

## Fiscal Year 2027 Appropriations Priorities

The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) is a national, nonpartisan Quaker organization that advocates for peace, justice, and environmental stewardship. We are grateful that Congress passed the FY26 Appropriations Act, a meaningful step toward honoring our commitments to people at home and around the world. In fiscal year 2027 (FY27), FCNL urges Congress to align federal spending with practices that reduce human suffering and build shared security, rather than prioritizing war-like actions and threats of force. We urge Congress to cut excessive military funding and force-centered federal policing while expanding investments in violence and atrocities prevention, humanitarian response, climate resilience, and treaty obligations to Indian tribes.

Growing militarism, unchecked presidential use of force, and the normalization of violence as a policy tool are harming communities across the United States, and around the world. This has been seen through the illegal U.S.-Israeli military strikes on Iran, resources directed towards extrajudicial boat strikes, the use of immigration enforcement funding to fuel a tragic state of violence in cities across the United States, and the deployment of the National Guard in ways that further militarize communities and erode civil liberties. Congress's continued acquiescence in the face of unauthorized lethal military operations and the concentration of war-making authority in the executive branch is only exacerbated by growing military budgets. Congress must act to reassert its constitutional powers and rein in executive overreach. In doing so, Congress can choose a more cost-effective path toward sustainable peace, justice, and prosperity for all.

Congress has a long history of supporting, in a bipartisan manner, proven programs and accounts to confront modern challenges without perpetuating cycles of violence. Those priorities must continue.

Choosing peacebuilding and conflict prevention not only eases suffering caused by war and other violence, it also supports long-term stability by mitigating the future need for high-cost, reactive emergency spending. The cost effectiveness of peacebuilding is exceptional – every dollar invested in preventing violent conflict saves [\\$26-\\$103](#) on the cost of conflict. This stands in stark contrast to America's bloated military budget. In FY 2026, the Department of Defense received [\\$838.7 billion](#), more than 16 times the [\\$50 billion](#) allocated to the State Department. The entire State Department's budget is equivalent to [just the weapons spending of the U.S. Air Force](#).

This work is dependent on the staff of federal agencies who are tasked with their implementation. Congress must work to restore the critical capabilities, oversight, and staffing levels of key agencies and offices dismantled in FY25, including those at the Department of Justice and Homeland Security, who provide essential implementation and oversight of these appropriations.

Recently, Secretary of State Marco Rubio [made the administration's position clear, commenting](#), "As the President [stated], our desire is not simply peace – it is peace but also prosperity." FCNL also seeks peace and prosperity. The programs outlined below, enable the United States to support peace and prosperity at home and abroad. Sustainable peace requires more than just ending violence—it demands sustainable investment in community development, peacebuilding, and the infrastructure necessary for long-term prosperity.

Collectively, FCNL’s priorities focus on U.S. domestic programs that ensure prosperity, wellbeing, and safety for all Americans. Equally, our priorities include moving U.S. policy onto a course that alleviates human suffering while strengthening our nation’s global leadership and security.

We strongly encourage Congress to ensure that FY27 funds are used as Congress directs, without risk of unauthorized transfers or reprogramming.

Specifically, FCNL urges support for the following programs:

Account Name	FY26 Enacted	FY27 Request
<i>Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2027</i>		
<b>Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative</b>	\$50,000,000	\$100,000,000
<i>Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2027</i>		
<b>Alternatives to Detention Case Management Program</b>	*	\$20,000,000
<b>Office of Immigration Detention Ombudsman</b>	*	\$21,000,000
<i>Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2027</i>		
<b>Office of Justice Programs, Tribal Access Program</b>	\$4,000,000	\$10,000,000
<b>Public Safety and Justice Funding, Law enforcement</b>	\$660,000,000	\$1,470,000,000
<b>Public Safety and Justice Funding, Tribal courts</b>	\$66,000,000	\$500,000,000
<i>Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Act, 2027</i>		
<b>Refugee and Entrant Assistance</b>	\$4,292,755,000	\$6,322,130,000
<i>National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2027</i>		
<b>Atrocities Prevention</b>	\$6,000,000	\$25,000,000
<b>Atrocities Prevention Training, State Department</b>	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Reconciliation Programs</b>	\$0	\$25,000,000
<b>Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance</b>	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000
<b>International Humanitarian Assistance Account</b>	\$5,400,000,000	\$8,707,000,000
<b>Renewable Energy</b>	\$0	\$247,000,000
<b>Sustainable Landscapes**</b>	\$131,813,000	\$176,000,000
<b>Adaptation</b>	\$0	\$270,000,000
<b>UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees</b>	\$0	\$400,000,000
<b>Middle East Partnership for Peace Programs</b>	\$37,500,000	\$100,000,000
<b>East Jerusalem Hospital Network</b>	\$0	\$120,000,000

\*Pending passage of FY26 DHS funding package

\*\*Referred to as Land Use, Management, and Protection Program

### **Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2027**

- **Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI)**, which funds vital programs, including [violence interrupters](#), across the nation to prevent violence. Violence interrupters mitigate community violence before it occurs, reducing costly and dangerous police investigations and saving lives. **We urge not less than \$100 million for the CVIPI program.**



### **Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2027**

- **Congress' Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Border Patrol funding decisions must account for the astronomical funding passed in P.L. No. 119-21.**
- **Alternatives to Detention Case Management Program**, which enables community-based programming for people in removal proceedings, as opposed to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) surveillance-oriented alternatives to detention programs. The U.S. government should prioritize proven community-based case management programs that reduce costs for the nation while ensuring a more than 99% compliance rate with court and enforcement orders. **We urge not less than \$20 million for Alternatives to Detention Case Management Program.**

In tandem, **we urge not exceeding FY24 levels of daily single adult beds in ICE detention under Enforcement and Removal Operations**, a system with a persistent record of [human rights abuses](#), including use of force, solitary confinement, sexual abuse, and forced sterilization. Congress should not fund family detention.

