



Leadership Council
of Aging Organizations

Ramsey Alwin, Chair

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The Honorable Brian Schatz, Chairman
The Honorable Susan Collins, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development, and Related Agencies
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable David Price, Chairman
The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development, and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20015

Dear Chairman Schatz, Ranking Member Collins, Chairman Price, and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

As members of the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations (LCAO), we urge you to finalize the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 appropriations legislation by the time the current continuing resolution (CR) ends on December 16, 2022. LCAO is a coalition of 66 national nonprofit organizations concerned with the well-being of America's older population and committed to representing their interests in the policy-making arena. Our nation continues to face the economic, health, and social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the record inflation. Many of the federal programs under the jurisdiction of your Appropriation Subcommittee are critical to helping millions of older adults age with dignity, health, and independence in their homes and communities and providing vital support to their communities.

Long-term CRs will result in flat and inadequate funding, which in turn impedes the capacity of programs providing critical services to older adults across the country. Spending levels for FY22 were underfunded after a decade of appropriations caps and austerity for most federal domestic annually funded programs. In FY23, increased investment is essential to address existing shortfalls and improve access to services for at-risk older adults and their caregivers. These discretionary programs include, but are not limited to, affordable housing and service coordination programs funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).


If Congress fails to enact FY 23 appropriations legislation, these programs will be left with stagnant funding, restricting their ability to assist with recovery in communities and across the country. We urge Congress to provide the highest level of funding for the housing and service coordination programs that serve older adults at levels that reflect the true and growing demographic and aging population.

We encourage you to work toward passage of final FY 2023 appropriations bills that include adequate funding levels for HUD that prioritize and promote the goal of enhancing the dignity, health, and independence of older adults. We ask you to consider LCAO's funding requests, as outlined in our [May 2022 correspondence](#) with justifications.

Leadership Council of Aging Organizations Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations Requests

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies	
Department of Housing and Urban Development	
Community Development Block Grant	\$3.525 billion
Section 202 Housing for Older Adults - New Development	\$600 million
Section 202 Service Coordinator Grant Program	\$225 million Includes full funding for renewals and \$100 million for 400 new service coordinator grants)
Public Housing Resident Opportunity for Self Sufficiency Service Coordinator Program	\$45 million
Project Based Rental Assistance	\$15 billion Includes \$31 million for budget-based rent increases to cover service coordinators)
Aging-in-Place Home Modification Grants	\$30 million

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with you to ensure sustained investment in HUD’s housing and service coordination services for older adults, and other key aging programs in FY23.

Sincerely,

 Ramsey Alwin
 Chair, LCAO
 President & CEO, NCOA

cc: Members of the House and Senate Subcommittees on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies