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Washington, D.C.—The Coalition for Health Funding praises advancement of the Appropriations Committee Fiscal Year 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) Funding Bill:

The Coalition for Health Funding is encouraged to see the House Appropriations Committee continue to act on its promise to help build a strong public health and research infrastructure in the United States. The COVID-19 pandemic brought to light many of the gaps in public health infrastructure nationwide, making clear a need for a much larger and sustained investment. We continue to advocate for increased public health funding at the federal, state, and local levels, with plentiful flexible and programmatic funding across the board. CHF recognizes bench to bedside healthcare and the continuum of public health must be given broad support at every stage, as there is no one public health system that can exist and function without the others.

We applaud the Labor-HHS Subcommittee for increases in its bill to several critical programs, including:

- The increase in budget for the Administration for Children and Families to \$34.4 billion. This increase of \$4.5 billion from FY2022 enacted levels can be utilized to help provide lifesaving programs for families and children across the country.*
- The increase in budget to \$47.6 billion for the National Institute of Health, which will continue to help support crucial public health research across key focus areas.*
- The increase in funding to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to \$10.5 billion, which is essential to bolster public health infrastructure, modernize our public health data systems, and provide further investment in public health workforce and analytics to help ensure a more prepared response for any future public health crisis.*

The increases proposed by the House in the FY 2023 appropriations bill should be the starting point for final negotiations for FY 2023, and we look forward to seeing greater detail soon. Now, more than ever we need to show Americans that we are committed to protecting their health and building a strong public health infrastructure that does not rely on emergency funding.

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The Coalition for Health Funding includes [81 organizations](#). It is the oldest and largest nonprofit alliance dedicated to sustained public health funding to strengthen overall public health infrastructure.