



## FY2023 FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS

### Successes and Detailed Analysis

Informed by the needs and on-the-ground expertise of our nationwide network, YWCA USA advocated for robust funding through the FY2023 Budget and Appropriations process in the areas of gender-based violence, child care, and housing. Between March and December 2022, YWCA USA staff and consultants:

- Conducted **25 meetings** and **exchanged over 350 emails** with key Capitol Hill staff and legislative Committees on YWCA FY2023 Appropriations priorities. This has resulted in greater brand awareness and the strength of the network, the cultivation of key relationships with Committee and Hill staff, and a deeper understanding of the policy expertise of YWCA staff.
- Signed on to **9 coalition letters** which strengthened YWCAs collective voice to advance our legislative priorities as well as our mission to support and strengthen the YWCA network.
- Led over **270 grassroots advocates from 34 states** to make their voices heard on the importance of robust federal funding to ensure continuous services and support for survivors, families, and children
- Unified **88 YWCAs in 37 states and the District of Columbia to sign a [YWCA network letter](#)** in support of robust federal funding for key priority areas and demonstrated the collective strength of the YWCA network
- Engaged on social media to build greater awareness of YWCA's brand and legislative expertise in a culminating effort to support and strengthen local association programs:
  - 5 social media posts on Twitter resulted in: **853 impressions, 39 engagements, 19 reactions**
  - 3 posts on Facebook resulted in: **731 impressions, 18 engagements, 8 reactions**
  - 3 posts on LinkedIn resulted in: **1,134 Impressions, 34 engagements, 20 reactions.** Together, the post
  - **NOTE:** Impressions are defined as times the post was seen by a user. Engagements are defined as total number of times a user interacted with the content.

While we are pleased to see significant increases in key funding areas pivotal to the work and mission of local associations, more is required to stabilize the network and meet the growing needs of women, children, families, and survivors. Upcoming funding cliffs that will directly impact YWCA operations, staff support, and the services they provide and must be addressed. Additionally, core programmatic supports were omitted from the package, leaving pregnant workers, children and families of color, and survivors left holding the bag. A long list of work still remains for YWCA advocates in the new year.

YWCA USA's [full analysis of the FY2023 Appropriations priorities and successes](#) is available through the following link and is also summarized below.

## YWCA FY2023 APPROPRIATIONS PRIORITIES

### Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA)

Final FY2022	Final FY2023	FY2023 Change
\$200M	\$240M	+\$40M (+20%)

### Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG)

Final FY2022	Final FY2023	FY2023 Change
\$6.165B	\$8.021B	+1.856B (+30%)

### Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims

Final FY22	Final FY2023	FY2023 Change
\$43M	\$50M	+\$7M (+16.28%)

### Continuum of Care (CoC)

Final FY2022	Final FY2023	FY2023 Change
\$2.809B	\$3.154B	+\$34M (+12.28%)
\$52M for DV Bonus	\$52M for GBV Bonus	Level GBV Bonus

### Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Final FY2022	Final FY2023	FY2023 Change
\$290M	\$290M	Level

## CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING (AKA EARMARKS)

We are pleased to report that **nearly \$14M (\$13.818M) to support 15 unique projects at 14 YWCAs** across the country were included in the FY2023 Omnibus package. This is an increase of nearly \$7M from the previous year. The YWCAs confirmed to receive Congressionally Directed Spending Include:

- YWCA Eastern Union County (NJ)
- YWCA Glendale and Pasadena (CA)
- YWCA Greater Los Angeles (CA)
- YWCA Harbor Area (CA)
- YWCA Hawaii Island (HI)
- YWCA Kauai (HI)
- YWCA Knoxville (TN)
- YWCA Metro Chicago (IL)
- YWCA Northcentral Washington (WA)
- YWCA Oahu (HI) – 2 projects
- YWCA Pierce County (WA)
- YWCA Pueblo (CO)
- YWCA Wheeling (WV)
- YWCA Yonkers (NY)

FY2023 Senate Congressionally Directed Spending Requests Report: [Here](#)

