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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 Continuing Resolution

On November 8, 2007, the House of Representatives approved a Continuing Resolution (CR) which will fund government programs through December 14. The Senate is also expected to clear this measure this week. The current CR expires on November 16. The new CR was added to the conference agreement on the FFY 2008 Defense Appropriations bill (H.R. 3222), which was finalized earlier this week. As a result, the Defense Appropriations bill will be the first of the FFY 2008 appropriations measures to be enacted. The CR also includes short-term extensions for other expiring Federal programs, including the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and the Food Stamp program.

FFY 2008 Labor-HHS-Education and Military Construction-Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill (H.R. 3043)

On November 6, 2007, the House of Representatives, on a 299 to 142 vote, approved H.R. 3043, the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill. As reported in the Washington, D.C. Update on November 1, 2007, prior to completing negotiations on the conference agreement to H.R. 3043, the Congressional leadership attached the FFY 2008 Military Construction-Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill

(H.R. 2642) to the measure. No formal conference was ever held on H.R. 2642. While the House approved the combined measure, a new rule adopted earlier this year by the Senate allows members to raise a point of order against a conference report that contains provisions that were not in the original measure passed by the House or Senate. Because H.R. 2642 was not part of H.R. 3043 as passed by either chamber, Republicans were able to successfully raise a point of order on November 7, which split H.R. 2642 from H.R. 3043. The Senate then voted 56 to 37 to send the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations conference agreement back to the House as a stand-alone bill.

Ryan White CARE Act HIV/AIDS Funding Formula

The conference report on H.R. 3043 includes a "hold harmless" provision authored by House Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) which would limit HIV/AIDS funding losses to no more than 8.4 percent for eligible metropolitan areas and 13.4 percent for transitional grant areas. When H.R. 3043 was considered in the Senate in October, an amendment by Senator Enzi (R-WY) to strike the Pelosi language was approved 65 to 28. Senators Feinstein and Boxer voted against the Enzi amendment. San Francisco is the primary beneficiary of this hold harmless provision, which alters the distribution formula that was negotiated when the CARE Act was reauthorized in 2006. However, the conference agreement to H.R. 3043 contains a sufficient increase in Ryan White AIDS Emergency Assistance Grants to ensure that the hold harmless provision would not result in a net reduction in funding for any other entitlement areas such as the County. A chart illustrating the funding levels in the conference agreement in H.R. 3043 is shown in the attachment.

Workforce Investment Act Funding Rescission

The conference agreement on H.R. 3043 includes a \$245 million rescission for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funding. The House had included a \$335 million rescission while the Senate version did not contain rescission language. The \$245 million will likely come first from those states with an excess of 30 percent in workforce carryover funds. A cut may be applied across the board if the funding from those states with carryover funds is not sufficient. The conference agreement provides level funding for WIA programs for FFY 2008.

Veto Override of Water Resources Development Act (H.R. 1495)

On November 2, the President vetoed H.R. 1495, the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007, which would authorize \$23.2 billion, subject to appropriations, for navigation, flood control and environmental restoration projects administered by the Army Corps of Engineers. The House successfully overrode the President's veto on

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November 6 by a 361 to 54 vote and the Senate voted 79 to 14 to override the veto on November 8. Because more than two-thirds of the members in each chamber voted to override the veto, the measure now becomes law.

H.R. 1495 contains two new authorizations requested by the County for environmental restoration projects at Nicholas Canyon Bluffs and the Ballona Lagoon Tide Gates and one new \$20 million authorization for unspecified infrastructure improvement projects at County beaches.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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Attachment

c: All Department Heads
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**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2008 FUNDING LEVELS
FOR PROGRAMS OF COUNTY INTEREST IN
LABOR / HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES / EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL
(in millions)**

PROGRAMS	Enacted 2007	President 2008	House¹ 2008	Senate² 2008	Conference Report
Adult Training	\$864	\$712	\$864	\$864	\$864
Youth Training	940	840	940	940	940
Dislocated Workers	1,190	903	1,190	1,190	1,190
Title-V Older Americans Employment	484	350	531	484	531
Public Health Preparedness Grants	784	698	790	823	785
Hospital Preparedness Grants	484	408	451	439	Not Specified
Ryan White AIDS Emergency Assistance	604	604	636	604	636
Ryan White AIDS Total	2,138	2,158	2,237	2,170	2,222
Family Planning	283	283	311	300	311
Preventive Health Block Grant	99	0	109	99	104
Maternal and Child Health Grant	693	693	750	673	683
Substance Abuse Block Grant	1,759	1,759	1,794	1,759	1,776
Mental Health Block Grant	428	428	441	428	428
Social Services Block Grant	1,700	1,200	1,700	1,700	1,700
Community Services Block Grant	630	0	660	670	665
Child Welfare Services	287	287	287	287	287
Independent Living ³	140	140	140	140	140
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	345	345	345	345	345
Refugee Social Services	154	150	154	154	154
Refugee Targeted Assistance	49	48	49	49	49
OAA Family Caregivers ⁴	156	154	156	159	158
OAA Congregate Meals	399	383	412	420	418
OAA Home-Delivered Meals	188	181	194	199	197
OAA Nutrition Services Incentive	148	147	153	157	156
OAA Supportive Services	351	351	358	356	358

Footnotes

- ¹ As approved by the House of Representatives on July 19, 2007.
- ² As approved by the Senate on October 23, 2007.
- ³ Includes \$46.157 million for Independent Living Training Voucher Grants.
- ⁴ "OAA" refers to the Older Americans Act.