

Legislative Update

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Overnight Developments...



Congress waves its procedural magic wand

By KATHERINE TULLY-MCMANUS | 12/08/2021 07:32 AM EST

House passes compromise defense bill, backing Pentagon budget boost

Lawmakers approved the legislation 363-70, which saw 169 Democrats join 194 Republicans in a blowout vote.



McConnell secures GOP support for new debt strategy

Senate leaders seem to have found a path forward to avoid a debt cliff without Republican votes.

House passes workaround to move forward on raising the debt ceiling

BY SARAH FERRIS, JENNIFER SCHOLTES AND CAITLIN EMMA

- House Republicans seethe over Senate GOP's debt deal

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POLITICO

Congress must address multiple fiscal deadlines this year

Debt ceiling

- Suspended for two years by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019, the debt ceiling expired at the end of July 2021
- On October 14, President Biden signed legislation to lift the debt ceiling through mid-December, at which point the issue will have to be revisited

FY 22 budget

- The Biden administration released a discretionary spending request on April 9 and a full budget on May 28
- The Senate passed a \$3.5 trillion budget resolution on August 11; the House passed the budget resolution on August 24
- The House passed a roughly \$2 trillion budget reconciliation bill on November 19

FY22 appropriations

- Initially scheduled to run out of funding on September 30, 2021, Congress passed a continuing resolution to fund the government through December 3
- On December 3, President Biden signed an additional continuing resolution that will keep the government funded through mid-February, temporarily avoiding a shutdown
- Congress must still pass 12 funding bills

Other programs

- Other key programs are set to expire at the end of FY21, including:
 - Enhanced Child Tax Credit and Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit
 - CARES funding to state, local, and tribal governments
 - TANF authorization (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)



Bipartisan Infrastructure Act “INVEST in American Act” – H.R. 3684

- The measure passed the Senate on Aug. 10 by a 69-30 vote and the House on Nov. 5 by a 228-206 vote. Signed into law on 11/15/21
- ~\$1 trillion package includes \$550 billion in new money



No More Lead Pipes



High-Speed Internet Access



Better Roads and Bridges



Investments in Public Transit



Upgrade Airports and Ports



Investment in Passenger Rail



Network of Electric Vehicle Chargers



Upgrade Power Infrastructure



Resilient Infrastructure



Investment in Environmental Remediation

Build Back Better Act H.R. 5376

\$1.75 Trillion Reconciliation package

Includes clean energy and climate provisions, free preschool, childcare subsidies, elder care, paid leave, housing, caps out-of-pocket prescription drug costs, etc.

Senate vote TBD

ARPA-H language dropped (falls outside the scope of reconciliation rules)



Roll Call

Dec. 7, 2021

CONGRESS

Manchin repeats call for 'strategic pause' in big spending package

Schumer wants to pass the reconciliation measure by Christmas

Cures 2.0

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6000

To continue the acceleration of the discovery, development, and delivery of 21st century cures, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 17, 2021

Ms. DEGETTE (for herself and Mr. UPTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Budget, Science, Space, and Technology, Agriculture, Education and Labor, Armed Services, Natural Resources, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To continue the acceleration of the discovery, development, and delivery of 21st century cures, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Cures 2.0 Act”.



- Would establish ARPA-H within NIH
- Authorizes research funding and addresses clinical trial diversity and access
- Expands and studies telehealth
- Aims to improve access to diagnostics and treatment
- Calls for additional patient and caregiver training and education

FY22 Appropriations

CR #1: 10/1-12/3

CR #2: 12/4-2/18

	President's Budget Request	House passed 7/29/21 (219- 208)	Senate DRAFT released 10/18/21
NIH	\$52 B (+\$9 B)	\$49.4 B (+\$6.5 B)	\$47.9 B (+\$5 B)
ARPA-H	\$6.5 B	\$3.0 B	\$2.4 B
NCI	\$6.73 B (+\$174 M)	\$6.99 B (+\$434 M)	\$6.77B (+\$212 M)

Congress has enacted one or more CRs in all but three of the last 44 fiscal years

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Average number of CRs enacted per year, FY1998-FY2020

39 days

Average duration of each CR, FY1998-FY2020

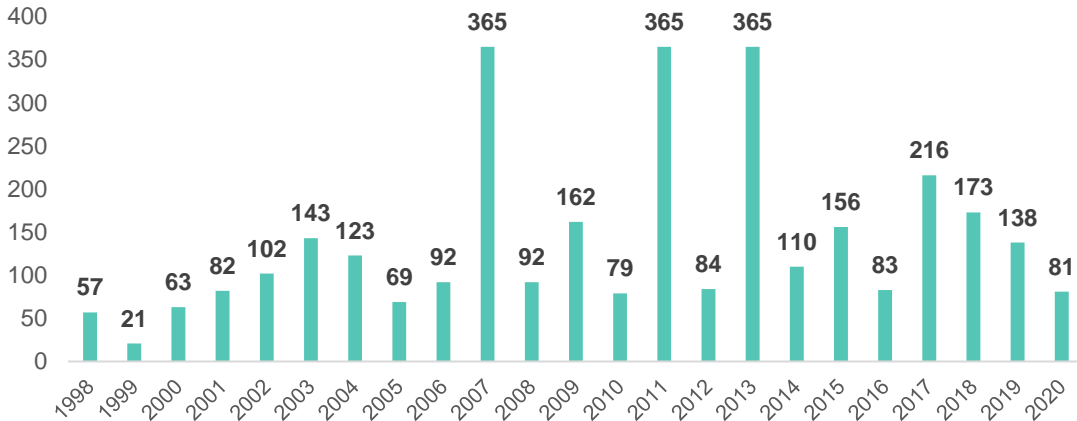
5 months

Average total duration of CR funding per year, FY1998-FY2020

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Number of full-year CRs enacted since FY1977

