

June 16, 2026 Advocacy Alert



Urge Your Senators to Support OAA Funding Increases

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Snapshot

(A 30-second read for busy people)

- Last week, the House Appropriations Committee approved its FY 2027 Labor/HHS funding bill, which includes modest increases for several aging programs.
- The Senate's comparable appropriations committee expected to mark up its version in July.
- **Take Action Now: Use our [FY 2027 appropriations campaign page](#) to access a new customizable template letter and urge your Senators to support increased funding for Older Americans Act programs!**

Last week, the House Appropriations Committee approved its FY 2027 Labor/HHS funding bill in a largely bipartisan manner. The bill includes modest increases for several aging programs, including Older Americans Act (OAA) Title III C Nutrition Programs, Title VI Native American Aging Programs and Title VII's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. USAging's other priorities, OAA Title III B and III E were level funded, as was Title III D. Worse, the bill would eliminate all funding for the OAA Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program. More details on the funding levels can be found in USAging's [appropriations chart](#) and in our recent members-only [Legislative Update](#).

While any increases, especially in this difficult budget environment, are a win and a show of how your advocacy makes a real impact, we're far from done yet!

The Senate Appropriations Committee is expected to consider its Labor/HHS funding bill in July, so advocacy is needed now to urge your Senators to protect and increase funding for OAA programs. **Use our [FY 2027 appropriations campaign materials](#), specifically our updated template letter, to push for increased OAA**

funding.

Take Action Now

Contact your Senators today on appropriations, even if you wrote to them earlier this year. We need you to weigh in and reinforce the need to increase OAA funding and other key programs, as well as push back against the proposed elimination of OAA Title V.

STEP 1: Use our newly updated templates to customize your asks to reflect your agency/program: [AAA template](#), [Title VI template](#). Give your Senators a sense of how their communities are affected—take the time to localize what this funding means for older adults and caregivers in your community, tribe or state. You can find contact information on your Senators' websites: [senate.gov](https://www.senate.gov).

STEP 2: Make your support for OAA funding public. Find out if any of your agency's stakeholders know the Members of Congress serving your community or if they will be seeing them at any virtual or in-person events. If so, ask that they put in a good word for OAA funding and its impact on your community.

STEP 3: Engage your provider network. Urge your vendors/providers, advisory board members and other important stakeholders to send their own letters to Congress. Please do all you can to amplify the message and engage others who understand the value of OAA in their communities! Forward this *Alert* to your networks or edit it to be best received by your agency's advocates.