

FY2008 Appropriations Summary

On December 17, the House approved an omnibus appropriations bill (H.R. 2764) that contained 11 of the 12 remaining spending bills. The House first approved, 253-154, an amendment to the bill that included the text of the 11 remaining appropriations measures; it then approved, 206-201, a second amendment to provide \$30 billion for the war in Afghanistan. On December 18, the Senate approved, 76-17, the bill after adopting, 70-25, an amendment by Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) to strike the second House amendment and to replace it with an amendment that will provide \$70 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The House agreed, 272-142, to the Senate amendment later on December 19. President Bush has indicated that he will sign the omnibus appropriations bill into law.

On December 19, the House also approved, by voice vote, H. J. Res. 52, a fourth continuing resolution to provide funding for government programs and the District of Columbia through December 31. The same day, the Senate approved the resolution by unanimous consent (see *The Source*, 12/19/07). The continuing resolution was necessary to give the president time to sign the omnibus appropriations bill into law. Prior to the close of the session, only one of the 12 spending bills had been enacted into law: Department of Defense (P.L. 110-116). Congress passed the FY2008 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies spending bill (H.R. 3043) in early November (see *The Source*, 11/9/07), but it was vetoed by President Bush and the House failed to override his veto.

The following is a summary of funding levels specific to programs affecting women and their families. For more detailed summaries of funding levels and report language, please refer to previous issues of *The Source*: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies (see *The Source*, 8/3/07); Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (see *The Source*, 10/19/07); Department of Defense (see *The Source*, 11/9/07); Financial Services and General Government (see *The Source*, 7/13/07); State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies (see *The Source*, 9/7/07); Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies (see *The Source*, 11/9/07); Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies (see *The Source*, 9/7/07); and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (see *The Source*, 11/16/07).

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

The final bill allocates \$91.028 billion in mandatory and discretionary spending for FY2008, \$10.15 billion less than FY2007 and \$1.175 billion more than the administration's request.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): The WIC program will receive \$6.02 billion in FY2008, \$815.57 million more than FY2007 and \$633.403 million more than President Bush's request. Of that amount, \$15 million is provided to continue the breastfeeding peer counseling program.

Child Nutrition Programs: Child nutrition programs will receive \$13.902 billion, \$555.917 million more than FY2007 and \$4.241 million more than the administration's request.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA): The FDA will receive \$1.717 billion in FY2008, \$142.576 million more than FY2007 and \$76.111 million more than the administration's request. Of that amount, \$1 million is provided for the Office of Women's Health. An additional \$1 million is provided to review the safety of cosmetics.

Food Stamp Program: The Food Stamp program will receive \$39.783 billion in FY2008, \$1.621 billion over FY2007 and \$55.5 million less than the administration's request.

Food for Peace: Under the bill, \$1.214 billion is provided for the Food for Peace Program, \$4.559 million less than FY2007 and \$8.636 million below the administration's request. In addition, the McGovern-Dole

Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program receives \$99.3 million, a \$300,000 increase over FY2007 and \$700,000 less than the administration's request.

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

The final bill allocates \$53.735 billion in FY2008, a \$1.253 billion increase over FY2007 and \$789.478 million more than the administration's request.

Department of Justice

Under the bill, the Department of Justice receives \$23.592 billion in FY2008, a \$381.484 million increase over FY2007 and \$1.244 billion more than the administration's request. The measure maintains current law prohibiting the use of federal funds to pay for abortions for female inmates except in cases of rape or if the life of the pregnant woman is endangered. The Bureau of Prisons is required to provide escort services for female inmates seeking abortion services outside a federal facility.

Violence Against Women Act: Programs under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) receive \$400 million in FY2008, \$17.429 million more than FY2007 and \$29.995 million more than the administration's request. VAWA programs include the following:

- \$183.8 million for grants to combat violence against women, including \$1.88 million for the National Institute of Justice and \$17.39 million for transitional housing assistance;
- \$40.42 million for rural domestic violence assistance grants;
- \$9.4 million to reduce violent crimes against women on college campuses;
- \$36.66 million for civil legal assistance for victims;
- \$4.23 million for enhancing protection for older women from domestic violence and sexual assault;
- \$13.63 million for the Safe Haven Project;
- \$6.58 million for education and training to end violence against, and abuse of, women with disabilities;
- \$13.16 million for court appointed special advocates;
- \$2.35 million to train judicial personnel;
- \$940,000 for televised testimony;
- \$940,000 for research on violence against Indian women;
- \$2.82 million to engage men and youth in violence prevention efforts;
- \$2.82 million for court training programs;
- \$2.82 million for a Native American/Alaskan Native Liaison Office to provide services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in Alaska; and
- \$2.82 million for a stalking database.

