

The Senior Alliance

COLLOQUY

The Senior Alliance's Monthly Advocacy Update

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*Welcome to The Senior Alliance's advocacy newsletter, COLLOQUY!
This monthly e-mail is a look at the issues, legislation, and events impacting aging.*

Federal Budget Update

The current FY 2026 Continuing Resolution (CR) funding the federal government, including Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), expires on January 30, 2026. Congress must pass the remaining FY 2026 appropriation bills before January 30th, or another shutdown will occur.

On January 22nd, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bipartisan FY 2026 funding package that covers most of the federal government, including Department of Labor and HHS appropriations.

The funding package passed by the House includes level funding for almost all Older Americans Act (OAA) programs. Modest increases were included for OAA Title IIIB Supportive Services, OAA Title VI Native Americans Aging programs, and OAA Title IIIIE National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP). The Title IIIIE NFCSP increases were directed by Congress for demonstrations related to the [National Family Caregiving Strategy](#). OAA Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) funding was included, although with a slight decrease, in the Department of Labor budget.

What's Next

The Senate is expected to take up the funding bill this week with the goal of getting it signed into law by the President before the January 30 deadline.

The Senior Alliance will continue to advocate with our federal legislators on these issues to ensure protection and continued funding for FY 2026. Take action through our website or using the button below to ensure the needs of older adults are heard.

Take Action

Take action using the button below or by heading to our website to contact your Members of Congress and ask them to maintain the funding levels proposed in the Labor/HHS bill for FY 2026.

Take Action on FY 2026 Federal Budget

New Episode of Inside The Senior Alliance!

In this episode, Jason Maciejewski, CEO of The Senior Alliance, talks to Michigan State Representative Jason Morgan, who serves the 23rd House

District.

They discuss some of the most significant issues facing older adults in Michigan, how the State can better support aging veterans, including homeless veterans, and transportation issues for older adults. They also talk about resources for aging LGBTQ+ citizens and what priorities should be focused on for older adults in the coming year.

Listen to more about how you can get involved to advocate for issues with your State Representatives and Senators.

[Listen Now](#)

We Want Your Feedback!

Help us gain insight on aging and community needs in Western Wayne County and Downriver through our Multi-Year Plan survey.

The fiscal year (FY) 2027-2029 Multi-Year Plan outlines our priorities and strategies to address the evolving needs of older adults and caregivers in our community. Completed every few years, this plan guides our work over the next three fiscal years by identifying gaps, setting goals, and shaping programs that help older adults remain healthy, independent, and connected.

Your responses directly shape how federal and state funding is prioritized for programs and services that support older adults, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers. By taking our survey, you help guide our planning efforts for the years ahead.

The survey is open to everyone and community members of all ages are encouraged to participate. Please feel free to share this with your networks so we can hear from as many people as possible.

Use the button below to complete the survey today!

[2027- 2029 Multi-Year Plan Survey](#)

Give Hunger a Holiday

In Michigan, 1 in 7 older adults struggles with food insecurity. During the holidays, your generous donations enable The Senior Alliance to continue to meet the needs of food-insecure aging adults and adults with disabilities in our community when traditional meal-delivery services are unavailable.

Because of you, in FY 2025 (October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025), on Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, over 2,900 hot meals were served. This year, we hope to serve even more vulnerable members in our area. Your donation, whether \$5 or \$500, will help provide meals and also support other services for the aging adults in our community - through this holiday season and beyond.

Help us Give Hunger a Holiday by donating today.

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