



# APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE

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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 Conference Report

### SUMMARY

The conference report accompanying the District of Columbia appropriations bill (H.R. 2944) provides \$408 million in budget authority [BA] and \$418 million in outlays for fiscal year 2002. As agreed to, the conference report exceeds the appropriate 302(b) allocation by \$9 million in BA, and therefore violates the Congressional Budget Act. Pursuant to the bipartisan agreement between the Congress and the administration, however, the House Budget

Committee has reported a bill (H.R. 3084) increasing the appropriate levels in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2002 (H. Con. Res. 83), and the discretionary spending limits established in the Deficit Control Act. Enactment of this legislation will allow the Committee on Appropriations to revise its subcommittee allocations and, consequently, ensure that the bill is in compliance with the budget resolution as revised.

District of Columbia Appropriations Conference Report (fiscal years; millions of dollars)				
	2001 Enacted	Administration 2002 Request	House-Passed	Conference
Budget Authority	446	342	398	408
Outlays	431	362	408	418

### DISCUSSION

Under authority granted in Article I of the United States Constitution (section 8, clause 17), this bill not only appropriates Federal payments to the District of Columbia [DC] to fund certain activities, but also approves the District's entire budget, including the expenditure of local funds (\$7.1 billion for fiscal year 2002). This *Appropriations Update* reflects only the Federal payments.

The conference report reflects a decrease of \$38 million in BA from the fiscal year 2001 enacted amount, but is \$66

million in BA above the President's request, and \$10 million in BA above the amount included in the House-passed appropriations bill.

The conference report provides \$1 million for establishing a scholarship for District children without parents due to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

The conference report also provides funds contained in the Senate version but not in the original House-passed bill.

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These include \$2.75 million for the DC public schools; \$1.4 million for the DC-Federal law enforcement Wireless Interoperability Project; and \$1 million for the Thurgood Marshall Academy Charter School. The conference report also provides \$250,000 for the Center for Excellence in

Municipal Planning and \$250,000 for Court Appointed Special Advocates.

The table below compares amounts provided in the conference agreement with those in the House-passed bill.

<b>Discretionary Spending in the District of Columbia Appropriations Conference Report</b> (fiscal year 2002; in millions of dollars)						
	<b>House Passed</b>		<b>Conference</b>		<b>Difference</b>	
	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
DC Courts	332	321	317	306	-15	-15
DC Corrections	33	54	30	52	-3	-2
Tuition Assistance	17	17	17	17	0	0
Security Planning	16	16	16	16	0	0
Other Payments	0	0	28	27	28	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>

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