



I. President's FY 2022 Discretionary Request for Education

- **The President's FY 2022 discretionary budget requests historic \$29.8 billion (41%) increase for Department of Education!**
 - [58-page budget request](#) – The description for the Department of Education (ED) programs is on numbered pages 7-8, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is on pages 10-15, and Department of Labor is on pages 23-24. This topline request doesn't include detail for some of the smaller agencies and programs CEF follows.
 - [3-page OMB press release](#)
 - **Attachments** – two updated CEF charts to Tweet (see sample tweets below) and the bare bones of CEF's customary 4-page education funding table. You can see that there are still very few programs where we know the precise FY 2022 request. We'll fill this out after the Administration releases its the full FY 2022 budget later this spring, likely in May.
- **Overview of education funding** – President Biden's discretionary request for FY 2022 makes a record investment in ED programs, asking for a \$29.8 billion increase over the regular FY 2021 level (none of the funding levels here include the COVID-relief funding enacted for FY 2021). Two-thirds of the ED increase is for Title I, whose funding is more than doubled with a \$20 billion increase; President Biden campaigned on a pledge to triple Title I funding, and this investment goes more than two thirds of the way toward that goal in one year. The request does not include enough details to know where all the other \$9.8 billion in invested, but almost \$3 billion is to increase special education and another \$3 billion is to increase the maximum Pell grant by \$400. The budget also includes sizable increases for education programs outside of ED, including for Head Start and the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG).
 - **How does this increase compare with other Presidential budget requests?** Simply put, this budget is unlike any other. The almost \$30 billion increase is more than three times the education increase ever requested by any President (see attached chart). In recent years, we've continued to make that point that even after Congress finally started to increase education funding in FY 2018, the funding for ED was still \$7 billion below the 2011 level in inflation-adjusted dollars. This request would put FY 2022 about \$20 billion above the level of a decade ago in real dollars, allowing for meaningful investments rather than just struggling to cover costs (see second attached chart).

Listed below are all the education funding that the President's budget request mentions.

- **Specified ED increases –**

- **\$36.5 billion for Title I** – This is a \$20 billion (41%) increase over the 2021 level, and more than doubles funding for the largest K-12 education program.
- **\$15.5 billion for IDEA Part B state grants** – The budget increases IDEA state grant funding by \$2.6 billion (20%), which leaves the program far below the “full-funding” level of about \$39 billion but would be a large down payment toward the full-funding goal. The budget also increases the Infant and Toddler Part C program by \$250 million (52%).
- **\$3 billion increase to raise the maximum Pell Grant by \$400** – This increase in the maximum Pell Grant is the largest single year increase since 2009. The document mentions that this is just part of “a more comprehensive proposal to double the maximum Pell Grant” – something we will likely see as part of the President’s American Families Plan he will announce later this spring. The document also notes expanding Pell Grant eligibility to DREAMers who qualify financially.
- **\$443 million for Full Service Community Schools** – The budget provides a \$413 million (1377% - yes, that is correct!) increase for this \$30 million program that provides wraparound services to students and their families.
- **\$100 million for a new diverse schools program** – The budget funds a new grant program to help communities create schools with more diverse student bodies rather than ones that often are de facto segregated by race and family income.
- **\$144 million for the Office for Civil Rights** – This is an increase of \$13 million (10%).

- **Other ED increases not quite specific enough to be quantifiable to particular programs –**

- **\$1 billion for mental health services** – The document doesn’t say whether this is an increase for the Title IV-A program but notes that it is providing \$1 billion to increase the number of school counselors, nurses, and mental health professionals.
- **\$600 million increase for HBCUs, MSIs, and TCCUS** – The President is requesting an increase of more than \$600 million for student support and institutional aid for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Minority-Serving Institutions, and Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, as well as for other programs that support disadvantaged students, including those at community colleges (I wonder if this includes TRIO programs, among others).
- **Increase of \$100 million** (about 50%) for programs aiming to increase participation in science and engineering of individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups.

- **Increases outside of ED –**

- **\$7.4 billion for CCDBG** – Within the HHS, this child care funding is a \$1.5 billion (25%) increase in child care funding from the regular FY 2021 level (the American Rescue Plan also included additional CCDBG funding for FY 2021).

- **\$11.9 billion for Head Start** – This level is a \$1.2 billion (11%) increase over the FY 2021 level at HHS.
 - **\$450 million for Preschool Development Grants** – This is a \$175 million (64%) increase for a program that was frozen at \$275 million in FY 2021, also in HHS.
 - **\$3.7 billion for WIOA state grants** – At the Department of Labor, the budget increases funds for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) state grants by \$203 million (6%).
 - **\$285 million for apprenticeship programs** – The budget provides a \$100 million increase to expand registered apprenticeship opportunities within Labor.
- **CEF’s advocacy efforts** – We are thrilled with the President’s unprecedented investments in education and will be urging Congress to support them! Our advocacy will be through a combination of our customary Hill meetings, letters, social media, and briefings. Below are two sample tweets that you could post with the attached charts.
 - **Sample tweet with “Biden education funding is triple the increase of next largest request”** – We urge Congress to support the President’s large and vital investments in education. The President’s request is historic; he is requesting triple the education funding increase of any previous president. Follow @edfunding for more details.
 - **Sample tweet with “President’s Education Request Far Above 2011 in Real Dollars”** – We urge Congress to support the President’s historic investments in education for FY2022. This funding, along with the COVID-relief already enacted, will support teaching and learning that has been underfunded for years. Follow @edfunding for more details.

II. OMB Briefing for CEF Members

- **Reminder: Monday, noon ET, Zoom briefing by OMB for CEF members** – On Monday, April 12, at noon ET, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is holding a Zoom briefing for CEF members on the President’s discretionary education budget that will be released later today. We’ll hear from OMB policy officials and staff, along with other White House policy officials, and have a chance to ask questions. As a reminder, the President’s fiscal year (FY) 2022 discretionary request will not have program-level funding information but likely will have a total for the Department of Education and some funding details for programs that the Administration will choose to highlight. Even if the briefing officials can’t provide information about other specific programs, this is a great opportunity to get an overview of what we can expect when the full budget is released and how the FY 2022 budget is likely to mesh with education investments in the Build Back Better infrastructure proposals. There is a capacity limit on the Zoom briefing, so please do not share the invitation outside of CEF!

OMB briefing for CEF members on the education budget
Monday, April 12, at noon ET
[Click here](#) for the Zoom link

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