Justice Assistance: Justice assistance programs will receive \$196.184 million in FY2008, \$42.156 million less than FY2007 and \$28.915 million more than President Bush's request. Included in that amount is \$37 million for the National Institute of Justice and \$50 million for Missing Children's Programs.

State and Local Enforcement Assistance: State and local law enforcement assistance programs will receive \$908.136 million in FY2008, \$328.668 million less than FY2007 and \$358.136 million more than the administration's request. Included in that amount is \$9.4 million for programs to assist victims of trafficking and \$17.86 million to implement the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (P.L. 108-79).

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS): COPS programs will receive \$587.233 million in FY2008, \$45.395 million more than FY2007 and \$554.925 million more than the administration request. Included in that amount is \$152.272 million for DNA analysis and backlog reduction, \$11.75 million for offender re-entry programs, and \$15.608 million for child sexual predator elimination and sex offender management programs.

Juvenile Justice Programs: Under the bill, \$383.513 million is allocated for juvenile justice programs in FY2008, a \$45.152 million increase above FY2007 and \$103.513 million more than the budget request. The

total includes \$16.92 million for the Victims of Child Abuse Act (P.L. 101-647).

Related Agencies

Legal Services Corporation: The Legal Services Corporation is funded at \$350.49 million, \$1.912 million more than FY2007 and \$39.63 million more than the administration's request.

Commission on Civil Rights: The Commission will receive \$8.46 million in FY2008, \$512,000 less than FY2007 and \$340,000 below the administration's request.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission receives \$329.3 million in FY2008, a \$554,000 increase over FY2007 and \$1.552 million above the administration's request.

National Science Foundation: The measure allocates \$6.065 billion for the National Science Foundation (NSF), a \$147.835 million increase over FY2007 and \$364 million less than the administration's request.

Department of Defense – P.L. 110-116

The bill allocates \$460.303 billion in FY2008, \$113.19 billion less than FY2007 (including emergency and supplemental appropriations) and \$178.797 billion less than the administration's request (including requested emergency and supplemental appropriations).

Cancer Research: The bill allocates \$23.459 billion for Department of Defense health programs, \$2.242 billion above FY2007 and \$917.568 million more than President Bush's request. Included in that amount is \$138 million for the peer-reviewed breast cancer research program, \$10 million for the peer-reviewed ovarian cancer research program, and \$4 million for the Gynecological Cancer Center at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Army medical technology programs will receive \$185.434 million in FY2008, \$108.89 million above the budget request. Included in that amount is \$3.2 million for the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Women's Cancer Genomics Center and \$1.6 million for the Armed Services Gynecological Cancer Health program.

Parent Education: The Parents as Teachers Heroes at Home program will receive \$2.4 million in FY2008. The program provides parent education and family support for young military families.

Peer-Reviewed Medical Research Program: The Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program is allocated \$50 million in FY2008. The conferees "recommend the following projects as candidates for study: amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, blood cancer, diabetes, Duchenne's disease, drug abuse, epilepsy, inflammatory bowel disease, interstitial cystitis, leishmaniasis, lupus, kidney cancer, mesothelioma, multiple sclerosis, neurofibromatosis, Paget's disease, Parkinson's disease, polycystic kidney disease, social work research, tinnitus, and Tuberous Sclerosis Complex research. The conferees reiterate that the funds provided under the Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program shall only be used for the purposes listed above."

Financial Services and General Government

The bill provides \$43.281 billion in FY2008, \$2.567 billion more than FY2007 and \$420.898 million less than President Bush's request.

District of Columbia

D.C. Courts: The bill provides \$223.92 million for the FY2008 operation of the D.C. courts, \$7.197 million more than FY2007 and \$10.059 million more than the administration's request. The total includes funding for

the Family Court, which handles all cases in the District pertaining to child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, adoption, and foster care.

