



November 22, 2022

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of YWCA USA and the **88 YWCAs from 37 states and the District of Columbia**, we join today to thank you for your participation in the FY2023 House Appropriations process. Informed by our extensive history, the expertise of our nationwide network, and our collective commitment to meeting the needs of survivors, children, and their families, **we urge you to strengthen and pass YWCA’s FY2023 appropriations priorities.**

For over 160 years, YWCA has been on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. In a typical year, we serve as many as 2 million women, girls and family members of all ages and backgrounds in more than 1,200 communities. As the largest network of domestic and sexual violence service providers, YWCAs remain on the frontlines providing gender-based violence services — including safe and secure housing, crisis hotlines, counseling, court assistance, family justice centers, and other community and safety programs—to more than 500,000 women, children, and families each year. Since 1868, YWCAs also provide early childcare programs, typically serving over 200,000 kids annually through childcare including before and after school programming, Head Start, and Pre-K programs. These programs promote child development and school readiness, while enabling parents to obtain and retain employment.

Earlier this year, YWCA USA shared with you its [Appropriations requests for FY2023](#) in the areas of gender-based violence, child care, and housing. Faced with sustained high-demand for services and the growing need for flexibility to respond to unpredictable circumstances caused by the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic, robust funding increases are required to ensure continued services throughout our communities. **Today, we are once again calling on Congress to strengthen the funding for these priorities to recognize the ongoing and growing needs for support on the ground by YWCAs and throughout the communities we serve.**

In particular, we are grateful that the House Appropriations Committee included an additional \$100 million for domestic violence service providers through the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program. We look forward to continuing work with you and the Senate Appropriations Committee to match or exceed this funding. We also call for greater investment in child care and in transitional housing for survivors of domestic violence, particularly at the following levels:

**Labor, Health and Human Services**

**Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPSA)**

<b>FY23 YWCA Request</b>	<b>House Appropriations</b>	<b>Senate Appropriations</b>
\$500M	\$300M	\$300M

**Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG)**

<b>FY23 YWCA Request</b>	<b>House Appropriations</b>	<b>Senate Appropriations</b>
\$12B	\$7.165B	\$7.165B

**Commerce, Justice, and Science****Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims**

<b>FY23 YWCA Request</b>	<b>House Appropriations</b>	<b>Senate Appropriations</b>
\$100M	\$45M	\$53M

**Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development****Continuum of Care (CoC)**

<b>FY23 YWCA Request</b>	<b>House Appropriations</b>	<b>Senate Appropriations</b>
\$3.3B \$75M for Gender-based Violence	\$3.2 B \$75M for Gender-based Violence	\$3.041B \$52M for Gender-based Violence

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program**

<b>FY23 YWCA Request</b>	<b>House Committee Approved</b>	<b>Senate Appropriations</b>
\$300M	\$290M	\$290M

Federal grants and funding are a significant source of financial support for YWCA programs and services across the country that impact the health, safety, and economic well-being of YWCA clients. As we continue to address this unique moment of prolonged health, economic, and social challenges for our nation, YWCAs see first-hand the importance of maintaining and strengthening support for survivors, their families, and children across the country through these funding streams. **Once again, we urge you to strengthen and pass the YWCA FY2023 appropriations priorities identified above.**

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Please contact Pam Yuen, YWCA USA Senior Director of Government Relations, at [pyuen@ywca.org](mailto:pyuen@ywca.org) or 202-559-7022 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

YWCA USA

**ALABAMA**

YWCA Central Alabama

**ARIZONA**

YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix

YWCA Southern Arizona

**CALIFORNIA**

YWCA Berkeley/Oakland

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YWCA Palm Beach County

**GEORGIA**

YWCA Greater Atlanta

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YWCA of Hawaii Island

YWCA Kaua'i

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YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

YWCA Northwestern Illinois

YWCA of the Sauk Valley

YWCA Southwestern Illinois

YWCA of the University of Illinois

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YWCA Greater Lafayette

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YWCA Clinton

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YWCA Kalamazoo  
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YWCA Missoula

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YWCA Knoxville and the Tennessee Valley  
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