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Last week, President Biden presented his FY 2023 budget blueprint to Congress. While the budget includes recommendations for legislative changes, it’s the specific FY 2023 discretionary funding (i.e., appropriations) recommendations that USAging has analyzed.

As our headline suggests, the Older Americans Act (OAA) and other aging programs within the Administration on Aging (AoA) and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) would see significant increases in the President’s plan—in substantial alignment with USAging’s 2022 Policy Priorities and our appropriations requests that reflect the growing needs of America’s aging population.

Signaling the President’s commitment to supporting older adults and those with disabilities to age independently and with dignity at home, ACL received a request of $3 billion, an increase of $565 million (or 32 percent) above FY 2022, with the vast majority of the proposed additional funding directed toward OAA programs and services.

Here’s how key OAA titles fared in the President’s budget:

- **Title III B Supportive Services**, USAging’s top appropriations priority which we have asked Congress to double, would see a 25 percent increase ($101.4 million), reaching $500 million in FY 2023. Because it is one of our top priorities, USAging will be working with Congress to ensure the highest-possible funding level for Title III B.

- **Title III C Nutrition Programs** earned the largest increase in the Biden budget, with a 31 percent increase ($305 million). If passed by Congress, the FY 2023 funding for all three OAA nutrition programs would reach $1.27 billion. Interestingly in contrast to FY 2022, when the President requested a massive increase in home-delivered meals, this year’s budget put a greater percentage of the additional funding into congregate meals—and proposed cutting NSIP.
• **Title III E National Family Caregiver Support Program** would increase by $56 million, a 29 percent increase over this year’s appropriations. Title III E is also a top USAging appropriations priority—we have proposed doubling the funding for FY 2023.

• **Title VI Native American Aging Programs Part A** would be nearly doubled to $70 million! Part C would receive a roughly 40 percent increase, growing funding for tribal caregiving programs to $15.8 million in FY 2023. This request closely mirrors USAging’s Part A ask for Title VI programs—we urge Congress to double funding for both Part A and Part C of Title VI.

The President recommended a nearly 50 percent increase to the OAA Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program and a 75 percent increase in the Lifespan Respite Program. The President’s budget calls for increases to other OAA and ACL funding streams, and while not as bold as the requests listed above, several are slated for modest increases. These include OAA Title III D Evidence-Based Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (6 percent) and the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP; 4 percent). For additional programs, please see our appropriations chart.

While ambitious, this presidential funding plan will face an uphill battle in a divided Congress to reach its proposed allocations—and your advocacy will be needed in the coming weeks and months. Stand by for our annual appropriations campaign, launching soon!