



West Virginia Wins in the 2022 Omnibus



Senator's Manchin's Top Priorities for West Virginia

- **Earmarks (\$166.9M):** Senator Manchin secured \$166,961,840 in funding for 88 critical Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Requests, also known as “earmarks”, across the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Omnibus. This is the first time that Congress has allowed earmarks to directly benefit projects in WV in over a decade.
- **Assisting Ukraine (\$13.6B):** Emergency funding for Ukraine in response to Russia’s brutal invasion, including \$6.53b for the Dept. of Defense to provide equipment and arms, \$3.97b for the State Department to support refugees and assist Ukraine and other Eastern European countries, and \$2.8b through USAID for emergency food assistance and health care, among other funding.
- **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization:** Includes the VAWA Reauthorization Act of 2022, which authorizes this important program through FY27. Senator Manchin is an original cosponsor of this bill.
- **Fighting Fentanyl & Opioids (\$3.9B):** Dedicated funding across the government to fight drugs, a \$99.8m increase. This includes \$1.5b for the State Opioid Response Grant program with 15% set aside for the hardest hit states like WV – a \$25m increase. The bill also extends the schedule I status of fentanyl related substances through the end of 2022, which Senator Manchin has supported through his FIGHT Fentanyl Act.
- **Broadband & Telehealth (\$3.004B):** Includes \$2.4b for VA Telehealth, \$486.6M for USDA ReConnect, and \$25m for ARC broadband programs. The bill also extends current telehealth flexibilities currently allowed under the Public Health Emergency that Senator Manchin supported through his Protecting Rural Telehealth Access Act to allow doctors to continue to offer audio-only telehealth services.
- **Fixing Our Roads & Bridges (\$193.4M):** This spending package is critical to allowing many of the programs in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) to proceed. When combined with funds in IIJA, WV will receive a total of \$52.1m for Corridor H and \$141.3m for bridge replacement and rehabilitation in FY22.
- **Clarksburg Courthouse (\$55.4M):** Senator Manchin has been working to assist the Clarksburg Federal Building & Courthouse with much-needed repairs, and this bill funds major repairs at the site.
- **Rare Earth Elements (\$26M):** \$23m for DOE research into separating REEs from coal & coal byproducts, \$3m for a DOD pilot program to separate REEs from Acid Mine Drainage, and language directing the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) to report on its work to address China’s control over the global supply of REEs.
- **WV’s Federal Workforce (\$59.85M):** Additional funding for WV’s federal facilities, inc. the Bureau of Fiscal Service in Parkersburg (+\$10M), FBI CJIS Division in Clarksburg (+\$24.854M), NOAA Hera Supercomputer in Fairmont (+\$5M), & National Energy Technology Laboratory in Morgantown (+\$20M), among others.
- **Youth Homelessness (\$3.5B):** \$3.2 billion to address homelessness, as well as \$107m to stop youth homelessness & \$149m for the Administration for Children & Families’ Runaway & Homeless Youth Program. According to the WV Dept. of Education, there are over 10,000 youth experiencing homelessness in WV.
- **Suicide Prevention (\$2B):** Includes Senator Manchin’s Crisis Care Improvement & Suicide Prevention Act, which provides an increase of \$100 million to the Mental Health Services Block Grant, including a 5% set aside for evidence-based crisis care programs.
- **Economic Development (\$256.4M):** \$149.9M for Abandoned Mine Land Grants (\$26.3M for WV), \$65M for ARC POWER Grants (+\$10M), & \$41.5M for EDA’s Assistance to Coal Communities (+\$8M). WV has received over \$109M in POWER grants since 2016 and is the largest per capita recipient of EDA funds.
- **Clean Water (\$2.7B):** Supports billions in funding toward drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.

Senator Manchin Fights for WV as Chair of the Energy & Natural Resources Committee

Senator Manchin is proud to serve as Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources (ENR) Committee, where he fights for a commonsense, balanced energy approach that recognizes WV’s critical role in our nation’s energy future. Senator Manchin believes in energy policies that focus on security by reducing our dependence on foreign oil. He will always stand up for policies that are good for WV jobs, America’s security, & our way of life.

Securing Our Energy Future: Senator Manchin worked to include key provisions in the spending bill, which funds the Dept. of Energy (DOE) at \$44.9 billion (+\$5.3B), allows our domestic resources to be used in an environmentally friendly way, and helps reduce our vulnerability to foreign sources of energy.

