



**January 16, 2014**

Earlier today, the Senate passed the \$1.1 trillion omnibus spending bill by a vote of 72 to 26. This bill funds the government through September 30<sup>th</sup>. The House passed the measure yesterday by a vote of 359-67, with opposition coming only from the most ardent fiscal conservatives.

Sequestration hit workforce programs hard. NAWDP members felt it and NAWDP has been working with elected officials to explain the consequences those cuts had on job seekers and local businesses.

While below where we would like the levels to be due to overall funding constraints, the good news is that these efforts are helping to reverse the trend of senseless cuts to workforce programs. But, we have further to go to ensure that more funding is provided and better policies are created.

Included in the chart below are both the pre and post-sequester levels for FY13. The "FY13 after Sequestration" column is what actually went out to programs. As you can see, most programs saw an increase over post sequester levels.

In \$million

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY12</b>	<b>FY13 Enacted</b>	<b>FY13 after Sequestration</b>	<b>FY14</b>
WIA Adult	770,810	769,269	730,624	766,080
WIA Youth	825,913	822,704	781,375	829,439
WIA Dislocated Worker	1,008,151	1,006,135	955,591	1,001,000
Job Corps	1,702,946	1,699,540	1,613,872	1,688,155
Senior Community Service Employment Program	448,251	424,804	424,804	434,371
Migrant/Seasonal Farmworkers	84,291	84,122	79,897	81,896
YouthBuild	79,689	79,529	75,534	77,534
Native American	47,561	47,467	45,082	46,082
Reintegration of Ex-offenders	80,238	80,077	75,055	80,078
ES Grants to the State	700,841	699,440	665,184	664,184

The bill also made a few changes to the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). The set-aside for the Governor will be 8.5%. The bill also allows the transfer of up to 30% between WIA Adult and WIA Dislocated Worker Funds, up from 20%.

**What is next?**

Now that FY14 levels are set and another round of sequestration is not looming, we can turn our attention back to moving WIA reauthorization to the Senate floor and working on the funding for FY15.

Stay tuned for more information on both of these issues and be sure to attend the Washington Insight session at the upcoming [NAWDP Annual Conference](#) in Denver.

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