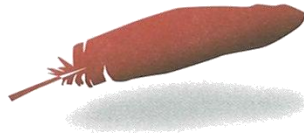


National Indian Health Board



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IHS APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2012

Over the weekend, Congress passed the remaining nine appropriations bills for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 in a \$1 trillion omnibus package. By a vote of 296-121, the House passed H.R. 2055 on December 16th. On December 17th, the Senate cleared the measure 67-32 while also approving H. J. Res. 95, a short-term continuing resolution (CR) that will allow the federal government to remain open during the time it takes for the bill to reach the President's desk for signature (until December 23rd). The President is expected to sign H.R. 2055 into law later this week.

The legislation is the result of weeks of negotiation between the House and Senate. Among funding for other agencies, it contains FY 2012 funding for the Indian Health Service at a total of \$4.31 billion. This represents a 6% increase from FY 2011 enacted levels (see chart below).

The bill contains \$3.08 billion for total Clinical Services which includes \$845 million for Contract Health Services. Contract Support Costs are funded at \$472 million and Preventive Health is funded at \$147 million. Indian Health Facilities will receive a total of \$441 million in funding.

In a joint statement, those who managed the process of reconciling the House and Senate proposed levels of funding also noted that the bill assumes a reduction of \$7 million in small grants programs from IHS' budget. These small grants include programs that serve elders, women, and children. Also included is funding for the National Indian Health Board.

The managers' statement also contained a directive with regard to Contract Support Costs. The Congressional managers wrote, "The conferees direct the Service to meet its annual Contract Support Costs reporting requirement due date, and to provide the Committees with current Contract Support Costs estimates in conjunction with its annual budget submission."

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Indian Health Service FY 2012 Budget Comparison
(Dollars in Thousands)

IHS Program	FY 2011 Enacted ⁱ	FY 2012 President's Request ⁱⁱ	% change FY11 Enacted & FY12 Request	FY 2012 House Proposal ⁱⁱⁱ	% change FY 11 Enacted & House	FY 2012 Senate Proposal ^{iv}	% change FY11 Enacted & Senate	FY 2012 Enacted ^v	%change FY11 Enacted & FY12 Enacted
Total Clinical Services	\$2,962,621	\$3,376,201	14.0%	\$3,141,735	6.0%	\$3,081,821	4.0%	\$3,088,809	4.3%
<i>Contract Health Services</i>	\$779,927	\$948,646	21.6%	\$836,685	7.3%	\$829,927	6.4%	\$844,927	8.3%
Preventive Health	\$144,027	\$156,613	8.7%	\$152,198	5.7%	\$147,258	2.2%	\$147,258	2.2%
Total Other Services	\$558,625	\$633,325	13.4%	\$740,389	32.5%	\$607,029	8.7%	\$636,310	13.9%
<i>Contract Support Costs</i>	\$397,693	\$461,837	16.1%	\$573,761	44.3%	\$442,693	11.3%	\$472,193	18.7%
Total Services	\$3,665,273	\$4,166,139	13.7%	\$4,034,322	10.1%	\$3,836,108	4.7%	\$3,872,377	5.7%
Facilities	\$403,947	\$457,699	13.3%	\$427,259	5.8%	\$446,342	10.5%	\$441,052	9.2%
Total IHS	\$4,069,220	\$4,623,838	13.6%	\$4,461,581	9.6%	\$4,282,450	5.2%	\$4,313,429	6.0%

ⁱ Final FY 2011 appropriations were enacted on April 15, 2011 in Public Law 112-10.

ⁱⁱ President Obama's Request for FY 2012 was released in February 2011.

ⁱⁱⁱ The House Committee on Appropriations was successful in reporting out an Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for FY 2012 (House Report 112-151) in early July 2011, and the bill (H.R. 2584) was later debated on the House floor. Debate on the bill was never finished, however, due to both policy riders and passage of the Budget Control Act.

^{iv} The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies did not arrive at these numbers through regular committee order. Instead, the Subcommittee's Leadership (Chairman Jack Reed (D-RI) and Ranking Member Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) released a draft bill meant to be the Chairman's mark and a "starting point for further discussion in mid-October. The draft was not filed, but is reflective of the new discretionary spending caps set by the Budget Control Act. See the Subcommittee's [website](#) for more information.

^v The final appropriated levels for FY 2012 are the result of negotiations between a bicameral conference committee, a joint committee appointed to resolve differences between the House and Senate versions of the nine bills. They then produce a final negotiated version known as a conference report. For more information, see Conference Report 112-331 at [Thomas.loc.gov](http://thomas.loc.gov).