- Future Funding for the Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities: Includes a directive requiring DOE to include dedicated funding for the interagency working group in future budgets.

- National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL): \$158m for NETL (+\$20M), prioritizing the construction of the NETL Computational Science and Engineering Center in Morgantown, which will house one of the most advanced supercomputers in the world.
- Rare Earth Elements (REEs): \$23 million to separate REEs from coal and coal byproducts.
- DOE EPSCoR: \$25 million for DOE's Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR). WVU is a major participant in this program.
- Fossil Energy & Carbon Capture: \$825 million for Fossil Energy Research & Development, as well as \$274 million for Carbon Capture, Utilization, Sequestration, and Removal (+\$45.7M) on coal and natural gas electricity systems.
- ARPA-E: \$450 million (+\$3M) for ARPA-E.

Conserving Wild & Wonderful West Virginia: Our little state is as wild as it is wonderful, and we all take great pride in our access to the great outdoors, whether it is for hunting, camping, fishing, hiking, or visiting one of our national forests and state parks. As Chairman of the ENR Committee, Senator Manchin oversees conservation activities across the National Park Service, Forest Service, and other Dept. of Interior agencies, and found to include billions for conservation efforts, including \$9.56B in funding for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), \$3.7B for the U.S. Forest Service, and \$3.26B for the National Park Service, \$1.65B for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, including West Virginia priorities:

- Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF): \$900 million in mandatory funds, including \$67.5M for Recreational Access and \$975,000 for the Gauley River National Recreation Area.
- National Conservation & Training Center (NCTC): \$26.4 million to maintain the USFWS Center, located in Shepherdstown.
- Chesapeake Bay Watershed: \$88 million for watershed conservation and other efforts in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, which includes much of the eastern portion of West Virginia.
- Reclaiming Abandoned Mine Lands: \$149.9 million for the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund, including \$26.3 million (+\$1.6 million) million for AML Pilot Projects in WV.
- Remediating Brownfields: \$91.9 million for EPA Brownfields projects, with 10% of these grants dedicated to areas in which at least 20% of the population have lived under the poverty level for the past 30 years.

Keeping America Safe & Protecting Our National Security

Senator Manchin is proud to serve on the Senate Armed Services Committee, which is charged with providing oversight and assistance to our nation's military. He also serves as ranking member of the Cybersecurity Subcommittee, which oversees policies and programs related to cyber forces and capabilities.

Providing Aid for Ukraine: \$13.6b in emergency funding for Ukraine in response to Russia's brutal invasion:

- \$3b for transfer of excess military equipment and services.
- \$6b for State Department and U.S. Agency for International Development activities.
- \$6b for the Department of Defense support of European deployments and equipment replenishment.
- \$175m across multiple agencies to support sanctions enforcement.
- \$30m to the Dept. of Energy to support integrating Ukraine's electric grid with the European grid, further removing Ukraine from Russia's energy influence.

West Virginia's Defense Industrial Base: The bill includes significant direct and indirect spending for weapons procurement and research and development (R&D) in WV, including:

- Aurora Flight Sciences: \$1.486b for 11 CH-53K King Stallions and \$483m for 2 MQ-4C Triton UAVs, which supports the work of Aurora in Bridgeport. Without these programs, jobs at the facility would be at risk.
- Allegany Ballistics Lab: \$138m for research & development of the Navy's extended range version of the Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missile (AARGM-ER), which is produced at ABL.
- Portable Power Generation: \$4 million for research and development into lightweight portable power generation for the Army. WVU is a lead partner in this program.
- Adaptive Future Force: \$8 million for the Marine Corps' program which works with Guard Unit, a company headquartered in Morgantown, to establish a Threat Emulation Cell in WV.
- Pathfinder/TRACA: \$8 million through Army Futures Command to partner with universities and small businesses. The Civil-Military Innovation Institute in Morgantown is a key partner to the Army on this effort.