The bill also provides \$5 million for the Executive Office of the Mayor. Included in that amount is \$2 million for a public education initiative and \$1 million to expand pediatric health care services.

Small Business Administration (SBA)

The SBA will receive \$568.988 million in FY2008, \$2.939 million below FY2007 and \$105.471 million less than President Bush's request.

Microloan Program: The Microloan Program, which supports start-up, newly established, or growing small businesses, will be level-funded at \$15 million in FY2008. Under the administration's budget request, this program would not have received funding.

Women's Business Centers: These centers will receive \$13 million in FY2008, \$659,000 more than FY2007, and \$1.2 million more than President Bush's request. The Women's Business Council will receive \$743,000.

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

The measure will allocate \$144.841 billion in discretionary funds in FY2008, \$315.752 million more than FY2007 and \$3.925 billion over President Bush's request.

The amended bill "includes over \$200 million over the FY2007 funding level for several programs and new initiatives in the House bill that are intended to help reduce the number of abortions in America by alleviating the economic pressures and other real life conditions that can sometimes cause women to decide not to carry their pregnancies to term. Increases are provided for Community Health Centers, Family Planning, and the Community Services Block Grant. New approaches include a young parents training initiative in the Department of Labor, first time motherhood grants under the Health Resources and Services Administration, a teen pregnancy prevention demonstration within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and a home visitation initiative within the Administration for Children and Families."

Department of Labor

The Women In Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (P.L. 102-530) program will receive \$983,000 in FY2008, \$17,000 below FY2007. The administration would have eliminated the program.

The Department of Labor Women's Bureau will receive \$9.66 million in FY2008, \$6,000 less than FY2007 and \$172,000 less than the budget request.

Dislocated worker assistance will be funded at \$1.465 billion in FY2008, \$7.196 billion less than FY2007 and \$349.768 million less than the administration's request.

Job Corps will receive \$1.611 billion in FY2008, \$32.229 million above FY2007 and \$88.134 million less than President Bush's request.

Youthbuild will receive \$58.952 million in FY2008, \$9.452 million above FY2007 and \$8.952 million more than the budget request.

In accordance with the administration's request, the Responsible Reintegration of Youthful Offenders program and the Prisoner Re-entry Initiative will be merged into a new program – the Reintegration of Ex-Offenders. The new program will receive \$73.493 million in FY2008, \$39.893 million more than President Bush's request. The Responsible Reintegration of Youthful Offenders program and Prisoner Re-entry

Initiative will receive \$49.104 million and \$19.642 million in FY2007, respectively.

The bill will fund the International Labor Affairs Bureau (ILAB) at \$81.074 million, \$8.558 million more than FY2007 and \$66.977 million above President Bush's request.

Department of Health and Human Services

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA): HRSA programs will receive \$6.856 billion in FY2008, \$465.489 million more than FY2007 and \$1.06 billion more than the budget request.

Community health centers will receive \$2.065 billion in FY2008, \$76.983 million more than FY2007 and \$76.555 million more than the budget request.

The Maternal and Child Health Block Grant will receive \$666.155 million, \$26.845 million less than FY2007 and the administration's request.

Within this amount, \$990,000 is provided for fetal alcohol prevention programs and \$5 million is provided for first-time motherhood grants. The Healthy Start infant mortality initiative will receive \$99.744 million in FY2008, \$1.774 million less than FY2007 and \$759,000 below President Bush's request.

Universal newborn hearing screening will receive \$11.79 million in FY2008, \$1.986 million more than FY2007. The administration would have eliminated the program.

Ryan White: The Ryan White Care Act will receive a total of \$2.142 billion, a \$28.997 million increase over FY2007 and \$8.88 million more than the administration's request. Included in that amount is \$73.69 million for Part D of the Ryan White CARE Act, \$1.896 above FY2007 and the administration's request. Part D provides funding for programs for children, youth, women, and families.

National Cord Stem Cell Inventory: The National Cord Stem Cell Inventory will be funded at \$8.843 million in FY2008, \$4.88 million over FY2007 and \$6.877 million above the budget request.

