.67 million	\$56.67 million
<i>Office on Women's Health</i>	\$32.14 million	\$32.14 million	\$32.14 million
<i>Minority HIV/AIDS</i>	\$53.9 million	\$53.9 million	\$53.9 million
Office for Civil Rights	\$38.798 million	\$42.705 million	\$38.798 million
Department of Education			
Title I Grants to LEAs	\$14.91 billion	\$15.36 billion	\$15.46 billion
Special Education Grants for Infants and Families	\$458.556 million	\$503.556 million	\$458.556 million
Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS)	\$15.134 million	\$15.134 million	\$15.134 million
Office for Civil Rights	\$107 million	\$137.708 million	\$108.5 million

Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies

During the 114th Congress, Congress enacted P.L. 114-223, a bill to fund the programs within the FY2017 Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies spending bill (H.R. 2577) (see [The Source](#), 9/30/17).

That bill incorporated \$82.3 billion in discretionary funds for programs within H.R. 2577. This amount is \$2.5 billion more than FY2016 and \$372 million below the president's FY2017 budget request.

Program/Agency	FY2016	President's FY2017 Request	FY2017
Military Construction	\$8.71 billion	\$7.444 billion	\$7.726 billion
Family Housing	\$1.404 billion	\$1.32 billion	\$1.276 billion
Department of Veterans Affairs (overall)	\$162.671 billion	\$177.545 billion	\$176.891 billion
Veterans Health Administration	\$66.637 billion	\$68.776 billion	\$75.633 billion

State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

The FY2017 omnibus bill provides \$53.1 billion in discretionary funding for the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs portion of the bill, and includes \$16.5 billion in funding for overseas contingency operations. This amount is \$594 million below the FY2016 level.

The measure provides \$5.326 million for the Office of Global Women's Issues, \$5 million for programs that combat genital mutilation, \$1.75 million for sexual violence in conflict, and \$1 million for the UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women. \$990 million also is allocated for famine prevention, relief, and mitigation.

The legislation includes funding within the Economic Support Fund for the Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women’s Issues and family planning and reproductive health programs at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The bill maintains longstanding prohibitions against using federal funding for abortions via the Tiahrt, Helms, and Kemp-Kasten amendments.

Program/Agency	FY2016	President’s FY2017 Request	FY2017
Diplomatic and Consular Affairs	\$5.623 billion	\$6.54 billion	\$6.147 billion
International Peacekeeping	\$666.574 million	\$806.93 million	\$552.904 million
Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons	\$12 million	\$20.7 million	\$12.5 million
USAID	\$1.3 billion	\$1.44 billion	\$1.45 billion
Bilateral Economic Assistance			
Migration and Refugee Assistance	\$931.886 million	\$922.597 million	\$912.802 million
Global Health and Child Survival (State and USAID)	\$8.503 billion	\$8.577 billion	\$8.725 billion
President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)	\$5.67 billion	\$5.67 billion	\$5.67 billion
Maternal and Child Health	\$750 million	\$814.5 million	\$814.5 million
Vulnerable Children	\$22 million	\$14.5 million	\$23 million
Family Planning/ Reproductive Health	\$523.95 million	\$544 million	\$523.95 million
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria	\$1.35 billion	\$1.35 billion	\$1.35 billion
HIV/AIDS—USAID	\$330 million	\$330 million	\$330 million
Microbicides	\$45 million	\$45 million	\$45 million
International Organizations and Programs			
U.N. Children’s Fund	\$132.5 million	\$132 million	\$137.5 million
U.N. Women (formerly UNIFEM)	\$7.7 million	\$14 million	\$8.5 million
U.N. Population Fund (UNFPA)	\$32.5 million	\$35 million	\$32.5 million

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

The legislation allocates \$57.7 billion in discretionary funding for the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and for other agencies. This amount is \$350 million above FY2017, but \$5.5 billion below President Obama’s FY2017 request.

Program/Agency	FY2016	President's FY2017	
		Request	FY2017
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	\$335 million	\$335 million	\$356 million
Family Self-Sufficiency	\$75 million	\$75 million	\$75 million