- Urban Subterranean Mapping: \$4 million for Army research & development into this program. Marshall University is a research partner on this program.
- Critical Minerals: \$3 million for a pilot program to separate critical minerals from Acid Mine Drainage.
- Amsted Rail: \$9 million for the purpose of developing isomolded graphite for military applications. The only synthetic graphite facility located in the U.S. is Amsted Rail located in Anmoore, WV.
- Carbon Material Technology: \$3 million to develop carbon material technologies and material systems for asphalt sustainment and repair. Marshall is a lead partner on this program.
- Minerva Initiative & DEPSCoR: \$76 million to be split evenly between these two critical research programs. WVU is a key participant in both of these programs.
- Installation Access Control: \$4.5 million for the “Installation of the Future” pilot program to deploy smart, AI-driven technology to expedite access at protected facilities in the U.S. The majority of systems engineering work for this project will be performed by a team of industry experts in Morgantown, WV.
- Youth ChalleNGe: \$210 million for troubled high school students to pursue their diploma or GED through. 4360 WV youth have participated in the Mountaineer Challenge Academy since 1993.
- STARBASE: \$42 million will go to the STARBASE program to promote STEM experiences for rural elementary school students in West Virginia.

Protecting Our Borders: Manchin has been a strong supporter of securing our nation’s borders to protect the state of West Virginia and the country as a whole. This bill includes significant funding for border security:

- Customs & Border Protection (CBP): \$14.8 billion, including \$994M for border management and \$256M for border security technology. New CBP officers are trained at the Advanced Training Center in Harpers Ferry.
- Immigration: The bill provides \$8.26 billion for Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE), including \$4.18 billion for Enforcement and Removal Operations, and \$409.5 million for U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services
- Transportation Security Administration (TSA): The bill provides \$8.49 billion, including \$131 million for screening equipment and standoff detection technology.
- Cybersecurity: \$2.6 billion for the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Agency (CISA), including \$3 million to work with universities including Marshall to find solutions to terrorist attacks in public places.

Combating the Drug Epidemic

No state has been hit harder by the drug epidemic than West Virginia. Every community and every family in every corner of the state has been affected in some way by this terrible crisis. That’s why Senator Manchin has worked to include significant funding across the FY22 spending bill to address the drug crisis and improve access to healthcare. Total funding to combat the drug epidemic is more than \$3.9 billion. This includes:

- Department of Health & Human Services (HHS):
 - \$1.85 billion for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant program, including an important 15% set aside for states with the highest rates of drug overdose deaths.
 - \$1.5 billion for the State Opioid Response Grant program, including a similar 15% set aside.
 - \$135 million to continue the Rural Communities Opioids Response program
 - \$18 million for infectious diseases related to the opioid epidemic. WV has experienced a rise in opioid-related infectious diseases, including an increase in viral hepatitis and HIV cases. The bill also prioritizes funding to states with the highest drug overdose mortality rate, and prioritize states, like West Virginia, not included in the Ending the HIV Epidemic funding grants.
- Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP): \$18.9 million for ONDCP, including \$296 million for High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) and \$106 million for the Drug-Free Communities (DFC) program.
- Department of Veterans Affairs (VA): \$621 million for opioid abuse prevention, an increase of \$149m.
- Food & Drug Administration (FDA): \$1.1 billion to continue medical product and food safety activities.
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS): \$10 million for fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances clean up and disposal initiatives, including \$4.5 million for HSI and \$542 million for R&D efforts within the DHS Science and Technology Directorate. Marshall University has been working with DHS to develop a program to combat opioid trafficking on the dark web.

Preserving West Virginia's Federal Workforce

There are more than 21,000 federal employees in WV. Through his role on the Appropriations Committee, Senator Manchin is committed to ensuring these agencies have the support they need & our workforce continues to grow and thrive in the state. Some of these facilities include:

- Bureau of Fiscal Service: \$355.936 million (+\$10M) for the Dept. of Treasury's Bureau of Fiscal Service in Parkersburg, which supports other federal government activities through accounting, financing, collections, payments and shared services.
- FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division: The bill includes \$10.136 billion in funding for the FBI, including CJIS – the largest FBI division – located in Clarksburg, inc. \$169m for the operation of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. The bill also includes language encouraging the FBI to make the pay and benefits of FBI police equivalent to other federal police divisions.
- Bureau of Prisons (BOP): \$7.865 billion for the federal prison system, including language directing DOJ to reduce the overreliance on staff augmentation and improve staffing beyond mission-critical level, which impacts prisons in WV like USP Hazelton in Preston County.