Family Planning: Title X, the nation's family planning program, will receive \$299.891 million, \$16.835 million over FY2007 and \$16.878 million more than President Bush's request.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): The measure will allocate \$6.05 billion for the CDC in FY2008, a \$49.401 million increase over FY2007 and \$333.322 million more than the administration's request.

The bill includes language stating that not more than \$18.929 million may be available for making grants for the WISEWOMAN [Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation] program to not less than 15 states, tribes, or tribal organizations. The mission of the WISEWOMAN program is to provide low-income, under- or uninsured 40- to 64-year-old women with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities to improve diet, physical activity, and other lifestyle behaviors to prevent, delay, and control cardiovascular and other chronic diseases.

Within the amount provided for chronic disease prevention, health promotion, and genomics, \$6.581 million is included to carry out activities authorized by Johanna's Law (P.L. 109-475); \$5.363 million is included for activities related to ovarian cancer; and \$204.403 million for breast and cervical cancer.

Interstitial cystitis programs will receive \$670,000 in FY2008.

Safe motherhood/infant health programs will receive \$43.1 million. Included in that amount is \$211,000 for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome prevention activities.

Demonstration grants for programs to prevent teen pregnancy will receive \$3 million.

Global health programs will receive \$370.76 million, \$40.707 million more than FY2007 and \$8.959 million below the administration's request.

National Institutes of Health (NIH): The NIH will receive \$29.229 billion in FY2008, \$328.654 million more than FY2007 and \$607.3 million more than the administration's request.

Included in that amount is \$294.759 million for Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Malaria, and Tuberculosis, \$195.759 million more than FY2007 and \$5.241 million below the administration's request.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): SAMHSA will receive \$3.234 billion in FY2008, \$27.932 million more than FY2007 and \$187.614 million more than the budget request.

Mental health programs of regional and national significance will receive \$30 million for grants to states and tribes, \$5 million to campus-based programs, and \$5 million for a Suicide Prevention Resource Center for youth suicide prevention and early intervention programs.

Within the funds provided for substance abuse treatment programs of regional and national significance, \$12 million is provided for residential treatment programs for pregnant and postpartum women and their children.

Center for Mental Health Services: The bill will provide \$889.467 million in FY2008 for mental health services, a \$27.022 million increase above FY2007 and \$103.652 million above the administration's request.

The Mental Health Block Grant will be funded at \$399.735 million, \$7.108 million less than FY2007 and the administration's request.

Children's mental health services will be funded at \$102.26 million in FY2008, \$1.818 million less than FY2007 and the budget request.

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT): The measure will provide \$2.075 billion for CSAT in FY2008, \$1.032 million more than FY2007 and \$47.891 million more than the administration's request.

Included in that amount, the substance abuse prevention and treatment block grant will be funded at \$1.68 billion, \$137,000 more than FY2007 and the administration's request.

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ): The bill will fund AHRQ at \$334.564 million in FY2008, \$15.578 million more than FY2007 and \$5 million more than the administration's request.

Administration for Children and Families Social Services Block Grant (SSBG): As requested by the administration, the SSBG will be level-funded at \$1.7 billion in FY2008.

Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG): As requested by President Bush, the CCDBG will be level-funded at \$2.062 billion in FY2008.

Child and Family Services Programs: Head Start will receive \$6.902 billion, including advance funding that will become available on October 1, 2008. This amount is \$13.667 million more than FY2007 and \$113.667 million more than the administration's request.

Consolidated runaway and homeless youth programs will receive \$96.128 million in FY2008, \$8.291 million more than FY2007 and the administration's request.

Child abuse and neglect prevention and treatment activities will be funded at \$95.359 million in FY2008, \$142 million above FY2007 and \$216,000 more than the budget request.

Programs to increase abandoned infant assistance will be funded at \$11.628 million in FY2008, \$207,000 less than FY2007 and the administration's request.

Child welfare services and training programs will be level-funded at \$288.951 million in FY2008, \$5.138 million below FY2007 and President Bush's request.

Adoption: The measure will provide level funding of \$26.379 million for adoption opportunities, \$469,000 less than FY2007 and the administration's request. Adoption awareness programs will be funded at \$12.453 million, \$221,000 less than FY2007 and President Bush's request. Adoption incentives will be funded at \$4.323 million, \$677,000 below FY2007 and the budget request.

