

Continuing Resolution Keeps Government Operating through April 2017

On December 8, the House passed H.R. 2028, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. The legislation includes a continuing resolution (CR) to keep the government funded through April 2017, and thus avoided a federal government shutdown on December 9 when the previous CR (P.L. 114-223) expired (see [The Source](#), 9/30/16).

The measure preserves the \$1.07 trillion in discretionary spending caps and funds most of the government at the spending rate established by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, more commonly known as the FY2016 omnibus bill ([P.L. 114-113](#)). The CR includes \$872 million for the 21st Century Cures Act, which Congress approved on December 7 (see [The Source](#), 12/9/16).

The legislation also includes \$170 million to address water contamination in Flint, MI. That amount includes \$15 million for maternal and child health programs, \$15 million for the Healthy Start Initiative, and \$15 million for childhood lead poisoning prevention programs.

Congress completed work on the FY2017 Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies spending bill ([P.L. 114-223](#)) in September (see [The Source](#), 9/30/16). However, work on the following FY2017 spending bills remains outstanding: Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Rural Development, and Related Agencies (see [The Source](#), 5/20/16); Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (see [The Source](#), 5/27/16); Defense (see [The Source](#), 6/17/16); Financial Services and General Government (see [The Source](#), 7/8/16); Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (see [The Source](#), 7/15/16); Legislative Branch (see [The Source](#), 5/20/16); State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs (see [The Source](#), 7/15/16); and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (see [The Source](#), 5/27/16).

The charts below summarize the current FY2016 and recommended FY2017 funding levels for programs important to women and their families.

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

The CR maintains the \$21.75 billion in discretionary funding provided in the FY2016 Omnibus. This amount is \$925 million over FY2015, but \$34 million below President Obama's FY2016 budget request.

Program/Agency	President's			
	FY2016	FY2017 Request	House FY2017	Senate FY2017
Department of Agriculture – Domestic Food Programs				
Food and Nutrition Service	\$109.796 billion	\$111.763 billion	\$109.683 billion	\$109.72 billion
Child Nutrition Programs	\$22.15 billion	\$23.231 billion	\$23.176 billion	\$23.202 billion
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	\$6.35 billion	\$6.35 billion	\$6.35 billion	\$6.35 billion

Special Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	\$80.849 billion	\$81.689 billion	\$79.673 billion	\$79.682 billion
Commodity Assistance Program	\$296.217 million	\$313.193 million	\$315.139 million	\$313.139 million
Department of Agriculture – Foreign Assistance				
P.L. 480 Title II Food for Peace	\$1.466 billion	\$1.35 billion	\$1.466 billion	\$1.6 billion
McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition	\$201.626 million	\$182.045 million	\$201.626 million	\$201.626 million

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

The FY2016 omnibus bill provided \$55.7 billion for programs within the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies portion of the bill. This amount is \$5.6 billion over FY2015 and \$3.7 billion over the administration’s request.

Program/Agency	President’s			
	FY2016	FY2017 Request	House FY2017	Senate FY2017
Office on Violence Against Women	\$480 million	\$489 million	\$527.5 million	\$481.5 million
Grants to Combat Violence Against Women (STOP Grants)	\$215 million	\$200 million	\$215 million	\$215 million
Transitional Housing Assistance	\$30 million	\$30 million	\$30 million	\$30 million
Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women	\$5 million	\$3 million	\$5 million	\$3 million
Consolidated Youth-Oriented Program	\$11 million	\$11 million	\$11 million	\$11 million
Sexual Assault Victims Services	\$35 million	\$35 million	\$35 million	\$35 million
Rural Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Enforcement	\$34 million	\$34 million	\$34 million	\$35 million

Violence on College Campuses	\$20 million	\$26 million	\$20 million	\$20 million
Civil Legal Assistance	\$45 million	\$52.5 million	\$45 million	\$45 million
Elder Abuse Grant Program	\$5 million	\$6.25 million	\$5 million	\$5 million
Family Civil Justice	\$16 million	\$16 million	\$16 million	\$16 million
Education and Training for Disabled Female Victims	\$6 million	\$6 million	\$6 million	\$6 million
National Resource Center on Workplace Responses	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Indian Country-Sexual Assault Clearinghouse	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Research on Violence Against Indian Women	\$1 million	\$1 million	\$1 million	\$1 million
Rape Survivor Child Custody Act	\$2.5 million	--	\$2.5 million	\$1.5 million
Office of Justice Programs	\$1.883 billion	\$1.676 billion	\$1.566 billion	\$1.663 billion
Victims of Trafficking	\$45 million	\$0	\$45 million	\$47.649 million
Prison Rape Prevention and Prosecution	\$10.5 million	\$10.5 million	\$12 million	*
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	\$9 million	\$9 million	\$9 million	\$9 million
DNA Initiative	\$125 million	\$105 million	\$125 million	\$125 million
Debbie Smith Backlog Grants	\$117 million	Did not specify	\$117 million	\$117 million
Sexual Assault Forensic Exam	\$4 million	Did not specify	\$4 million	\$4 million
Related Agencies				
Commission on Civil Rights	\$9.2 million	\$9.43 million	\$9.2 million	\$9.2 million
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	\$364.5 million	\$376.646 million	\$364.5 million	\$364.5 million

Legal Services Corporation	\$385 million	\$475 million	\$350 million	\$395 million
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* The committee has included bill language providing a one-year exemption from the penalties required under the Prison Rape Elimination Act for the OVW's STOP Grants.