DURATION OF CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS FY1998-FY2020, IN DAYS



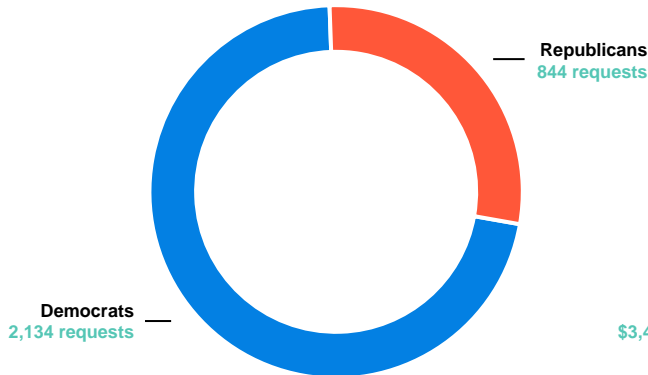
SOURCE Congressional Research Service
PRESENTATION CENTER 9/19/21

326 representatives submitted Community Project Funding requests for FY2022

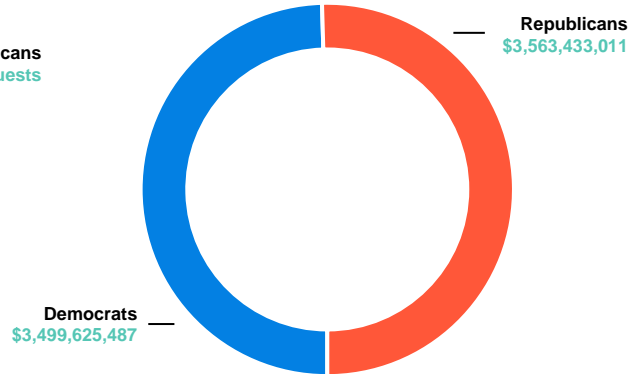


- Community Project Funding requests for FY2022 totaled **\$7,063,058,487**
 - 221 Democrats and 105 Republicans submitted 2,978 requests
- Twice as many Democrats submitted Community Project Funding requests compared to Republicans but requested on average **\$18,102,047.80** less than Republicans per representative

Number of requests



Requested funding amount



Excludes non-voting representatives. Graphs reflect the data submitted by offices into the database maintained by the Appropriations Committee, last accessed July 18, 2021

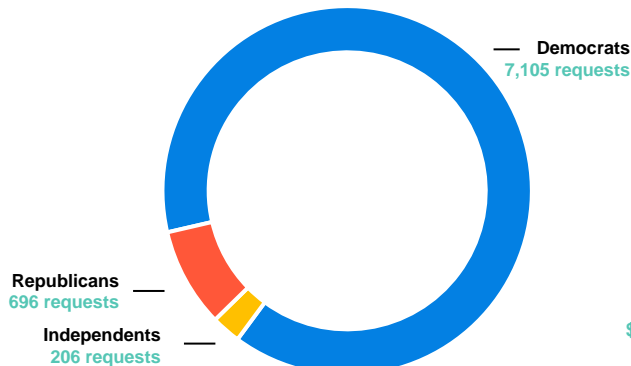
SOURCE House Committee on Appropriations
PRESENTATION CENTER 5/11/21

64 senators submitted Congressionally Directed Spending requests for FY2022

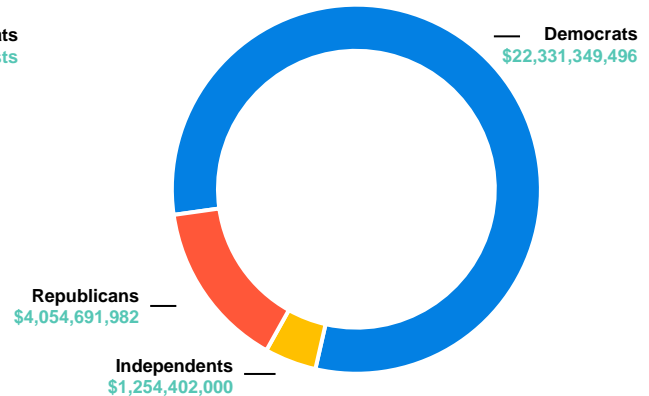


- Congressionally Direct Spending requests for FY2022 totaled \$27,640,443,478
- 45 Democrats, 2 Independents, and 17 Republicans submitted **8,007** requests
- While nearly **half** of Republican representatives submitted Community Project Funding requests, only **one-third** of Republican senators submitted Congressionally Directed Spending requests

Number of requests



Requested spending amount



*Includes duplicate requests submitted by Senators from the same state



House - 1960-68
Senate - 1969-96
GOP Leader 1985-1996

Worked w/Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan to extend the solvency of the Social Security system in 1983

Partnered w/ Sen. Ted Kennedy worked to pass the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990

Opinion: Bob Dole: America needs unity to rediscover its greatness

“There has been a lot of talk about what it will take to heal our country. We have heard many of our leaders profess “bipartisanship.” But we must remember that bipartisanship is the minimum we should expect from ourselves.”

America has never achieved greatness when Republicans and Democrats simply manage to work together or tolerate each other. We have overcome our biggest challenges only when we focused on our shared values and experiences. These common ties form much stronger bonds than political parties.”