Child Support Enforcement: As requested by the administration, the measure will allocate \$3.95 billion for payments to states for child support enforcement and family support programs, \$513.965 million less than FY2007.

International Trafficking: Under the Refugee and Entrant Assistance Account, a program to aid victims of trafficking will be funded at \$9.814 million in FY2008, \$9,000 less than FY2007 and \$5.002 million less than the president's request.

Unaccompanied Minors: Under the Refugee and Entrant Assistance Account, a program to assist minors entering the country without a parent or guardian, will receive \$132.6 million in FY2008, \$37.282 million more than FY2007 and \$2.062 million below the budget request.

Mentoring Children of Prisoners: The Mentoring Children of Prisoners program will be funded at \$48.628 million in FY2008, \$865,000 below FY2007 and \$1.372 million less than the budget request.

Promoting Safe and Stable Families: The Promoting Safe and Stable Families program will be funded at \$408.311 million in FY2008, \$25.789 million less than FY2007 and the budget request.

Violence Against Women: The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) (P.L. 98-457) will receive \$122.552 million in FY2008, \$2.179 million below FY2007 and the budget request. The FVPSA awards grants to public and private entities to promote domestic violence intervention and prevention activities, including shelter services for victims.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline will receive \$2.918 million in FY2008, \$52,000 below FY2007 and the budget request.

Abstinence-only Education: The bill will provide level funding of \$108.9 million for the abstinence education program in FY2008, \$27.764 million less than President Bush's request.

The Appropriations Committees "direct the secretary of Health and Human Services to require that each applicant for financial assistance under the abstinence education program certify that all materials proposed in the application and funded during the project period of the grant are medically accurate, and direct that a panel of medical experts shall review such grant applications and assess whether the materials proposed are medically accurate, as proposed by the House...The amended bill also provides that up to \$10 million may be used to carry out a national abstinence education campaign."

Administration on Aging: The Administration on Aging's Supportive Services and Senior Centers will receive \$351.348 million in FY2008, \$753,000 more than FY2007 and the administration's request. Family caregiver support programs will be funded at \$153.439 million in FY2008, \$2.728 million less than FY2007 and \$748,000 million below President Bush's request.

Office of the Secretary

Public Health Service's Office of Minority Health: The Office of Minority Health will receive \$48.738 million in FY2008, \$4.717 million less than FY2007 and \$4.963 million more than the administration's request.

Public Health Service's Office on Women's Health (OWH): The Office on Women's Health will be funded at \$31.033 million in FY2008, \$2.787 million more than FY2007 and \$3.664 million more than the budget request.

Minority HIV/AIDS: The measure will provide funding of \$50.984 million for minority HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment activities, \$907,000 less than FY2007 and the administration's request.

Adolescent Family Life: The Adolescent Family Life program will receive \$29.778 million in FY2008, \$529,000 below FY2007 and the administration's request.

Embryo Adoption Awareness Campaign: The measure will provide \$3.93 million for embryo adoption awareness in FY2008, \$1.95 million above FY2007 and the president's request.

Office for Civil Rights: The Office will receive \$34.299 million in FY2008, \$610,000 less than FY2007 and \$2.763 million below the budget request.

Department of Education

No Child Left Behind: Title I Grants to local educational agencies under the No Child Left Behind Act (P.L. 107-110) will receive \$14.028 billion in FY2008, \$1.19 billion above FY2007 and \$117.961 million more than the administration's request.

William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program: The family literacy program will receive \$66.454 million in FY2008, \$15.829 below FY2007. Under the administration's request, this program would not have received funding.

Reading First and Early Reading First: The bill will fund the Reading First program at \$393.012 million in FY2008, \$636.22 million less than FY2007 and \$625.68 million less than President Bush's request. The Early Reading First program will be funded at \$112.549 million in FY2008, \$5.117 million less than FY2007 and President Bush's request.

Teacher Quality: Under the bill, level funding of \$2.96 billion will be provided to states to improve teacher quality in FY2008, \$72.879 million more than FY2007 and \$172.83 million above the administration's request.

Math and Science Partnerships: The Math and Science Partnerships program will receive \$178.978 million in FY2008, \$3.182 million less than FY2007 and \$3.146 million less than President Bush's request.

