

WAAN Action Alert - June 1, 2026

Act now to increase funding for the Older Americans Act in 2027!

On Friday, June 5, the House Appropriations Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee will be holding a mark-up on the Fiscal Year 2027 Bill.

The mark-up will include analyzing and making recommendations on funding for the Administration for Community Living, which houses Older Americans Act programs and services. This is a crucial first step in creating the budget for FFY27 OAA programs and services.

In this week leading up to Friday's mark-up, we are encouraging everyone to reach out to their federal legislators to ensure they are hearing loud and clear the importance of increasing funding for OAA programs and services. Representative Mark Pocan is on this subcommittee, so it is especially important that his constituents hear from him, but all representatives are ready to hear your priorities.

Tell Congress to support increased funding for Older Americans Act programs and services in the FFY2027 budget! Increases to these programs support older adults, family caregivers, and ensure we can all age with independence and dignity throughout the lifespan. Do not wait! Act today!

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I am writing regarding FY 2027 federal funding for Older Americans Act (OAA) within the Administration on Aging (AoA) at the Administration for Community Living (ACL) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Funding for OAA programs and services is essential to the health and independence of millions of older adults and caregivers, including the [ADD LOCAL NUMBER] older Wisconsinites and caregivers that [YOUR AGENCY NAME] serves in your [Insert your service area]. Programs and services under the OAA are developed, coordinated and delivered locally by [AGENCY NAME] in partnership with our network of community providers. In [YOUR COMMUNITY] and across the country, the aging population we serve is growing rapidly. To ensure older adults age well in their homes and communities and the necessary level of support for caregivers exists, Congress must fund the services we provide that help older adults meet their needs.

The OAA creates community resources for older adults to access a wide array of programs and services, including information and referral to find help for their challenges with aging; congregate and home-delivered meals to address hunger, malnutrition and social

isolation; health and wellness programs; in-home care support; transportation; elder abuse prevention; adult day care and other needed options. Family caregivers, who contribute more long-term care than any formal government program, can also access OAA-funded respite, training, support and help navigating their caregiving roles.

Our agency supports increases to all titles of the OAA to meet the current and future needs of older adults but specifically urges Congress to protect and increase funding for the following OAA services when developing the FY 2027 HHS budget:

- Title III B Home and Community-Based Supportive Services
- Title III C Nutrition Services
- Title VI Grants for Native American Aging Programs, Part A (nutrition and supportive services) and Part C (family caregiver support)
- Title III E National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP)

[INSERT ANY COMPELLING STATISTICS OR STORIES YOU HAVE ON ANY OF THE PROGRAMS MENTIONED IN THE BULLETED LIST]

We greatly appreciate the \$4 million boost to OAA Title III B and \$2 million increase to each of the Title VI line items in FY 2026. These modest increases make a real impact in the lives of older adults, and we urge the committee to continue to increase resources for these critical streams of OAA funding.

For FY 2027, we encourage Congress to protect and increase appropriations for OAA Title III C and Title VI A Nutrition Programs, as well as Title III E NFCSP and Title VI C supporting the family caregivers of older adults—who provide the majority of long-term care in this country.

Our requests for these long-overdue sustainable investments are essential for us to continue carrying out our mission—supporting the ability of older adults to age well at home safely and with dignity, as we all hope to do. I hope you will support, and urge your colleagues to support, a FY 2027 funding bill that protects or increases funding for critical OAA and other aging programs that reflect the incredible need for these aging services that exist in our community and around the country.