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White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health

After Congress provided funding in its FY 2022 appropriations legislation, President Biden formally called a White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health to be held in September 2022. It will be the first White House conference focusing on nutrition since 1969.

Biden has declared the purpose of the conference to be “developing a roadmap to end hunger and improve nutrition” in the US by 2030. The Conference will “review existing and cross departmental strategies and consider new approaches to improve health.” It has five main pillars:

- Improve food access and affordability
- Integrate nutrition and health
- Empower all consumers to make and have access to healthy choices
- Support physical activity for all
- Enhance nutrition and food security research

We are actively working to ensure that the needs of older adults are considered and discussed at this Conference. The White House is also requesting feedback for the Conference to be submitted by July 15. You can provide your written input here and learn more about the Conference here. There will also be a session on the Conference at the annual USAging Conference and Tradeshow on July 12.

ACL Issues Request for Information on OAA Regulations

In May, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) issued a Request for Information (RFI) on the regulations, or detailed rules, that outline how to implement the 2020 reauthorization of the Older Americans Act. Most of the current regulations for programs haven't changed since 1988.

ACL sought recommendations on:

- Addressing practical matters regarding the regulations
- Challenges faced by those receiving services under the Act
- Challenges faced by states, AAA, and service providers in delivering services under the Act
- How OAA programs can advance equity

Many national, state and local organizations submitted comments, which were due June 6. Dabney Conwell, Executive Director of the Rose Centers for Aging Well, Vice President of Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging and Board Member of NANASP, served on the ACL Technical Expert Panel on Older Adult Food Insecurity this spring.

The next step will be for ACL to draft new regulations for the public to comment on. This process will likely take months before the new regulations are released to the public.

Contact Us

We welcome your feedback!

Please share questions, suggestions or concerns.

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FY 2023 Update

Congress is getting ready to kick off work on marking up and passing federal fiscal year (FY) 2023 legislation. This legislation will fund aging and disability programs such as the Older Americans Act programs, block grants, and mental and behavioral health interventions.

The chart of funding levels from fiscal years 2021 and 2022 and the President's proposed levels for fiscal year 2023 is on the following page.

Program	FY21 Final	FY22 Final	FY23 President
Older Americans Act Programs			
Title III-B Home and Community-Based Services	\$392.5 million	\$398.6 million	\$500 million
Title III-C Nutrition Total	\$951.7 million	\$966.7 million	\$1.273 billion
III-C-1 Congregate Meals	\$515 million	\$515 million	\$762 million
III-C-2 Home-Delivered Meals	\$276 million	\$291 million	\$410 million
III-C Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP)	\$160 million	\$160 million	\$100 million
Title III-D Preventive Health	\$24.8 million	\$24.8 million	\$26.3 million
Title III-E Family Caregiver Support Program	\$188.9 million	\$193.9 million	\$249.9 million
Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)	\$405 million	\$405 million	\$405 million
Title VI Native Americans Nutrition/Supportive Services	\$35.2 million	\$36.2 million	\$70.2 million
Title VI Native Americans Caregiver Program	\$10.8 million	\$11.3 million	\$15.8 million
Title VII Long-Term Care Ombudsman	\$18.8 million	\$19.8 million	\$36.9 million
Title VII Elder Rights Support Activities Total	\$17.9 million	\$18.9 million	\$77.4 million
Elder Justice-Opioids		\$3 million	\$3 million
Elder Justice-Guardianship		\$2 million	\$2 million
Elder Justice-Infrastructure		\$10 million	\$10 million
Elder Justice-State APS Grants/APS Funding/Other			\$58 million

The bills from the House are expected to be released and considered by the Appropriations Committee at the end of this month or in early July. The Senate will wait until the House has acted to move forward. Negotiations are also still happening in both the Senate and the House about overall ("top-level") funding for various departments, so the House bills will likely only be the beginning of deliberations.

We encourage you to reach out to your members of Congress to ask them to support strong funding levels for the aging network, particularly if your member is on the Appropriations Committees in the House or Senate. In Ohio, Reps. Marcy Kaptur and David Joyce are currently on the House Appropriations Committee.

We are concerned about the potential for a funding "cliff" as pandemic-related money is spent down but increased program demand and increased community need remains. NANASP and Meals on Wheels America are calling for a doubling of the Older Americans Act nutrition program funding, a position which the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations has echoed for many of the Act's other programs as well.