



WASHINGTON UPDATE

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ACL's Lance Robertson is 2018 Katz Policy Lecturer

Join us October 3, 2018 from 3-6pm for the 12th Annual Katz Policy Lecture.



The 2018 policy lecture will be presented by **Lance Robertson, U.S. Assistant Secretary for Aging** and Administrator of the Administration for Community Living.

The topic is food insecurity and social isolation among vulnerable adults. A local panel will follow Mr. Robertson's remarks, sharing the experiences of Northeast Ohio organizations and individuals.

Before joining ACL in 2017, Robertson served for 10 years as the Director of Aging Services within the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. Prior to that, he spent 12 years at Oklahoma State University, where he co-founded the Gerontology Institute and served as the executive director of the nation's largest regional gerontology association.

The Katz Policy Lecture is free, though registration is required. Registration and more information is available at www.benrose.org.

Contact Us

We welcome your feedback!
 Please share questions, suggestions or concerns.

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Elder Justice Webinar

Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging and our partners at the Elder Justice Coalition will sponsor a free webinar on self-neglect on **September 14, 2018 from 1:00-2:00pm**.

The webinar, titled **"But Did It Work? Elder Justice Interventions II: Self-Neglect"**, will feature a panel discussion about an innovative project developed with Benjamin Rose, WellMed and Texas Adult Protective Services to screen for risk factors for self-neglect among older adults and people with disabilities in WellMed clinics in Texas in the hopes of helping people avoid self-neglect and the negative outcomes associated with it. The project is funded by the Elder Justice Innovation grant from the U.S. Administration for Community Living. Register at www.benrose.org.



Congressional Update

The biggest issue in Washington facing aging programs at this time is federal funding for FY 2019. Right now is a good time to contact your Members of Congress, because the House of Representatives is officially on summer recess—so, they are back in your district.

The full House and Senate Appropriations Committees have passed their Labor-Health & Human Services-Education bills for FY 2019 (beginning October 1, 2018), which are the pieces of funding legislation that fund programs such as Older Americans Act (OAA) programs, energy assistance, Senior Corps, SHIP Medicare counseling, and services block grants.

The chart below includes funding levels that have been passed by the Committees, but have not yet been considered by the entire House and Senate.

While we would have preferred an increase in programs important to the aging network and to older adults, we urge our readers to contact their House and Senate members on funding, including the following points:

1. Finishing the FY 2019 bills before October 1. If the bills are passed into law before October 1, that will remove funding uncertainty for the start of the new fiscal year, and the federal government will not shut down.
2. Preserving and increasing funding levels for all aging services programs. Programs sorely need increased funding to keep up with the growing older population.

You can contact your members of Congress using the Capitol Switchboard (202.224.3121) or by looking them up on house.gov and senate.gov.

Program	FY18 Final	FY19 Trump	FY19 House	FY19 Senate
OAA Title IIIB HCBS	\$385 million	\$350 million	\$385 million	\$385 million
OAA Congregate	\$490 million	\$450 million	\$490 million	\$490 million
OAA Home-Delivered	\$246 million	\$227 million	\$246 million	\$246 million
NSIP	\$160 million	\$160 million	\$160 million	\$160 million
OAA Nutrition Total	\$896.7 million	\$837.7 million	\$896.7 million	\$896.7 million
OAA Title V SCSEP	\$400 million	0	\$400 million	\$400 million
OAA VI Native Americans Nutrition	\$33.2 million	\$31.2 million	\$35.2 million	\$31.2 million
Family Caregiver Support	\$180 million	\$151 million	\$180 million	\$180.3 million
Comm. Services Block Grant (CSBG)	\$715 million	0	\$750 million	\$725 million
Comm. Develop. Block Grant (CDBG)	\$3.3 billion	0	\$3.3 billion	\$3.3 billion
Social Services Block Grant	\$1.7 billion	0	\$1.7 billion	\$1.7 billion
LIHEAP (Home Energy Assistance)	\$3.64 billion	0	\$3.64 billion	\$3.69 billion
Elder Justice Initiative	\$12 million	\$8 million	\$12 million	\$12 million
SHIP (Medicare Assistors)	\$49.1 million	0	\$49.1 million	\$49.1 million
Senior Corps	\$202.1 million	0	\$202.1 million	\$202.1 million
Section 202 Housing	\$678 million	\$563 million	\$632 million	\$678 million
Commodity Suppl. Food Prog (CSFP)	\$238 million	0	\$222.8 million	\$238 million
Sr. Farmers Market Nutrition	\$21 million	\$21 million	\$21 million	\$21 million
SNAP	\$74 billion	\$73.2 billion	\$73.2 billion	\$73.2 billion