WV Contributions in Science & Space:

- Green Bank Observatory (GBO): Ensures continued support for GBO and encourages the development of multi-agency use of the facility. After years of work, Senator Manchin helped save GBO in 2020 after it was proposed for divestment by the National Science Foundation.
- NASA IV&V: \$39.4 million in level funding for the Katherine Johnson Independent Verification & Validation (IV&V) Program in Fairmont, which provides mission-critical software to NASA, including language directing NASA to fund additional IV&V activities from within mission directorates that make use of IV&V services.
- WV Robotics: \$227 million for the RESTORE-L/SPIDER satellite servicing program. The West Virginia Robotics Technology Center (WVRTC) is the lead academic institution supporting this program.
- NOAA Hera Supercomputer: \$5 million in additional funding for the Hera Supercomputer in Fairmont.
- Research: WV benefits from key science and space-related educational research programs, including \$777.9 million for the NASA Heliophysics Program, \$26 million for NASA EPSCoR, & \$54.5 million for NASA Space Grants, which support research at WV universities.

Agricultural & Forestry Research in West Virginia

- Appalachian Honeybees: \$1.5 million for the continued operations of the Pollinator Recovery, Education & Research Center established in Hinton, WV, which focuses on the decline of pollinator populations while creating jobs and economic revitalization in former coal mining towns.
- Precision Aquaculture: \$2 million for the National Center for Cool & Cold Water Aquaculture in Leetown, WV to study sustainable domestic aquaculture production.
- Small Orchard Production: \$1 million for low-cost technology and innovative production strategies for small farm fruit growers through the Appalachian Fruit Research Station in Kearneysville, WV.

Moving West Virginia Forward

Economic & Community Development:

- Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC): \$195 million for ARC (+\$6 million). West Virginia is the only state fully within the ARC. The bill includes key initiatives for the state including:
 - \$65 million for the ARC POWER initiative. West Virginia has also been awarded more than \$109 million in POWER Grants since the start of 2016, when the program began.
 - \$13 million to continue ARC's pilot program to address the opioid crisis. So far, West Virginia has received \$2.066 million in funding through this new program.
 - \$15 million (+\$10m) for broadband funding for distressed counties in North and North Central Appalachia, which includes 10 more WV counties eligible for this funding in addition to 7 counties in southern WV previously eligible for \$10 million in funding for Central Appalachia.
- Economic Development Administration (EDA): \$373.5 million for EDA, including \$41.5 million (+\$8 million) in assistance to coal communities and \$45 million for the Regional Innovation Program. WV is the largest per capita recipient of EDA funds, which provides critical funding to foster innovation in small, rural communities.

- Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs): \$295 million for CDFIs like the Natural Capital Investment Fund in Shepherdstown and Woodlands Community Lenders in Elkins which help provide low-interest loans to small businesses around the state that would otherwise have difficulty obtaining a loan.
- Volunteer Service: \$1.15 billion for the Corporation for National and Community Service (+\$29.5M), which oversees the Senior Corps and Americorps VISTA programs. West Virginia produces more Americorps volunteers per capita than any other state in the U.S.

Increasing Broadband Connectivity in WV: As a result of our state's beautiful mountains and deep valleys and hollers, broadband deployment costs in West Virginia are much more expensive. Senator Manchin has fought to ensure that funding for broadband deployment prioritizes rural areas like West Virginia that need it the most:

- USDA: \$486.6 million for the ReConnect rural broadband program and \$35 million Community Connect, as well as language encouraging USDA to factor in higher costs incurred by challenging, mountainous terrain.
- Commerce: \$50 million for NTIA, which will be responsible for distributing much of the broadband funding included in last year's bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. WV is estimated to receive around \$600m through the \$42.45b Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program from NTIA.

Protecting American Manufacturing & Creating Jobs:

- Manufacturing Extension Partnerships (MEP): \$158 million (+\$8 million) for MEPs across the country, inc. Morgantown, to work with small- and mid-sized manufacturers to create jobs and increase profits.
- Small Business Administration (SBA): \$278.3 million for assistance to small businesses & job growth for unemployed and underemployed Americans, including \$138 million for Small Business Development Centers
- Aluminum Import Monitoring: \$1.3 million for AIM to support U.S. aluminum producers like Constellium in Ravenswood by detecting potential evasion of aluminum tariffs and transshipment issues.

Educating the Next Generation of West Virginians: Senator Manchin believes in investing in the next generation of West Virginians to give children a head start and a leg up at school and home.

- Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT): \$515m for rural schools impacted by the decrease in tax revenue due to nearby public lands, such as the Monongahela National Forest in WV.
- Disadvantaged Students: \$11b for Head Start, \$1.4b for TRIO programs, \$378m for GEAR UP, & a maximum award increase of \$400 to \$6,895 per student for Pell Grants.
- Child Care and Development Block Grant: \$6.2 billion, an increase of \$254 million.
- 21st Century Community Learning Centers: \$1.3 billion, an increase of \$30 million.
- Career and Technical Education: \$2.1 billion, an increase of \$61 million.
- National Youth Science Camp (NYSC): \$753 million for Dept. of State Educational & Cultural Exchange Programs, which supports NYSC, an annual STEM-focused camp for foreign and U.S. students in Thomas.

Rebuilding our Infrastructure

As a member of the Transportation, Housing & Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee, Senator Manchin has prioritized funding to help rural areas like WV. That's why he authored the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act, which included \$500b for our nation's infrastructure needs. However, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that \$197b cannot be released until this spending package passes, which also includes:

Roads and Highways: 29% of WV's 38,770 miles of public roads are considered to be in poor condition, while 21% of our 1,531 bridges are considered structurally deficient, the highest percentage in the U.S.

- \$100m for the Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS). When combined with IJA, WV will receive a total of \$52.1m for Corridor H in FY22.
- \$1.45b for bridge replacement and rehabilitation. When combined with IJA, WV will receive \$141.3m to repair and replace bridges across the state.
- \$775m billion for discretionary grant programs at the Dept. of Transportation, including RAISE grants. Thanks to Senator Manchin, WV has received \$81.75 million in RAISE grants in the past several years.

Clean Drinking Water: WV has an estimated \$1.4 billion in drinking water needs and \$3.3 billion in wastewater needs. That's why Senator Manchin strongly supports programs rural water infrastructure:

- \$1.63b for EPA's Clean Water & \$1.12b for the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) program.

- \$653m for the Rural Water & Wastewater Disposal Program, \$490m for Water & Waste Grants, & \$20.7m for the Circuit Rider Program, as well as language encouraging USDA to dedicate funds for small-scale Water and Wastewater projects in distressed counties in Central Appalachia.

Waterways, Navigation, and Flood Control: The spending package includes key WV priorities such as:

- \$57.7 million for operation of the Ohio River Locks and Dams in WV and language encouraging the Corps to establish remote lock operations to allow boaters to use the dams more often.
- \$20.7 million for aquatic nuisance control research, including additional funds to study harmful algae blooms. Marshall University works with the Corps to study harmful algae blooms on the Ohio River.

Airports: Senator Manchin believes that we must do everything we can to open up West Virginia, and our airports provide a window to our wild and wonderful state. Senator Manchin's priorities include:

- \$3.35b for the Airport Improvement Program, which provides funding for airport safety, construction, and noise mitigation, with \$554.18m for the AIP Discretionary program for small, rural, non-hub airports.
- \$350m in annual funding for the Essential Air Service (EAS) program, which ensures small, rural airports like Beckley, Clarksburg, Lewisburg, Morgantown, & Parkersburg maintain scheduled air service.
- Also includes \$10m for the Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP).

Railroads & Transit: Senator Manchin has long fought to preserve & protect WV's rail infrastructure, vital for transportation purposes and for shipping. The bill includes \$2.3 billion for Amtrak and includes language protecting long-distance routes like the Capitol Limited (DC to Chicago) and the Cardinal (NY to Chicago) which travel through WV. The bill also includes Senator Manchin's language directing Amtrak to continue to provide a station agent in each Amtrak station that lost one in 2018.

Taking Care of our Friends and Families

Youth Homelessness: West Virginia has experienced a large increase in the number of children and families experiencing homelessness as a result of the drug epidemic and other factors. This bill includes:

- HUD: \$3.2 billion to stop homelessness, including \$107m to stop youth homelessness, \$7m for National Homeless Data Analysis, & language ensuring equal consideration for homeless youth in rural areas
- McKinney-Vento: \$114 million (+\$7.5M) through the Education for Homeless Children & Youth Program including language to require greater transparency on how schools use funding to assist homeless youth
- HHS: \$149 million through the Runaway & Homeless Youth program at the Administration for Children & Families and \$2 million to study how adverse childhood experiences increase the risk of future substance abuse, suicide, and mental health conditions.
- Interagency Council on Homelessness: \$3.8 million, including language Senator Manchin authored to reduce barriers and expand access to housing for youth 24 and under.

