

SUMMARY OF FEDERATION PRIORITIES IN THE CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2022

Congress passed the fiscal year 2022 spending package on March 10th. This package includes critical investments that Jewish Federations have championed including significant increases to nonprofit security, support for Holocaust survivors, and support for Israel, health and education, communal life, non-profit support, and the Ukrainian people.

Nonprofit Security Grant Program: \$250 million

The Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provides grants to nonprofits to help fund security measures such as inspection and screening systems, physical barriers, and development of emergency preparedness plans. Congress has increased funding to \$250 million from \$180 million last year.

Holocaust Survivors: \$6 million

The Holocaust Survivor Assistance Program is a public-private partnership between the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living, Jewish Federations, and community-based health and supportive services providers to better address the unique needs of the country's aging Holocaust survivor population, other older adults who have experienced trauma, and their caregivers. Congress has increased funding for this program by \$1 million.

Aid to Ukraine: Nearly \$14 billion

The bill includes \$13.6 billion in combined military and humanitarian aid to Ukraine, and extended the Lautenberg Amendment, a family reunification program that allows individuals legally residing in the United States to bring in family members who are persecuted religious minorities from abroad. There are currently 17,000 pending Lautenberg applications on behalf of Ukrainians.

Iron Dome: \$1 billion

Jewish Federations applaud the critical \$1 billion in supplemental funding for the Iron Dome Missile Defense System, which provides life-saving protection for all who live in Israel. The bill also reauthorizes the \$500 million in annual missile defense spending as part of the President Obama negotiated MOU.

Israel Relations Normalization Act

The Israel Relations Normalization Act is a critical affirmation that the greatest prospects for peace across the Middle East is through direct diplomatic relationships. The bipartisan bill directs the State Department to study and submit reports to Congress on how the U.S. can support and expand agreements normalizing relations between Israel, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco. Jewish Federations have long supported efforts to improve the prospects for peace between the Israelis and Palestinians and the relationships highlighted in this bill demonstrate a model for strengthening that possibility.

Middle East Partnership for Peace Act: \$50 million

In 2020, JFNA was proud to lead advocacy in support of The Nita M. Lowey Middle East Partnership for Peace Act (MEPPA), which authorizes up to \$250 Million over 5 years to fund people to people programs between Israelis and Palestinians. We are pleased that MEPPA was fully funded at \$50 million.

Emergency Food and Shelter Program: \$280 million

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP), which provides shelter and housing to families and individuals in need, in addition to migrants encountered by the Department of Homeland Security after crossing the southern U.S. border, increased substantially to \$280 million, up from \$130 million in FY 2021.

By increasing funding for the EFSP, greater numbers of families and individuals effected by the continued economic impacts of the COVID pandemic and rising inflation will have greater access to emergency food, shelter, and related supports and services. Funds will also help nonprofits alleviate the humanitarian crises for migrants at the southwest border.



Jabara-Heyer NO HATE Act: \$5 million

The bill includes \$5 million to implement the Jabara-Heyer NO HATE Act, which Federations helped to pass into law in 2021. This law represents a significant step in addressing rising hate threatening communities throughout the United States by assisting the FBI in collecting hate crimes data and giving the Department of Justice the ability to better analyze these crimes.

Mental Health: \$6.5 billion

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) receives \$6.5 billion in funding - a \$530 million increase - to expand and improve the nation's mental health and substance use treatment system in response to surging needs.

A key community mental health program, the Certified Behavioral Health Clinic program, a priority of Jewish Federation partner agencies, receives \$315 million - a \$65 million increase - to extend this highly regarded grant program through September 30, 2024.

To address the healthcare workforce crisis, particularly in the behavioral health sector, the bill includes \$1.3 billion - a \$72 million increase - with \$24 million for the Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program and \$6 Million to support fellowships for nurse practitioners working in primary care or behavioral health.

Extension of Telehealth

Of great importance to Jewish health and human service agencies, the legislation extends the expansion of telehealth in Medicare adopted during the pandemic for 151 days after the Public Health Emergency ends, allowing patients to continue receiving telehealth services from their homes. The bill also extends the ability of mental health services to be provided through telehealth without any requirement for in-person care, and temporarily continues the ability of occupational therapists, physical therapists, audiologists, and speech-language pathologists to deliver care through telehealth.



Community Project Funding: \$14.2 million

The omnibus bill includes earmarks to fund 13 local Jewish Federation and agency programs requested by individual members of Congress.

Support for Older Adults : \$2.34 billion

Funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Community Living (ACL), the Older Americans Act (OAA) is the main way that the federal government provides funding to the aging services network, including those provided by Jewish family and children's services, Jewish community centers, and Jewish senior centers. Congress provided a modest increase of \$60 million overall for ACL, raising total funding to \$2.34 billion.

Most individual programs were flat-funded, but senior nutrition for home-delivered meals received a \$15 million increase to \$291 million, and home- and community-based services (\$399 million) and family caregiving (\$205 million) each received a \$6 million increase from FY 2021. \$15 million was also set aside for member-directed projects associated with this title.

Housing Support: \$1.385 billion

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 202 program for seniors and Section 811 program for individuals and disabilities provide support for Jewish independent living, assisted living and group home networks. Congress provided a \$178 million increase in funding for the Section 202 program. Congress also provided an increase of \$125 million for the Section 811 program.

Maternal Health: \$1 billion

In response to the extraordinarily high U.S. maternal mortality rate, especially among women of color, the bill includes \$1 billion to support programs to improve maternal and child health, including increases of \$1 million for the Maternal Mental Health Hotline, \$1.5 million for the screening and treatment of maternal depression, and new programs to improve quality, disseminate best practices, and improve health professional prenatal, labor, and birthing training.



Students with Disabilities: \$14.5 billion

The bill includes substantial new investments for Special Education programs that support children with disabilities with \$14.5 billion - an increase of \$448 million - largely dedicated to state grants for programs that support children with disabilities ages 5-21 along with substantial new funding for Special Olympics education programs.

Child Care & Early Learning: \$558 million increase

Early childhood education programs received an increase of \$558 million above the FY 2021 enacted level, including \$6.2 billion for the Child Care and Development Block Grant, an increase of \$254 million; \$11 billion for Head Start, an increase of \$289 million; and \$290 million for Preschool Development Grants, an increase of \$15 million.