Defense

The omnibus bill allocated \$514.1 billion in base discretionary funds for FY2016. This amount is \$23.9 billion over FY2015 and includes \$120 million for breast cancer research, \$20 million for ovarian cancer research, and \$8 million for global HIV/AIDS prevention.

The FY2016 bill also includes \$263.325 million for sexual assault prevention and response programs and \$25 million for the sexual assault special victims counseling program.

Program/Agency	FY2016	President's		
		FY2017 Request	House FY2017	Senate FY2017
Military Personnel	\$129.229 billion	\$128.902 billion	\$128.168 billion	\$127.997 billion
Defense Health Program	\$32.329 billion	\$33.468 billion	\$33.577 billion	\$33.99 billion

Financial Services and General Government

The current spending bill provides \$23.2 billion in discretionary funding. This amount is \$1.7 billion over FY2015 and includes funding for the Small Business Administration. The legislation continues the ban against use of federal or local funds for abortions in the District of Columbia.

Program/Agency	FY2016	President's		
		FY2017 Request	House FY2017	Senate FY2017
Small Business Administration	\$871.042 million	\$877.894 million	\$881.361 million	\$871.161 million
Entrepreneurial Development Programs	\$231.1 million	\$230.6 million	\$243.1 million	\$231.1 million
Women's Business Centers	\$17 million	\$16.7 million	\$19 million	\$17 million
National Women's Business Council	\$1.5 million	\$1.5 million	\$1.5 million	\$1.5 million
Microloan Technical Assistance	\$25 million	\$31 million	\$31 million	\$25 million
Small Business Development Centers	\$117 million	\$115 million	\$125 million	\$120 million

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

The omnibus bill provided \$162.1 billion in FY2016 for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, as well as for other agencies and programs. This amount is \$5.4 billion over FY2016, but \$5.5 billion below the president’s request.

Program/Agency	FY2016	President’s FY2017 Request	Senate FY2017	House FY2017
Department of Labor				
Dislocated Workers’ Assistance	\$1.242 billion	\$1.334 billion	\$1.237 billion	\$1.160 billion
Women in Apprenticeships	\$994,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Women’s Bureau	\$11.536 million	\$12.902 million	\$11.536 million	\$14 million
International Labor Affairs	\$86.125 million	\$101.23 million	\$91.125 million	\$32 million
Department of Health and Human Services				
Health Resources and Services Administration	\$6.434 billion	\$5.983 billion	\$6.402 billion	\$6.165 billion
Community Health Centers	\$1.492 billion	\$1.342 billion	\$1.492 billion	\$1.492 billion
Maternal and Child Health Bureau	\$845.117 billion	\$845.117 billion	\$846.617 billion	\$845.117 billion
<i>Maternal and Child Health Block Grant</i>	\$638.2 million	\$638.2 million	\$641.7 million	\$638.2 million
<i>Heritable Disorders</i>	\$13.883 million	\$14 million	\$11.883 million	\$13.883 million
<i>Universal Newborn Hearing Screening</i>	\$17.818 million	\$17.818 million	\$17.818 million	\$17.818 million
<i>Healthy Start</i>	\$103.5 million	\$103.5 million	\$103.5 million	\$103.5 million
Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act	\$2.323 billion	\$2.332 billion	\$2.294 billion	\$2.323 billion
Ryan White Part C—Early Intervention	\$205 million	\$280 million	\$201.1 million	\$205.079 million
Ryan White Part D—Children, Youth, Women	\$75.088 million	\$0	\$75.088 million	\$75.088 million

and Families Programs				
Family Planning	\$286.479 million	\$300 million	\$286.479 million	\$0
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	\$7.233 billion	\$7.039 billion	\$7.115 billion	\$7.838 billion
Global Health	\$427.121 million	\$442.121 million	\$432.121 million	\$556.721 million
HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STDs, and TB Prevention	\$1.122 billion	\$1.128 billion	\$1.112 billion	\$1.122 billion
National Institutes of Health	\$32.084 billion	\$31.084 billion	\$34.084 billion	\$33.334 billion
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities	\$280.68 million	\$279.68 million	\$292.323 million	\$286.446 million
Administration for Children and Families	\$33.007 billion	\$34.761 billion	\$33.825 billion	\$34.128 billion
Child Support Enforcement	\$4.071 billion	\$4.277 billion	\$4.277 billion	\$4.277 billion
Refugee and Entrant Assistance (aid to victims of trafficking)	\$18.775 million	\$22 million	\$18.775 million	\$18.775 million
Child Care Development Block Grant	\$2.761 billion	\$2.962 billion	\$2.786 billion	\$2.801 billion
Children and Families Services Program	\$11.234 billion	\$11.725 billion	\$11.215 billion	\$11.382 billion
<i>Head Start</i>	\$9.168 billion	\$9.602 billion	\$9.203 billion	\$9.309 billion
<i>Family Violence/Battered Women's Shelters</i>	\$150 million	\$151 million	\$151 million	\$151 million
<i>National Domestic Violence Hotline</i>	\$8.25 million	\$12.3 million	\$8.25 million	\$8.25 million
Promoting Safe and Stable Families (overall)	\$404.765 million	\$424.765 million	\$384.765 million	\$404.765 million
Office of the Secretary—General Departmental Management	\$520 million	\$544.89 million	\$509.747 million	\$423.037 million

