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Office of Management and Budget Releases the President's Fiscal Year 2022 Discretionary Funding Request

*As Congress Prepares to Begin Annual Appropriations Process, Administration Outlines
Proposals to Reinvest in Critical Priorities for the Future*

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) today submitted to Congress President Biden's discretionary funding request for Fiscal Year 2022. As Congress prepares to begin the annual appropriations process, the request lays out the President's discretionary funding recommendations across a wide range of policy areas and outlines a strategy for reinvesting in the foundations of our country's resilience and strength. The [request](#) — which represents only one element of the Administration's broader agenda — includes key investments in K-12 education, medical research, housing, civil rights, and other priorities that are vital to our future.

Later this spring, the Administration will release the President's Budget, which will present a unified, comprehensive plan to address the overlapping challenges we face in a fiscally and economically responsible way.

“This moment of crisis is also a moment of possibility,” wrote **OMB Acting Director Shalanda Young in a letter to leaders of the House and Senate Appropriations and Budget Committees**. “The upcoming appropriations process is another important opportunity to continue laying a stronger foundation for the future and reversing a legacy of chronic disinvestment in crucial priorities. Together, America has a chance not simply to go back to the way things were before the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn struck, but to begin building a better, stronger, more secure, more inclusive America.”

The discretionary funding request includes crucial, targeted investments across government, including proposals to:

- **Make a Historic Investment in High-Poverty Schools.** The discretionary request proposes a historic \$36.5 billion investment in Title I grants, a \$20 billion increase from the 2021 enacted level, to provide high-poverty schools with the funding they need to deliver a high-quality education to all of their students. This funding, the single largest year-over-year increase since the inception of the Title I program, will address long-standing funding disparities between under-resourced school districts and their wealthier counterparts, providing critical new support to both students and teachers.
- **Launch the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H).** The discretionary request calls for \$6.5 billion to launch the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH). With an initial focus on cancer and other diseases such as diabetes and Alzheimer's, this major investment in federal research and development will drive transformational innovation in health research and speed application and implementation of health breakthroughs.
- **Help End the Opioid Epidemic.** The opioid epidemic has shattered families, claimed lives, and ravaged communities across the country — and the COVID-19 pandemic has only deepened this crisis. The discretionary request includes a historic investment of

\$10.7 billion, an increase of \$3.9 billion over the 2021 enacted level, to support research, prevention, treatment, and recovery support services, with targeted investments to support populations with unique needs, including Native Americans, older Americans, and rural populations.

- **Improve Readiness for Future Public Health Crises.** The discretionary request includes \$8.7 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) — the largest budget authority increase in nearly two decades — to restore capacity at the world’s preeminent public health agency. Building on the investments in the American Rescue Plan, CDC will use this additional funding to support core public health capacity improvements in States and Territories, modernize public health data collection nationwide, train new epidemiologists and other public health experts, and build international capacity to detect, prepare for, and respond to emerging global threats.
- **Invest in Tackling the Climate Crisis.** The discretionary request includes major new climate change investments — an increase of more than \$14 billion compared to 2021 — across nearly every agency to: restore the critical capacity needed to carry out their core functions and to take a whole-of-government approach to tackling climate change; secure environmental justice for communities that have been left behind through the largest direct investment in environmental justice in history; and help developing countries reduce emissions and adapt to climate change.
- **Extend Housing Vouchers and Help End Homelessness.** The discretionary request proposes to provide \$30.4 billion for Housing Choice Vouchers, expanding vital assistance to 200,000 more families, with a focus on those who are homeless or fleeing domestic violence. It also builds on provisions in the American Rescue Plan by providing a \$500 million increase for Homeless Assistance Grants to support more than 100,000 additional households, helping prevent and reduce homelessness.
- **Reinvigorate Civil Rights Enforcement.** In order to protect marginalized communities, the discretionary request invests \$209 million, an increase of \$33 million, in the Department of Justice’s (DOJ) Civil Rights Division, Community Relations Service, and other programs. These funds would support police reform, the prosecution of hate crimes, enforcement of voting rights, mediation and conciliation services for community conflicts arising from discriminatory practices, and other activities. The discretionary request also includes significant increases for civil rights offices and activities across Federal agencies to ensure that our Nation’s laws are enforced fairly and equitably.
- **Combat the Gun Violence Public Health Epidemic.** The discretionary request includes \$2.1 billion, an increase of \$232 million above the 2021 enacted level, for DOJ to address the gun violence public health crisis plaguing communities across the Nation. This level supports existing programs to improve background check systems and invests in new programs to incentivize state adoption of gun licensing laws and establish voluntary gun buyback pilot programs. Combined, the requests for DOJ and Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) include \$200 million to support a new Community Violence Intervention initiative to implement evidence-based community violence interventions locally.
- **Address the Root Causes of Migration from Central America and Reduce Asylum Backlogs.** The request proposes \$861 million as a first step towards a four-

year commitment to invest in Central America as part of a comprehensive strategy to address the root causes of irregular migration. The request also proposes \$345 million for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to adjudicate naturalization and asylum cases of those who have been waiting for years. And it increases the budget of the Executive Office for Immigration Review by 21 percent to \$891 million to reduce court backlogs through 100 new immigration judges and support teams.

- **Help End Gender-Based Violence.** The request includes a historic investment of \$1 billion in total funding for DOJ Violence Against Women Act programs, nearly double the 2021 level, including funding for new programs to expand restorative justice efforts, protect transgender survivors, and support women at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), and Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) to ensure these institutions have the same resources as other schools to address this pervasive issue. In addition, the request provides funding at HHS for domestic violence hotlines and for cash assistance, medical support and services, and emergency shelters for survivors.
- **Uphold Our Trust Responsibility to Tribal Nations.** To begin redressing long-standing, stark inequities experienced by American Indians and Alaska Natives, the discretionary request proposes to dramatically increase funding for the Indian Health Service (IHS) by \$2.2 billion and provides \$900 million to fund tribal efforts to expand affordable housing, improve housing conditions and infrastructure, and increase economic opportunities for low-income families. The request also includes an increase of more than \$450 million to facilitate climate mitigation, resilience, adaptation, and environmental justice projects in Indian Country, including investment to begin the process of transitioning tribal colleges in the country to renewable energy.

For complete information on the President's FY 2022 discretionary funding request, please visit: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/FY-2022-Discretionary-Request/>.

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