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Legislative Update

The House and Senate passed both the final FY 2021 funding bill and a COVID-19 emergency funding package together on Monday night, both of which contained some increased funding for Older Americans Act (OAA) programs. The president has not yet signed the bill into law.

The final emergency package provided OAA nutrition programs with \$175 million in additional funding: \$168 million for Title III C nutrition programs and \$7 million for Title VI nutrition. The OAA nutrition programs are the only OAA programs to receive additional funding in this bill. The CARES Act flexibilities (that is, unlimited transfer between home-delivered and congregate nutrition programs, dietary guidelines flexibility, and definition of “homebound”) are continued for this funding and for all funding received for FY 2021.

The final FY 2021 funding agreement contained these funding levels for OAA programs:

- Title III B supportive services programs received a \$2.5 million increase, to \$392.5 million;
- Title III C nutrition programs received a \$15 million increase (\$10 million for home-delivered meals and \$5 million for congregate meals), bringing their funding to \$951.7 million;
- Title III D health promotion programs remained the same at \$24.8 million;
- Title III E family caregiver programs received a \$3 million increase, to \$188.9 million;
- Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) remained the same at \$405 million;
- Title VI Native American nutrition and supportive services programs received a \$500,000 increase, to \$35.2 million;
- Title VI Native American caregiver programs receive a \$500,000 increase, to \$10.8 million;
- Title VII ombudsman programs receive a \$1 million increase, to \$23.7 million.

Other aging-related programs receiving increases include the Senior Corps program, which would see an increase of \$4 million (bringing it to \$225 million), and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which would be increased by \$80 million (to \$325 million). [Download chart.](#)

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