

# Federal Budget Updates

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## 2024 Reconciliation & President's 2025 Proposals

### 2024 Budget Reconciliation

The final FY24 appropriations bills were passed last week. The numbers in the budget were largely unsurprising. Importantly, the appropriations sustain support for apprenticeship grants at \$285 million.

Perhaps of more interest is the following directive to the Department of Labor in the report accompanying the bill:

*Pay for Success. The agreement directs the Department to assess the feasibility of supporting a pay-for-success initiative to increase and expand registered apprenticeship programs funded through the Apprenticeship Program and to share its findings with the Committees within 180 days of enactment of this Act.*

This language tracks AFA's requests for consideration of a Pay for Apprenticeship funding model and represents forward movement for this idea. It is important because it demonstrates interest from both House Republican and Senate Democratic leaders in the idea. AFA will monitor the Department of Labor's response to this directive and will continue to keep its members apprised of developments.

### 2025 President's Budget

The President's budget, released earlier this month, includes favorable proposals for apprenticeship, including a \$50 million increase in the apprenticeship grants pool. This is especially notable given most budget amounts for workforce development activities are proposed at no or small funding increases. Several new proposals, including a career training fund and a career-connected high school program would potentially generate funding opportunities for apprenticeship.

### Selected Budget Figures

Programs	FY24 Conference Labor, HHS, Education	FY2025 President's Budget
WIOA Title I – State Formula Grants	2,929,332,000	2,929,332,000
WIOA Adult	885,649,000	885,649,000
WIOA Dislocated Worker	1,095,553,000	1,095,553,000
WIOA Youth	948,130,000	948,130,000
Wagner-Peyser/Employment Service Grants	658,639,000	653,639,000
Workforce Data Quality Initiative Grants	6,000,000	6,000,000
Apprenticeship Grants	285,000,000	335,000,000
DW National Reserve	300,859,000	277,859,000
Wagner Peyser/Employment Service	675,052,000	680,052,000
Native American Programs	60,000,000	60,000,000
Ex-Offender Activities	115,000,000	120,000,000
Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers	97,396,000	97,396,000
YouthBuild	105,000,000	105,000,000
Sr. Community Service Employment Program	405,000,000	405,000,000
Trade Adjustment Assistance	30,700,000	353,462,000
Career and Technical Education State Grants	1,439,848,000	1,469,848,000
Adult Ed State Grants/Nat'l Leadership Activities	715,455,000	715,455,000
Combined CTE and Adult Ed	2,181,436,000	2,185,303,000
Vocational Rehabilitation	4,253,834,000	4,253,834,000
Career Training Fund	0	8,000,000,000
Career Connected High School	0	31,780,000
Civilian Climate Corp	0	8,000,000,000
Strengthen Community College Grant Program	65,000,000	70,000,000