



What is in the FY 2023 Omnibus to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness?

(December 21, 2022) This week, the U.S. Senate and House are expected to pass the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) spending bill in the form of an omnibus. An omnibus bill includes multiple bills, budget measures, and other policy changes. NN4Y advocated for increased funding for programs targeted to prevent and respond to youth homelessness, and for several key pieces of legislation, such as the Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act. NN4Y is extremely disappointed that Congress could not agree to include this legislation in the omnibus. This failure only hurts our young people and make it difficult for community-based providers to improve services to youth who have to continue to operate under outdated policies. We will not give up, but continue to work collaboratively with you to ensure that ending youth homelessness is a priority of our federal policymakers.

Also, a special congratulations to the youth serving community-based organizations that received a community project funding/congressionally directed spending award. Many of these awards are directed to youth outreach, youth homelessness services, foster youth transitional housing and services, and youth employment programs.

Top Five FY23 Youth Homelessness Budget Items

1. HHS: Runaway and Homeless Youth Act - funded at \$146.28 million (+\$6 million from FY22)
2. ED: McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth - funded at \$129 million (+\$15 million from FY22)
3. HUD: Youth Homeless Demonstration Program - \$82 M, of which up to \$10 million is for technical assistance
4. HUD: Youth Homelessness System Improvement Grants - \$25 million
5. HHS: Family Unification Vouchers - \$30 million

The Details

Chart of Federal Programs: FY21, FY22, and FY23 Funding Levels:

PROGRAMS	FY 2021 ¹	FY 2022 ²	FY 2023 OMNIBUS ³
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			
Runaway and Homeless Youth Act Programs	\$136.7 million	\$140.28 million - of which \$20M is for Street Outreach (+3.5M)	\$146.28 million - of which \$21M is for Street Outreach (+\$6 M)
Head Start and Early Head Start	\$10.85 billion	\$11.03 billion (+\$289M)	\$11.99 billion (+\$960M)
Child Care Development Block Grant	\$5.9 billion	\$6.16 billion (+\$254M)	\$8.02 billion (+\$1.85B)
EDUCATION			
McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Act Program	\$106.5 million	\$114 million (+7.5M)	\$129 million (+\$15M)
Title 1	\$15.5 billion	\$17.5 billion (+\$2B)	\$18.38 billion (+\$850M)
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT			
Youth Homeless Demonstration Grant Program	\$82 million	\$82 million	\$82 million (\$10M of which is for technical assistance)
Youth Homelessness System Improvement Grants	-	\$25 million	Not less than \$25 million
Continuum of Care	\$2.6 billion	\$2.8 billion (+\$200M)	\$3.63 billion (+\$420M)
Emergency Solutions Grants	\$290 million	\$290 million	\$290 million
Incremental Family Unification Vouchers		\$25 million (foster youth)	\$30 million
LABOR			

¹ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2021) Fiscal Year 2022 Administration for Children and Families Justification of Estimates for Appropriations Committees.

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/olab/fy_2022_congressional_justification.pdf

² Fiscal Year 2022 Omnibus bill released March 8, 2022:

<https://rules.house.gov/sites/democrats.rules.house.gov/files/BILLS-117HR2471SA-RCP-117-35.pdf>

³ Fiscal Year 2023 Omnibus bill released December 20, 2022:

<https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/JRQ121922.PDF>

Registered Apprenticeships	\$185 million	\$235 million (+\$50M)	\$235 million (+\$50M)
YouthBuild	\$96.5 million	\$99 million (+\$2.5M)	\$105 million (+\$6M)
Job Corps	\$1.74 billion	\$1.74 billion (+\$20M)	\$1.76 billion (+\$11.5M)
Strengthening Community College Training Grants	\$45 million	\$50 million (+\$5M)	\$65 million (+\$15M)
JUSTICE			
Youth Mentoring Grants	\$100 Million	\$102 Million (+\$2M)	\$107 Million (+\$5M)
Title V Delinquency Prevention Programs	\$62 Million	\$49.5 Million (-\$12.5M)	\$65 Million (+\$15M)
Title II Formula Grant Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program	\$67 Million	\$70 Million (+\$3M)	\$75 Million (+\$5M)

Report Language by Federal Agency

Health and Human Services (HHS)

Adolescent Mental Health-The agreement urges the CDC to establish a program that leverages existing CDC activities dedicated to adolescent mental health to improve adolescent mental wellbeing and advance equity, with a focus on culturally responsive prevention and early intervention. In collaboration with centers across CDC, HHS, the Department of Education, youth, experts, and advocates, CDC is encouraged to coordinate the development and implementation of national goals and a national strategy to improve adolescent mental wellbeing that align with the objectives outlined in Healthy People 2030. Special consideration should be made for underserved communities to ensure their voices are represented in decision-making and idea generating. In addition, the agreement urges CDC to conduct applied research and evaluation studies to improve the implementation of evidence-based policies and community-based practices that advance the national strategy and promote adolescent mental health.

Education (ED)

Title I-A-Funded Services for Students Experiencing Homelessness .-The Department shall provide technical assistance to state and local Title I directors on the requirements and uses of funds under section 1113(c)(3)(A) to assist LEAs in effectively using such funds to support students experiencing homelessness. In addition, the Department shall describe actions taken and planned to address these issues in the fiscal year 2024 and future Congressional Justifications and work with SEAs to increase transparency on amounts reserved by LEAs under section 1113(c)(3)(A).

Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

- Comprehensive Interventions to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness:

- *The agreement directs HUD to ensure that sufficient technical assistance resources and equal consideration for youth homelessness system improvement grants are provided to rural areas. When determining grant awards, the agreement encourages HUD to incorporate the following components as objectives for grantees: youth collaboration in project design and implementation, including establishment of local youth advisory boards; quality data collection, management, utilization, and evaluation; direct coordination and communication with service providers; cross-system partnerships including juvenile justice, child welfare, and education systems; and prevention and diversion strategies. The agreement prohibits the use of these funds for direct services or housing.*
- *The agreement directs HUD to provide the new evaluation of the youth homelessness demonstration program [YHDP] to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations no later than November 1, 2023.*
- *The agreement reminds the Department and CoCs that renewal funding provided for YHDP projects may only be used for eligible youth-specific activities upon reaching renewal status. HUD is encouraged to provide public-facing information to grantees regarding the YHDP renewal process.*
- *Tribal inclusion in YHDP.-The agreement encourages HUD to include Tribes and tribally designated housing entities as eligible recipients in the fiscal year 2023 YHDP NOFO.*
- *Clarifying eligibility and documentation requirements for homeless youth.-The agreement encourages the Department to continue to clarify program requirements regarding the waived requirement for youth ages 24 and under to provide third party documentation to receive housing and services through guidance, notice, and webcasts, as appropriate.*
- *Annual homeless assessment report {AHAR}.-The agreement directs HUD to incorporate additional Federal data on homelessness, particularly as it relates to youth homelessness, into the AHAR and to submit the report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations by August 31, 2023.*