



EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR NONPROFIT CHILD CARE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE PROVIDERS

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YWCA USA advocates for additional relief to address immediate funding, staffing, and safety crises caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. As negotiations surrounding COVID-19 legislation continues, we look forward to working with Members of Congress to ensure that our network of 200 YWCAs is able to continue providing critical child care, housing, and domestic violence services in communities across the country.

YWCA’s priorities and recommendations are informed by COVID-19 impact survey data collected from YWCAs in 45 states and Washington, D.C. between March 31 through June 22, 2020, which found the following:

	YWCAs Reporting Increased Demand for Services Between March 31 – June 22
Domestic Violence Hotlines	52 YWCAs in 20 states (69% of 75 DV Hotlines that responded to the survey)
Domestic Violence Housing Services	57 YWCAs in 36 states (64% of 90 DV Housing providers that responded to the survey)
Housing Services for Low-Income Women, Seniors, Veterans	63 YWCAs in 30 states (60% of 106 YWCA low income housing programs that responded to the survey)

YWCA Child Care Programs Head Start, Infant/Toddler, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and School-Age Before/After Care	83 of 110 YWCA survey respondents (75%) closed programs between March 31 – June 22	64 of 110 YWCA survey respondents (58%) funding/revenue decreased between March 31 – June 22	29 of 110 YWCA survey respondents (33%) reopened in June
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As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, nonprofits like YWCA need additional relief. We urge Congress to include the following four (4) requests in any legislation that moves forward:

1. Ask: Additional \$340 million in Emergency Funding to Domestic & Sexual Violence Service Providers

YWCA USA urges Congress to include additional appropriations for existing federal grant programs that can be quickly distributed to meet the high demand for domestic and sexual violence services. We also urge maximum funding flexibility to enable providers to purchase supplies, ensure safe and sanitary conditions at centers, and maintain operations.

YWCA Requests	HEROES Act (H.R. 6800)	HEALS Act
\$100 million for Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA) + waiver of match requirements	\$48 million + \$2 million for the National Domestic Violence Hotline	\$63 million + \$2 million for the National Domestic Violence Hotline
Hazard pay for domestic and sexual violence providers	Providers would be eligible for pandemic premium pay + above the line \$500 deduction for supplies	None

YWCA also supports the National Task Force to End Sexual & Domestic Violence's requests related to housing and other services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their families.

2. Ask: Provide Additional \$50 billion in Emergency Funding through CCDBG to Support Child Care Providers and ensure our country's economic recovery and long-term stability

Child care is essential to our nation's economy and recovery from COVID-19, yet faces unprecedented challenges. We urge Congress to match or exceed YWCA's requests to support the child care sector:

YWCA Requests	HEROES Act (H.R. 6800)	HEALS Act
\$50 billion for CCDBG	\$7 billion for CCDBG	\$5 billion for CCDBG
		\$10 billion for Back to Work Child Care Grants administered through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Hazard pay for child care providers	Child care providers considered essential workers and eligible for pandemic premium pay	None

3. Ask: Strengthen support for the nonprofit sector in their service on the frontlines of responding to COVID-19 and their critical role in helping r-open the country

YWCA joins [nearly 4,000 charitable nonprofits](#) from all 50 states in urging Members of Congress to address the following bipartisan issue areas to ensure charitable nonprofits can continue to provide frontline services to those in need and are able to help communities recover:

YWCA Requests	HEROES Act (H.R. 6800)	HEALS Act
Expand and extend the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) by enabling a second round of funding for all 501(c)(3)s	<p>Adds 25% set-aside for nonprofits</p> <p>Eliminates affiliation rule for nonprofits and extends the covered period to 12/31/2020</p> <p>Defers loan forgiveness payment for 1 year</p>	Nonprofits with less than 300 employees could receive another PPP loan if they meet strict revenue cap; no set-aside for nonprofits

	Does not include second round of funding	
Reimbursement for Cleaning Supplies/PPE for recovery and re-opening	None	Includes Payroll tax credit to cover 50% of the cost of worker's virus protection expenses, such as PPE, workplace remodeling, etc. up to \$1,000 per employee
Enhancing Employee Retention Tax Credits (set at 50% in CARES Act) and allow nonprofits who take loans to also qualify	80% refundable tax credit up to \$36,000 of eligible wages to encourage hiring and retaining employees	65% credit up to \$19,500 per employee
Treat self-funded nonprofits fairly by covering 100% of Unemployment Insurance costs for Self-Insured Nonprofits	None	Increases coverage from 50% to 75% through 12/31/2020

4. Ask: At least \$3.6 billion in funding to ensure both the public's safety and an equitable voting process

COVID-19 has further obstructed access to the voting booth making it more important for Congress to pass additional measures that would fully fund and direct states to administer the 2020 elections in a safe, fair, and accessible manner.

YWCA Requests	HEROES Act (H.R. 6800)	HEALS Act
\$3.6 billion Expansion of early and in-person voting to ensure a more secure, efficient, and accessible election while protecting the public health and safety	\$3.6 billion for states to have safe and accessible elections in 2020 Requirement that states offer online and same-day voter registration Requirement that states offer at least 15 consecutive days of early in-person voting Requirement that no-excuse absentee vote-by-mail is available and accessible to all voters with postage paid by the government	None

In addition, YWCA also urges Congress to extend the statutory deadlines for reporting apportionment and redistricting data from the 2020 Census. We also support additional funding for field operations and data processing related to the 2020 Census operations and expenses due to COVID-19.

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