Mentoring Programs: Mentoring programs will receive \$48.544 million in FY2008, \$270,000 less than FY2007. Under the administration's budget request, these programs would not have received funding.

21st Century Community Learning Centers: The learning centers will be funded at \$1.081 billion in FY2008, \$100 million above FY2007 and President Bush's request.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA): Total spending for state grants for special education will be \$12.088 billion in FY2008, a \$285.577 million increase over FY2007 and \$603.297 million more than the budget request.

Education for Homeless Children and Youth: Under the bill, these programs will receive \$64.067 million in FY2008. This amount is \$2.196 million more than FY2007 and \$2.189 million more than the administration's request.

Vocational Education: The measure will fund vocational education at \$1.286 billion in FY2008, \$10.793 million less than FY2007 and \$668.147 million more than the budget request.

Adult Education: In FY2008, adult education will be funded at \$567.468 million, \$12.095 million less than FY2007 and \$12.34 million less than the administration's request.

Pell Grants: The bill will provide \$14.215 billion in FY2008 for Pell Grants, \$554.289 million more than FY2007 and \$801 million more than the budget request. The maximum Pell Grant award will decrease to \$4,241, \$69 less than FY2007 and \$191 more than President Bush's request.

Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS): CCAMPIS will be funded at \$15.534 million in FY2008, \$276,000 less than FY2007 and the administration's request.

Office for Civil Rights: The measure will provide \$89.612 million in FY2008 for the Office for Civil Rights to enforce laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, and age in all programs and institutions funded by the Department of Education. This funding level is \$1.593 million less than FY2007 and \$4.159 million less than the administration's request.

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

The measure will allocate \$108.391 billion in FY2008, a \$10.76 billion increase over FY2007, including supplemental funding, and \$3.159 billion above the administration's request.

Family housing will receive \$2.867 billion in FY2008, \$1.155 billion less than FY2007 and \$65.759 million below President Bush's request.

Department of Veterans Affairs

The Appropriations Committees "agree more can be done by the department to refine its programs, services, and outreach efforts in order to inform women veterans of their eligibility status and improve access to services...[T]he amended bill includes sufficient funds for the operation of both the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans and the Center for Women Veterans. Additionally, the Appropriations Committees direct the department to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both houses of Congress by February 1, 2008, on the actions that have been taken to implement the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans 2006 report. The Appropriations Committees further direct the Government Accountability Office to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both houses of Congress by September 1, 2008, an assessment of the adequacy of mental health services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans."

State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies

The bill allocates \$35.343 billion in FY2008, a \$1.789 billion decrease below FY2007 and \$240.919 million more than the administration's request. Both the House-passed (see [The Source](#), 6/22/07) and Senate-passed (see [The Source](#), 9/7/07) versions of the FY2008 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies spending bill included language that would have weakened or repealed the Mexico City policy, respectively. The policy bars overseas nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) that receive U.S. aid from using their own money to provide referrals for, or perform, abortions, or to lobby foreign governments on abortion policy. However, the FY2008 omnibus bill does not include a similar provision.

Department of State

The Department of State will receive \$10.785 billion in FY2008, \$535.212 million above FY2007 and \$770.85 million above the president's budget request.

International Peacekeeping: International peacekeeping programs will receive \$1.69 billion in FY2008, \$272.242 million more than FY2007 and \$583.571 million more than the administration's request.

Global Health and Child Survival Fund: The omnibus bill includes a consolidated health account, Global Health and Child Survival, rather than the Child Survival and Health Programs fund, which was in the House bill. This account will receive \$6.543 billion in FY2008, of which \$1.843 billion will be directed to the United States Agency for International Development and \$4.7 billion to the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC).

The Appropriations Committees "intend this account to clarify overall federal United States spending on global health programs, and is in no way intended to change the authorities or implementation of global health programs. The Department of State should present funding for global health in a unified global health account in the FY2009 budget request."

Of the funds appropriated to the OGAC, \$550 million is directed to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB), and Malaria.

Migration and Refugee Assistance: Migration and refugee assistance programs will receive \$1.029 billion in FY2008, \$248.794 million above FY2007 and \$200.5 million more than the administration's request.