Housing Assistance

- \$27.4 billion for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, which helps reduce rents paid by low-income families.
- \$3.8 billion (+\$50 million) for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- \$3.3 billion for Community Development Block Grants
- \$1.5 billion for the HUD HOME Investment Partnership Program
- \$313 million for the DOE Weatherization Assistance and \$63 million for State Energy programs.
- \$313 million (+\$3M) for the Weatherization Assistance Program, which provides funding to all states for energy efficiency in low-income homes.
- \$3.8 billion (+\$50M) for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program that provides assistance to West Virginians struggling to pay their utility bills.

Miners' Health & Safety

- \$331.5 million for the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund, \$43.9 million for Special Benefits for Disabled Coal Miners, and \$11.8 million (+\$345,000) for Black Lung Clinics.
- \$383.8m for Mine Safety & Health Administration (MSHA), inc. \$294.5M for Mine Safety & Health Enforcement, \$35M for technical support, & \$39.3 million for Educational Policy & Development.
- \$17.5m (+\$355,000) for the Federal Mine Safety & Health Review Commission, inc. language to ensure dislocated coal miners receive reemployment services under the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act.

Disaster Assistance: Severe weather can take a toll on communities in ways beyond health & safety, deteriorating homes and impacting economic activity. Senator Manchin has helped direct federal funding for recovery efforts to flooding & severe weather in the state, and ensured these efforts will continue by providing:

- Robust funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at \$23.9 billion, with \$18.8 billion dedicated to the Disaster Relief Fund, as well as language directing FEMA and Army Corps to report on levee certifications due over the next 5 years and the cost savings if all levees are properly certified.
- Strong support for first responders, including \$355 million for Emergency Management Performance Grants, \$360 million for Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) and \$360 million Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants.

Food Security and Child Nutrition

- \$140.4 billion for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- \$6 billion for Special Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
- \$440 million for the Commodity Assistance Program which includes the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) & the Farmers Market Nutrition Program.
- \$45 million for the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT), which provides additional resources to purchase food during the summer months for families whose children are certified to receive free or reduced-price school meals during the school year.

Healthcare & Elderly Assistance

- \$1.7 billion for Community Health Centers, including \$30 million to support school-based health centers, and \$366 million for rural health programs.
- \$121 million for the National Health Service Corps.
- \$18 million for Infectious Diseases and the Opioid Epidemic, including language to prioritize funding to states, like West Virginia, that are not included in the Ending the HIV Epidemic program.
- \$967 million for senior nutrition programs through the Administration for Community Living (+\$15M)

Public Safety: Funding to help state and local law enforcement ensure public safety includes:

- \$674.5 million for the Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
- \$512 million for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
- \$33 million for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement
- \$575 million for Violence Against Women Act Programs, \$135 million for STOP School Violence Grants, and \$102 million for Youth Mentoring Programs
- \$489 million for the Legal Services Corporation and \$14 million for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to provide guardianship services for child victims of crime.

Keeping Our Promise to Veterans

Senator Manchin recognizes the sacrifices and patriotism of our veterans, and he is committed to ensuring veterans receive the best available care and benefits. As a member of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs since he first joined the Senate in 2010, Senator Manchin is proud to continue that mission and be a strong voice for improving veterans' services and programs.

- Burn Pits: \$882m for investment into research in areas like toxic exposure and \$10m for the Airborne Hazards & Burn Pits Center of Excellence to better understand the effects of open-air burn pit exposure.
- Medical Care: \$97.5b for the VA to provide essential health services to Veterans.
- Rural Health and Telehealth: \$327m for VA telehealth services to expand telehealth capacity & transportation access in rural and highly rural areas like West Virginia.
- Suicide Prevention: \$13.2b for mental health programs including \$ 598 million for suicide prevention and \$255m for improving the Veterans Crisis Line.
- Caregivers: \$1.4b to expand the Caregivers Program and support family caregivers in Veterans' families.
- VA Benefits: \$3.5b to provide disability compensation benefits and reduce the claims backlog
- Department of Veterans Affairs (VA): \$621m for Opioid Prevention and Treatment programs.
- Homelessness: \$2.2m to prevent Veteran homelessness.
- Information Technology: \$5.5b to improve IT systems to help transfer health records across the country.