<i>Sexual Risk Avoidance</i>	\$10 million	\$0	\$15 million	\$20 million
<i>Teen Pregnancy Prevention Community Grants</i>	\$101 million	\$104.79 million	\$101 million	\$0
<i>Office of Minority Health</i>	\$56.67 million	\$56.67 million	\$50 million	\$56.67 million
<i>Office on Women's Health</i>	\$32.14 million	\$32.14 million	\$29 million	\$32.14 million
<i>Minority HIV/AIDS</i>	\$53.9 million	\$53.9 million	\$48 million	\$53.9 million
Office for Civil Rights	\$38.798 million	\$42.705 million	\$38.798 million	38.798 million
Department of Education				
Title I Grants to LEAs	\$14.91 billion	\$15.359 billion	\$15.4 billion	\$15.359 billion
Special Education Grants for Infants and Families	\$458.556 million	\$503.556 million	\$458.556 million	\$458.556 million
Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS)	\$15.134 million	\$15.134 million	\$15.134 million	\$0
Office for Civil Rights	\$107 million	\$137.708 million	\$110 million	\$100 million

Legislative Branch

On May 19, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved S. 2955, the FY2017 Legislative Branch spending bill. According to the committee [report](#), the bill would allocate \$3.021 billion in FY2017. This amount is \$23.481 million over FY2016 and \$251.565 million below the president's request.

The House Appropriations Committee approved its version of the legislation, H.R. 5325, on May 17. According to the committee [report](#), the spending bill would provide \$3.482 billion in FY2017. This amount is \$73 million over FY2016 and \$152.473 million below the president's request.

The House bill contains a provision to provide baby changing stations in bathrooms in House office buildings and the Capitol, as well as access to parking for pregnant congressional staffers.

Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies

The CR enacted in September (P.L. 114-223) included the FY2017 Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies spending bill (see [The Source](#), 9/30/16).

The bill provides \$82.5 billion in discretionary funds for FY2017. The amount includes funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the Veterans Health Administration, as well as military construction and family housing projects at the Department of Defense.

The legislation permits funding within VA Medical Services for fertility counseling and treatments for a covered veteran or his or her spouse.

Program/Agency	FY2016	President's FY2017 Request	FY2017 Conference Report
Military Construction	\$8.171 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	\$66.376 billion	\$68.776 billion	\$75.633 billion

State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

The FY2016 omnibus spending bill allocated \$38 billion in discretionary funds for programs at the State Department, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and other international organizations. This amount is \$3.4 billion over FY2015, but is \$1.3 billion below President Obama's FY2016 request.

Program/Agency	FY2016	President's FY2017 Request	Senate FY2017	House FY2017
Department of State				
Diplomatic and Consular Affairs	\$5.623 billion	\$6.54 billion	\$6.006 billion	\$6.094 billion
International Peacekeeping	\$666.574 million	\$806.93 million	\$781.93 million	\$563.886 billion
Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons	\$12 million	\$20.7 million	\$12.454 million	\$12.5 million
USAID	\$1.378 billion	\$1.44 billion	\$1.356 billion	\$1.452 billion
Bilateral Economic Assistance				
Migration and Refugee Assistance	\$931.886 million	\$922.597 million	\$931.886 million	\$771.096 million
Global Health and Child Survival (State and USAID)	\$8.503 billion	\$8.577 billion	\$8.665 billion	\$8.916 billion
President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)	\$5.67 billion	\$5.67 billion	\$5.67 billion	\$5.67 billion
Maternal and Child Health	\$750 million	\$814.5 million	\$814.5 million	\$997 million
Vulnerable Children	\$22 million	\$14.5 million	\$23 million	\$22 million

Family Planning/ Reproductive Health	\$523.95 million	\$544 million	\$585 million	\$461 million
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria	\$1.35 billion	\$1.35 billion	\$1.35 billion	\$1.35 billion
HIV/AIDS—USAID	\$330 million	\$330 million	\$330 million	\$330 million
Microbicides	\$45 million	\$45 million	\$45 million	\$45 million
International Organizations and Programs				
U.N. Children’s Fund	\$132.5 million	\$132 million	\$132.5 million	\$132.5 million
U.N. Women (formerly UNIFEM)	\$7.7 million	\$14 million	\$7.7 million	\$0
U.N. Population Fund (UNFPA)	\$32.5 million	\$35 million	\$37.5 million	\$0

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

The legislation maintains FY2016 spending at \$57.6 billion in discretionary funds. This amount is \$3.8 billion over FY2015 and funds programs within the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development.

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