- **The Office of Immigration Detention Ombudsman (OIDO)**, whose independent reporting ensures the human rights of detained people. In 2023, the OIDO completed 22 inspections, 9 observations, and issued 11 inspection reports which included 36 recommendations of which 26 were eventually resolved, resulting in detention facility and process improvements. Issues ranged from religious liberty to child rights to addressing sexual violence and inhabitable conditions. **We urge not less than \$21 million for the Office of Immigration Detention Ombudsman to ensure that detainees and their family members have recourse for violations or misconduct.**

### **Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2027**

- **Office of Justice Programs, Tribal Access Program**, enhances the ability of tribal governments and their authorized agencies to enter information into and obtain information from national criminal information databases. Combating the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons ([MMIP](#)) crisis requires that tribes enhance their ability to exchange critical data across Criminal Justice Information Service (CJIS) systems. **We urge Congress to uphold its treaty and trust responsibility to tribal nations by funding the Office of Justice Programs, Tribal Access Program at not less than \$10 million.**
- **Public Safety and Justice Funding**, which supports the Bureau of Indian Affairs responsibility for law enforcement services in many tribal nations. A 2018 report found that current law enforcement needs on reservations are funded at less than 18% of estimated need. The situation has not improved much since then, and tribal nations remain some of the most underserved communities in the country. **We urge Congress to uphold its treaty and trust responsibility to tribal nations, and funding tribal law enforcement and courts at not less than \$2 billion.**



### **Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2027**

- **Refugee and Entrant Assistance (REA)**, administered by the Office of Refugee Resettlement, which provides critical support for unaccompanied children and their families as well as refugees. All refugees vetted and approved for entry to the United States who are waiting in limbo deserve admission and resettlement services, including legal services, mental health care to ensure every child's safety and wellbeing, and economic independence programming. **We urge not less than \$6.32 billion for the Refugee and Entrant Assistance program.**

### **National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2027**

- **Reconciliation Programs**, which support people-to-people reconciliation efforts that advance mutual understanding and conflict transformation between different ethnic, racial, religious, or political groups in conflict areas. **We urge not less than \$25 million for Reconciliation Programs.**
- **Atrocities Prevention**, which is the State Department's only funding dedicated solely to preventing mass atrocities and genocide. These funds support combating disinformation, early warning networks, and peace committees that defuse conflict before it turns violent, as well as implementing the 2022 U.S. Strategy to Anticipate, Prevent, and Respond to Atrocities. **We urge not less than \$25 million for Atrocities Prevention.**

In tandem, **we urge allocating the State Department not less than \$1 million to conduct Atrocities Prevention Training** as mandated by the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act (P.L. 115-441), signed into law by President Trump in 2019.

- **International Humanitarian Assistance (IHA)**, which will facilitate the United States' response to urgent humanitarian crises, refugee admission and resettlement in the United States, voluntary and legal return to home countries, and third-country resettlement. As conflict worldwide continues to rapidly escalate, investment in orderly and safe migration is critical. **We urge not less than \$8.7 billion for the International Humanitarian Assistance Account.**
- **Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance (ERMA)**, which enables the United States' response to sudden displacement crises. Instead of relying on supplemental appropriations to source a historically underfunded account, Congress should keep ERMA steady to promote global stability. **We urge not less than \$100 million for the Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance.**
- **Renewable Energy**, which supports energy projects aimed at reducing greenhouse gas pollution from energy generation and use in developing countries. Renewable Energy accelerates the deployment of clean energy technologies, policies, and practices. **We urge not less than \$247 million for Renewable Energy.**
- **Sustainable Landscapes**, also referred to as the "Land Use, Management, and Protection Program," which sustainably manages, protects, and restores forests and other natural landscapes. Protecting natural environments is key to reducing greenhouse gas pollution from further deforestation and land degradation. **We urge not less than \$176 million for Sustainable Landscapes.**



- **Adaptation**, which assists developing countries with reducing their vulnerability to climate change impacts like hunger, intensified conflict, forced migration, and increased poverty. **We urge not less than \$270 million for Adaptation.**
- **The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA)**, which provides critically needed food assistance, medical services, and educational infrastructure for vulnerable Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria amid rising humanitarian demands throughout. Their work remains critical and lifesaving as they persist in delivering vital services despite regional and global complications. **We urge that any limitations on funding be removed and not less than \$344 million in funding be allocated to UNRWA.**
- **Middle East Partnership for Peace Act (MEPPA) programs**, which have been implemented through previous U.S. support, to promote economic cooperation, people-to-people peacebuilding programs, and advance shared community building, peaceful coexistence, dialogue, and reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians. **We urge not less than \$100 million in funding to MEPPA.**
- **The East Jerusalem Hospital Network (EJHN)**, which provide a broad range of medical services and expertise in diagnosis, treatment and specialized care for the Palestinian population in the occupied territories, including Gaza and the West Bank. **We urge not less than \$120 million in funding to EJHN, and inclusion of the following report language:** *The Committee encourages the Department of State continue support to the East Jerusalem Hospital Network to sustain the provision of medicine, equipment, and administrative costs necessary for the continuity of life-saving care and medical evacuations from Gaza. The Committee directs the Department of State to submit a report within 60 days of enactment detailing the assistance provided to the East Jerusalem Hospital Network and plans to ensure continued medical access for patients from Gaza.*