

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Fiscal Year 2020 Highlights

(Note: Numbers are nationwide program funding levels.)

Improving Health and Safety

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): Provides a \$140 million increase to \$5.9 billion which includes:

- \$200 million for grants to communities and community organizations who meet criteria for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics.
- \$1.5 billion for State Opioid Response Grants for education, treatment, behavioral health services, and recovery support, \$50 million of which shall be made available to Indian tribes or tribal organizations and for State with the highest mortality rate related to opioid use disorder.
- \$35.4 million for the Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide Prevention state grants.
- \$19 million for the national suicide prevention lifeline.
- \$206.4 million for substance abuse prevention and treatment block grants.
- \$89 million is included for Medication-Assisted Treatment to help address the epidemic of prescription drug and Opioid addiction, which includes \$10 million for grants to Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, or consortia.

Special Olympics Healthy Athletes and Healthy Communities: Provides \$12.2 million, increased funding, to support increased access to health screenings, education and referrals and training for providers in caring for the health needs of people with intellectual disabilities. Over 2,000 athletes are empowered by Special Olympics Alaska, training and competing in 16 different sports.

Improving Quality of Life

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP): The bill allocates \$3.7 billion, an increase of \$50 million, for the program which acts as a crucial supplement for many Alaskans who face the highest energy prices in the nation.

Institute of Museum and Library Services: Increases funds for state and community libraries and museums to \$252 million to support the important work that libraries and museums do in our communities.

Advancing Educational and Career Opportunities

Pre-K to 12th Grade Education:

- **Head Start:** Includes an increase to \$10.6 billion for Head Start and Early Head Start to help low-income children, age birth to 5, get a good start on life.

- **Child Care and Development Block Grant:** Increases funding to \$5.8 billion to help low-income, working parents afford high-quality child care.
- **ESEA Title I:** Increases funding for Title I to \$16.3 billion to support schools' efforts to serve low-income and other disadvantaged students.
- **ESEA Title II:** Increases funding to \$2.1 billion for Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants that the Administration proposed to eliminate. These grants allow school districts to provide professional development to teachers and principals and to reduce class sizes.
- **IDEA Grants to States:** Increases funding to \$12.7 billion to help schools provide additional, federally-required supports for students with disabilities.
- **ESEA Title IV Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants:** Increases funding to \$1.2 billion for the formula grant authorized in 2015 by the Every Student Succeeds Act. These funds will support schools' efforts to provide a well-rounded education, activities to support safe and healthy students, and to use technology effectively to support student learning.
- **21st Century Community Learning Centers:** Includes an increase to \$1.24 billion to support afterschool programs to give working parents peace of mind and keep kids safe and engaged in learning after school.
- **Alaska Native Education Equity Program (ANEP):** Provides an increase to \$35.9 million for a program designed to meet the unique educational needs of Alaska Native students.
- **Native Language Immersion Grants:** Increases funding to \$2.8 million to support Native American and Alaska Native Language Immersion Schools and Programs grants, crafted by Senator Murkowski in the Every Student Succeeds Act. It has been determined that schools where indigenous language is the primary language of instruction have a strong, positive effect on Alaska Native students.
- **Indian Education Grants:** Provides an increase to \$180.7 million to help school districts provide effective and culturally-relevant instruction and services for American Indian and Alaska Native students.
- **Impact Aid:** Increases funding to \$1.486 billion. These funds reimburse school districts for lost property tax revenue due to tax-exempt federal property or that enroll federally-connected children, such as the children of military service members and children living on Indian lands.
- **Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education:** Increases funding to \$1.28 billion to help schools and colleges provide career education and training.

- **Special Olympics:** Increases funding to \$20 million to support programs authorized by the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act, including to promote the expansion of Special Olympics, to increase the inclusion and aware of students with intellectual disabilities, and to increase opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities to participate in school activities.

Adult Education, College and Job Training:

- **Strengthening Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions:** Increases funding to \$18.3 million to help campuses that enroll a significant number of Native students to expand and improve programs and services.
- **Strengthening Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities:** Increases funding to \$36.6 million to assist colleges like Ilisagvik College in Utqiagvik (formerly Barrow) provide strong, culturally relevant classes and programs for students.
- **TRIO:** Increases funding to \$1.090 billion. The 8 TRIO programs support low-income students to prepare for, enroll in, and succeed in college and other postsecondary education.
- **Adult Education Grants to States:** Increased to \$670.6 million to help state and local efforts to help adults gain the reading, writing, and math skills they need to get and keep good jobs.
- **Pell Grants:** Increases the maximum Pell Grant amount for low-income college students to a total of \$6,345.
- **Job Corps:** Increases funding for Job Corps at \$1.743 billion, to provide career and technical training to young Alaskans. This will provide support for the Alaska Job Corps Center in Palmer, Alaska. Also encourages partnerships between centers and other training sites to enhance opportunity and work experiences for students in underserved rural or remote communities as well as in urban settings.
- **Apprenticeship Programs:** Increases funding to \$175 million to support and expand apprenticeship programs at the state and local levels.

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