

ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS

An advance appropriation is one made to become available one year or more beyond the year for which the appropriations act is passed. Advance appropriations in 2015 appropriations acts will become available for programs in 2016 or beyond. Since these appropriations are not available until after 2015, the amounts will not be included in the 2015 totals, but will be reflected in the totals for the year for which they are requested.

The Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (31 U.S.C. 1105(a)(17)) requires inclusion in the budget of "information on estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the budget is submitted for grants, contracts, and other payments under each program for which there is an authorization of appropriations for that following fiscal year when the appropriations are authorized to be included in an appropriation law for the fiscal year before the fiscal year in which the appropriation is to be available for obligation." In fulfillment of this requirement, the accompanying table lists those accounts that have either received discretionary or mandatory advance appropriations since 2013 or will request, in 2015, advance appropriations for 2016 and beyond and cites the applicable authorizing statute.

For additional information on advance appropriations, please refer to the Budget Process chapter in the *Analytical Perspectives* volume.

Advance Appropriations by Agency in the 2015 Budget

(Budget authority in millions of dollars)

Agency/Program	Pre-cancellation Enacted Levels			2016 Request
	2013 ¹	2014	2015	
Discretionary One-year Advances:				
Department of Education (20 U.S.C. 1223):²				
Education for the Disadvantaged	10,841	10,841	10,841	11,682
Special Education	9,283	9,283	9,283	10,124
Career, Technical, and Adult Education	791	791	791	791
School Improvement Programs	1,681	1,681	1,681
Department of Housing and Urban Development (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.):				
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Project-Based Rental Assistance	400	400	400	400
Department of Labor:				
Training and Employment Services (29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.)	1,772	1,772	1,772	1,772

Department of Veterans Affairs (P.L. 111–81):				
Medical Services	41,354	43,557	45,016	47,603
Medical Support and Compliance	5,746	6,033	5,880	6,144
Medical Facilities	5,441	4,872	4,739	4,915
Enacted (P.L. 113–6 and P.L. 113–76) and Proposed Cancellations and Reappropriations ³	-1,950	-1,800	-1,750
Postal Service:				
Payment to Postal Service Fund (39 U.S.C. 2401)	78	78	71	70
Discretionary Two-year Advances:				
Corporation for Public Broadcasting (47 U.S.C. 396) ⁴	445	445	445	445
Subtotal, Discretionary Advance Appropriations	79,882	81,953	83,169	87,946
Mandatory:				
Department of Agriculture:				
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (7 U.S.C. 2027)	21,064
Department of Health and Human Services:				
Grants to States for Medicaid (42 U.S.C. 1396)	90,614	106,336	103,472	113,272
Payments to States for Child Support Enforcement and Family Support (24 U.S.C. Ch. 9)	1,100	1,100	1,250	1,160
Payments for Foster Care and Permanency (P.L. 96–272)	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,300
Department of Labor:				
Special Benefits for Disabled Coal Miners (30 U.S.C. 921)	40	35	24	21
Social Security Administration:				
Supplemental Security Income Program (42 U.S.C. 1381)	18,200	19,300	19,700	19,200
Total, Advance Appropriations	191,936	210,924	209,815	244,963

¹Any across-the-board reduction provisions included in the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (P.L. 113–6) and any sequester reductions pursuant to section 251A of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, as amended, are excluded.

²To account for the Administration's Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization proposal, the 2015 Budget eliminates the \$1.681 billion advance appropriation that was previously in the School Improvement account (renamed the Education Improvement Account) and replaces it with corresponding increases to advance appropriations in the accounts for Education for the Disadvantaged (\$841 million, renamed Accelerating Achievement and Ensuring Equity) and Special Education (\$841 million). Total advance appropriations in the Department of Education remain unchanged at \$22.596 billion.

³The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (P.L. 113–6) cancelled \$1,950 million from the one-year funds advance appropriated for 2013 in P.L. 112–74 and reappropriated an equal amount for 2013 with an extended period of availability. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 (P.L. 113–76) cancelled \$1,800 million from the one-year funds advance appropriated for 2014 in P.L. 113–6 and reappropriated \$1,750 million with an extended period of availability. The 2015 Budget proposes to cancel \$1,750 million from the one-year funds advance appropriated for 2015 in P.L. 113–76 and reappropriate an equal amount for 2015 with an extended period of availability.

⁴The 2015 request includes a 2017 advance appropriation for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting of \$445 million, consistent with the historical practice of providing the Corporation a two-year advance appropriation.

