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CAEAR Coalition Policy Report

The CAEAR Coalition had a Policy Call Monday 21 March. In attendance was Jon Bouker, Partner, and Oliver Spurgeon II, from Arent Fox Schif.

Appropriations:

President Biden signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (H.R. 2471) into law 15 March.

Highlights of the \$1.5T Budget include:

- **Non Defense Spending** ^ of 6.7%
- **Labor HHS** \$213.6B (increase of \$15.3B, or 7.7% above 2021)
- **HHS** \$108.3B (increase \$11.3B)
- **NIH** \$45B (increase of \$2.25B)
- Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative \$10M*
- **CDC** \$8.5B (increase of \$582M)
- Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative \$195M (increase of \$20M)*
- **HRSA** \$8.9B (increase of \$1.4B)
- Ryan White HIV/AIDS program \$2.5B (increase of \$71M)
- Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative \$125M (increase of \$20M)*
- Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative \$56.9M (increase of \$1.5M)

* Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative is funded via various Departments, incl. NIH, CDC, Ryan White

Jon explained the very modest increase in HIV/AIDS funding is due to last-minute budget compromises to pass the FY2022 budget after 3 C.R. (Continuing Resolutions). Compromises were made on both sides.

Full Budget Breakdown:

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/Labor%2C%20Health%20and%20Human%20Services%2C%20Education%2C%20and%20Related%20Agencies.pdf>

On 28 March, The White House released the Fiscal Year (FY2023) Executive Budget Request to Congress. Highlighting the Administrations spending and priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

Jon and Oliver believe there will be no 2023 budget deal anytime soon, esp. given the upcoming mid-term elections this November. Another C.R. (Continuing Resolution) will most likely carry us into a presidential lame-duck session.