

COALITION *for* HEALTH FUNDING

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Washington, D.C.— The Coalition for Health Funding issues the following statement regarding the FY 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies funding bill.

The [Coalition for Health Funding](#) (CHF), an alliance of nearly 100 nonprofit organizations working to promote strong investments in the public health continuum, is pleased to see a strong bipartisan, bicameral commitment to invest in our nation's public health infrastructure. Taken in its totality, this bill funds life-saving treatments, public health infrastructure, and programs and services to help keep Americans healthy. The bill includes an increase to the National Institutes of Health, which will help prevent erosion of America's global leadership in biomedical research, while largely maintaining funding for many other important agencies.

CHF is also encouraged that appropriators have recognized that a robust HHS workforce is necessary to ensure the agencies meet their statutory requirements and the importance of timely, predictable, and adequate extramural grant funding. While we are pleased by the overall approach of this bill, we do note that many agencies and vital programs received decreases in funding while others were flat-funded, resulting in their inability to keep pace with inflation and increased demand.

While we are still reviewing the bill in its totality, we are very supportive of its goals to reject wholesale cuts, provide targeted additional investment, and recognize the very important work of our public agencies to keep Americans safe and healthy by preventing and treating infectious and chronic diseases, delivering new treatments and cures, and funding front-line services in states and local communities.

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