## ADDITIONAL YWCA PRIORITIES INCLUDED

### Safety from Gender-based Violence

- An additional **\$20.5M in funding for the Domestic Violence Hotline**, a \$5M increase compared to FY2022 funding levels. The additional funds are critical to addressing the growing number of calls coming from victims coming into YWCAs requesting assistance.
- An additional **\$50M in funding for Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic violence, Dating Violence and Stalking program**, an increase of \$2M when compared to FY2022 funding levels. In 2013, 7 YWCAs in 6 states received \$6.1 million through the VAWA Rural program. The FY2023 funding increases will strengthen the ability of the network to be able to reach and support additional survivors.
- An additional **\$55M to support the Legal Assistance for Victims program** widely utilized by YWCAs across the country. This program received an increase of \$5M when compared to FY2022.
- An additional **\$10M for Children Exposed to Violence**
- An additional **\$9M to support the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)** research conducted at the Center for Disease Control (CDC)
- Incorporation of the **Savings Access for Escaping and Rebuilding (SAFER) Act**, allowing survivors of domestic violence to withdraw up to \$10,000 penalty-free (indexed for inflation) from their retirement plans for a year following domestic abuse and would permit them to replace the funds withdrawn over a period of three years. This is in addition to the **Legacy IRA Act** which incentivizes more giving from seniors. The Legacy IRA Act was supported by YWCA USA, Leadership 18 and our nonprofit partners. Our lobbying tactics included coalition meetings as well as a letter signed by Margaret Mitchell.

### Child Care and Early Childhood Education

- In addition to the **30 percent increase for the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG)** identified in the chart above, YWCA USA is also please to report an additional **\$11.996B for Head Start and Early Head Start**, an increase of \$960M or 8.6 percent over FY2022 funding levels.
- **\$75M for Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS)** program was identified in the FY2023 Omnibus package, an increase of +\$10M over FY2022 funding levels. Additional support for this program will continue to ensure accessible child care for parenting students on campus.

### Economic Security

- In a last-minute effort, the Senate passed an amendment to include the bipartisan **Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA)** to the FY2023 Omnibus spending package. PWFA builds on the Pregnancy Discrimination Act and helps ensure employers provide reasonable accommodations to pregnant persons who want to continue working during pregnancy. After over 10 years of hard work and unyielding grassroots advocacy by YWCA advocates and others across the country, this bill will become law.
- Similar to PWFA, Congress used a similar procedural action and also **passed the YWCA USA supported PUMP Act**. This will ensure everyone has the space and privacy to pump at work, extending critical rights to millions of workers in need of support while returning to work after pregnancy.

### Strengthening the Nonprofit Sector

- At least **\$38 billion in disaster supplemental spending** to assist communities recovering from drought, hurricanes, flooding, wildfire, natural disasters and other matters. Unfortunately, it does not provide tax relief sought by nonprofits.

## ADDITIONAL YWCA PRIORITIES NOT INCLUDED

- Despite last minute efforts from Senate Champion Patty Murray (D-WA) and others to pass **Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA)**, the bill failed to pass through procedural tactics and was not attached to the end of year funding package.
- Efforts to restore and expand the **Child Tax Credit** was not included in the end of year package, leaving the wildly popular program that supported the needs of children and families – disproportionately families of color and those facing poverty – left to find alternative means.
- **Charitable Giving Tax Incentives**, which expired at the end of 2021, including the universal or non-itemizer deduction was not included in the end of year package despite strong advocacy from YWCA USA and nonprofit partners
- Restoration and eligibility of the **Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC)** for the fourth quarter of 2021 that was retroactively repealed late that year. The Omnibus also fails to reinstate the ERTC.
- The failure to include **American Data Privacy and Protection Act (H.R. 8152)** was a win by YWCA USA and its nonprofit partners. If passed, this bill could impact YWCAs and other federated nonprofits and their data, including our donor and client data. This bill would also require YWCAs to disclose the type of data we collect, how it is used and retained, and rights of individuals over their data, including allowing an individual to bring a right of action against nonprofits. Despite this temporary success, advocates should prepare for re-introduction of the concerning bill in the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress as well as similar bad state bills.

## IMPACT STORIES

### **Rachel Todd, Executive Director, YWCA Northcentral Washington**

I wanted to share some great news with you folks. I just got a call from Rep. Schrier who let me know that she will be voting on the Omnibus tomorrow, and it's likely to pass and be signed into law same day, and our community project request will be fully awarded! This means we will have access to \$200,000 to do some much-needed facilities upgrades to our Permanent Supportive Housing building. Things like increase the electrical service to support modern-day electricity needs, replace the old water heater with two new, efficient water heaters to increase hot water for residents (currently a couple apartments get only luke-warm water), and replace all of the in-wall heating units with mini-splits to combat the extreme weather here in Wenatchee (over 100 in the summer, and currently it's 1 degree here!).

I would not have known to apply without Pam's guidance over a year ago, so thank you so much! This is a game changer for us!