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Child Survival and Health Programs Fund: The child health and survival programs fund will receive \$1.714 billion in FY2008, \$3.998 million less than FY2007 and \$149.873 million more than the administration's request. Included in this amount is \$20 million for programs for blind children and local HIV/AIDS media programs, and \$72.5 million is directed to the GAVI Fund, a non-profit organization that provides childhood immunization.

Child survival and maternal health programs will receive \$450.15 million in FY2008, \$93.75 million more than FY2007.

HIV/AIDS: HIV/AIDS programs will receive \$350 million in FY2008.

Women in Development: Women's leadership training will receive \$15 million in FY2008.

The GROWTH Fund will receive \$10 million in FY2008. The fund "is intended to enhance economic activity for very poor, poor, and low-income women in developing countries. Programs supported by the fund should increase women-owned enterprise development; property rights for women; women's access to financial services; women in organizational leadership positions; women's ability to benefit from global trade; and improve women's employment benefits and conditions."

International Family Planning: Reproductive health and family planning programs will receive \$395 million in FY2008, \$70.2 million above President Bush's request.

Afghanistan: Programs to support Afghan women and girls will receive \$75 million in FY2008. The Department of State and USAID are "directed to give preferential attention to improving the livelihood and status of Afghan women, including women who have overcome discrimination and other cultural disadvantages to achieve positions of leadership...The Department of State and USAID are directed to ensure that eligible women receive the opportunity to participate in all training programs, and to target the use of reconstruction funds to improving facilities where women work, such as courtrooms."

Microenterprise: The bill provides \$245 million for microfinance and microenterprise development programs for the poor, especially poor women.

Gender-based Violence: USAID is “directed to fund programs and activities that provide education and training for livelihoods; support to affected children and families, including for children who accompany a family member to a medical facility; enhanced security for vulnerable populations; and comprehensive gender-based violence prevention education and training. These programs should be coordinated with health programs funding through the Global Health and Child Survival account [to] develop sustainable health systems, including training more healthcare workers in midwifery; psychological services; and support to medical facilities treating victims of violence.”

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA): UNFPA will receive \$40 million in FY2008, \$6 million more than FY2007. The president’s budget provided that up to \$25 million of the funds available under the Child Survival and Health Programs Fund may be provided to UNFPA, provided that none of the funds may be appropriated to “any organization or program which, as determined by the president of the United States, supports or participates in the management of a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization.” The administration blocked the release of all UNFPA funds in FY2002-2007.

United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF): UNICEF will receive \$129 million in FY2008, \$6 million more than the administration’s request.

United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM): UNIFEM will receive \$3.2 million in FY2008, \$2.25 million more than the administration’s request. An additional \$1.8 million would be directed to the UNIFEM Trust Fund.

Independent Agencies

Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC): The MCC will receive \$1.544 billion in FY2008, \$207.912 million less than FY2007 and \$1.456 billion less than President Bush’s request.

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

The measure will allocate \$49.101 billion in FY2008, \$1.302 billion more than FY2007 and \$1.101 billion more than President Bush’s request.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG): The bill will provide \$3.866 billion for CDBGs in FY2008, \$93.9 million above FY2007 and \$828.23 million above the budget request.

Section 8 Housing: Section 8 tenant-based vouchers will be funded at \$16.391 billion in FY2008, \$471 million more than FY2007 and \$391 million more than President Bush’s request.

Lead Hazard Reduction: Lead hazard reduction programs will receive \$145 million in FY2008, \$5.48 million below FY2007 and \$29 million more than the administration’s request.

Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA): As requested by President Bush, HOPWA will receive \$300.1 million in FY2008, \$13.99 million more than FY2007.

Department of Transportation

Highway Safety Grants: As requested by President Bush, these grants will receive \$599.25 million in FY2008, \$11.5 million over FY2007. As requested by the administration, child safety and booster seat grants will receive level funding of \$6 million. The grants are used to “encourage safety belt use, prevent drinking and driving, improve child safety, motorcyclist safety, and other initiatives.”

Minority Business Resource Center: The Center will be level-funded at \$893 million in FY2008, \$2 million

more than the administration's request.

Minority Business Outreach: As requested by President Bush, minority business outreach activities will receive level funding of \$2.97 million in FY2008.