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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE – SUMMARY OF 2025 COUNTY ADVOCACY EFFORTS

Executive Summary

Throughout the first session of the 119th Congress (January 3, 2025 to January 4, 2026), the Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch (CEO-LAIR), in consultation with the Board of Supervisors (Board) and in collaboration with County departments, advocated on over 100 federal legislative, budget, and administrative proposals.

The County's advocacy work in 2025 focused on protecting, supporting, and/or enhancing County operations, programs, funding, and the well-being of constituents. This report summarizes these strategic advocacy efforts.

County Advocacy Highlights

In 2025, the County's advocacy efforts led to the successful protection of current federal funding levels for County programs, including, but not limited to, delaying cuts to Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments; maintaining full monthly benefits for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients; securing \$95 million for various public health programs; securing millions for public



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infrastructure; and protect funding for housing and homeless assistance programs. The Attachment provides further information on these measures.

County-Advocacy Legislation

CEO-LAIR worked closely with Board offices and impacted departments to review legislative proposals and identify provisions that had the potential to impact County operations and programs. Federal bills which the County actively advocated on and bills that the County closely monitored can be found at [County of Los Angeles Legislative Tracking System](#).

Other Legislative Efforts

Throughout the course of the legislative session, the County's Washington, D.C. advocates coordinated and participated in hundreds of meetings in support of the County's federal programs and funding priorities, including over 30 meetings that members of the Board and Department Heads participated in during the Board's 2025 Washington, D.C. Advocacy Program to discuss policy and funding priorities with the Administration and members of Congress. The Washington, D.C. advocates also partnered with various organizations, including the National Association of Counties, on legislative and budget proposals to support county service-related programs and resources.

The second session of the 119th Congress began on January 5, 2026. CEO-LAIR will continue to work with the Board and their staff, County departments, and other key stakeholders to advance the County's priorities throughout 2026 with the Congress, the Administration, and regulatory agencies.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me or Angela C. Ovalle, Acting Branch Manager, at (213) 974-1348 or Avalle@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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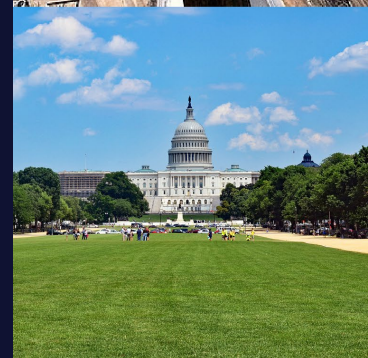
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COUNTY-ADVOCACY: WASHINGTON, D.C.

In 2025, the County's successful advocacy efforts led to the attainment and preservation of critical federal funding. These effective advocacy efforts focused on proposals that protect, support and/or enhance County operations, programs, and the well-being of constituents, including but not limited to the following:

- ◆ **Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments** - Successfully advocated for a delay in implementing cuts to Medicaid DSH payments in the Continuing Resolution, preventing notable cuts in the County's hospital system.
- ◆ **Nutrition Programs** - Successfully advocated to retain full monthly benefits for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients. The Continuing Resolution approved by Congress in the fall of 2025 extended full SNAP benefits through September 30, 2026, and provided an additional \$800 million for the Women, Infant, and Children's (WIC) supplemental nutrition program.
- ◆ **Grant for Public Health Programs** – Successfully advocated for \$95 million in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 discretionary grant funds for various public health programs, including for HIV prevention, treatment, and care services; and emergency preparedness.
- ◆ **County Civil Works** - Congress included \$13.9 million in funding for the operation and maintenance of the Los Angeles County Drainage Area flood control system and \$571 million in construction funding for the Whittier Narrows Dam within the Army Corps of Engineers' budget.
- ◆ **FFY 2026 Appropriations** - \$18 million in FFY 2026 earmark project requests from the County were incorporated in the House and Senate appropriations bills.





- ◆ **FFY 2026 Programmatic Language** - Over \$7 billion in requested programmatic funding by the Department of Public Health (DPH) was incorporated in the Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill (Labor-HHS). DPH's report language on funding flexibilities was also partially addressed in the Senate Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill.
- ◆ **WaterSMART Grant** - Received a \$3 million WaterSMART grant from the Bureau of Reclamation for the Dominguez Gap Barrier Unit 8 Replacement Wells Reclamation Project.
- ◆ **Low-Income Housing Tax Credit** - Congress permanently extended and increased the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, spurring an estimated additional national investment of \$15.7 billion for 1,220,000 affordable housing units during the next decade.
- ◆ **Homeless Assistance Programs** - The County successfully opposed a proposed new Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that would have limited the use of federal Continuum of Care (CoC) resources that fund local homeless assistance programs. The proposed NOFO would have required that CoC funding recipients, including the County, could only spend 30% of their annual CoC allocation for permanent supportive housing.