

Tell Congress to Support Increased Service Coordinator Funding

Members of Congress will spend the next few weeks negotiating the differences between the House and Senate fiscal year spending bills, both of which include funding increases for service coordinator grants.

We need your help to ensure that the final bill includes the highest funding levels possible for Section 202, Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) and Resident Opportunity and Self Sufficiency (ROSS) service coordination grants.

Congress and the President have until Nov. 21 to reach agreement on appropriations bills or else risk another government shutdown.

How You Can Get Involved

Urge lawmakers to support HUD funding before the deadline and to approve a bill that includes proposed increases for service coordination.

Specifically, tell your Members of Congress to support:

- \$103 million for Section 202 service coordinators found in the Senate HUD appropriations bill
- \$100 million for FSS service coordinators found in the House HUD appropriations bill
- \$35 million for ROSS coordinators in both appropriations bills

Use the sample templates linked below to contact your Members of Congress. To find phone numbers, email addresses and social media handles for your lawmakers, visit www.CallMyCongress.com.

Sample Letter or Email

Sample Telephone Script

Sample Social Media Messages

After you've taken action, let AASC know! Email mharris@servicecoordinator.org or call us at 614-848-5958.



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The Senate has approved \$17 million in additional funding for service coordination in its version of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations bill.

Next, Senate leaders must work with House appropriators to reconcile the differences between their respective appropriations bills. If they don't come to an agreement or pass another continuing resolution, which keeps funding at current levels, before Nov. 21, another government shutdown may occur.

Many thanks to members who have contacted their members of Congress to push for increased funding for service coordination. Congressional offices have said they still want to hear from you. Use the template email and phone scripts in the latest <u>AASC Action Alert</u> to contact your lawmakers and tell them it's time to approve a HUD spending bill.