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April 6, 2026 Legislative Update



OAA Programs Level Funded in President's FY 2027 Budget April 6, 2026

Snapshot

(A 30-second read for busy people)

- Last Friday, President Trump released his FY 2027 proposed budget.
- HHS' OAA programs and other aging-related programs at ACL were level funded but other major federal programs were proposed for elimination.
- More details on the funding levels can be found in USAgings' [appropriations chart](#).

Last Friday, President Trump released his Administration's FY 2027 Budget, which included the same cuts to major programs proposed for FY 2026 such as eliminating the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program and Title VI of the Older Americans Act among others, to cut all Non-Defense Discretionary (NDD) funding by 10 percent overall.

Thankfully, all other OAA programs were protected from cuts, with most level funded along with other ACL aging and disability programs such as the State Health Insurance Assistance Program and Aging and Disability Resource Centers.

Want to see all the funding proposals at once and in context of current funding? Consult our updated [appropriations chart](#)!

Notes and Nuances:

- While the elder abuse prevention (OAA Title VII) and elder justice funding (national technical assistance centers and Adult Protective Services) line items received small increases in the President's budget, the boosts are so modest as to not make an impact locally.
- The cuts to ACL's falls prevention and Alzheimer's Disease Program Initiative and zeroing out of the Chronic Disease Self-Management Funding source are because the Trump Administration does not want to use funding from the Prevention and Public Health Fund in the Affordable Care Act, which provides mandatory funding to HHS agencies for prevention programs, but is divvied up by Congress during the annual appropriations process. Again, this ask reflects the President's last budget and was ignored by Congress in FY 2026.
- The budget proposal assumes ACL will eventually be administered by the Administration for Children, Families and Communities (ACFC), the agency proposed to take jurisdiction over ACL in last year's President's budget—which was part of a larger HHS reorganization first reported in spring 2025, which USAgings opposed. To this end,

the budget places ACL's administrative funding within ACFC. While the two agencies have collaborated on financial matters this year, Congress declined to endorse the ACL transfer in its FY 2026 appropriations, so it's unlikely that the repeat proposal will go any further than the original.

- There is one *legislative* proposal for OAA in the President's budget and that is to remove the right of first refusal for local units of government when a state needs to replace a AAA or a new PSA is formed. The justification given was that "this would allow states to provide open competition to all organizations seeking such a designation without having to offer it to a government agency first." The first Trump Administration also floated this change to the OAA but it did not have widespread support. A reminder that the current bipartisan OAA reauthorization bill in Congress (S. 2120) does not include this proposal.

Eliminated Programs:

- The Corporation for National and Community Service (operating as **AmeriCorps**), would be eliminated "consistent with the President's efforts to decrease the size of the Federal Government to enhance accountability, reduce waste, and reduce unnecessary governmental entities."
- The **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program** (LIHEAP) is slated for elimination in the budget, with the Trump Administration claiming it is "unnecessary because States have policies preventing utility disconnection for low-income households."
- The **Community Services Block Grant** (CSBG) has also been slated for elimination in the Trump budget, claiming the block grant is "a duplicative slush fund for woke Community Action Agencies."
- The **Community Development Block Grant** (CDBG) is also proposed for elimination in the budget, asserting that CDBG "has funneled money to many ideological pet projects and failed to target funding to communities in need."
- **OAA Title V Senior Community Services Employment Program** is slated for elimination, with the Administration claiming the program, "has served as an earmark to leftist, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)-promoting organizations instead of helping seniors in need." This program is administered by the Department of Labor.
- **Commodity Supplemental Food Program** (CSFP) is slated for major cuts, reducing the budget to about \$91 million from an original \$551 million. This funding would be available for use until the end of FY 2028 (September 30, 2028) but would certainly run out before then.

Next Steps

It's important to remember that the President's budget blueprint is just that—a blueprint, not an actual appropriations bill (nor an authorization bill!). Congress must agree to implement these levels through their appropriations process, which is just getting started. As demonstrated this year, Congress often ignores the President's proposals.

But your advocacy is still crucial! USAging's policy team is making the rounds with all key appropriators' Capitol Hill offices, promoting our **top appropriations requests**, but we need you to reach out to your congressional delegations as well. Check out our **FY 2027 Appropriations Campaign materials** that make it easy for you to take action!

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