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**Budget Resolution in the Making**

Below is NAEPDC/NSCDAE Government Relations' Jeff Carter's report on the budget resolution news followed by his analysis of the impact on adult education.

**Jeff's Report:**

House Budget Chair Ryan and Senate Budget Chair Murray have announced a deal to **replace \$63 billion of sequester cuts over two years.**

**The deal provides \$45 billion for FY 14, split evenly between defense and nondefense. The \$22.5 billion that non-defense discretionary spending (NDD) will receive represents 87% of the \$25.8 billion NDD FY 13 sequester cut.** Thus, in the aggregate **the Appropriations Committees will have a pot of money sufficient to provide FY 14 funding at levels that replace 87% of the FY 13 cut.** The NDD level will be \$492 billion. By comparison, the FY 14 sequester level is \$469 billion, the current CR level is \$468 billion and the FY 13 level was \$473 billion.

**For FY 15, it adds \$18 billion,** again split evenly between defense and NDD, so the NDD cap will rise slightly.

The House is expected to consider the deal on the floor on Friday.

**Assuming this deal passes, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees have until January 15th to first divide up their new pot of money among their 12 subcommittees (the 302(b) allocations) and then each subcommittee to come up with its individual bill that will be packaged into an omnibus and then have that package pass both houses. So the House will have to act most likely the week of January 6.**

The "restored" funding is likely to be used to increase funding to formula programs, like adult education. See this article in *Education Week*:

*Lawmakers have been really vocal about cuts to big formula programs that go out to every school, including Title I grants to districts and special education state grants. They've been a lot quieter about the squeeze on the Obama administration's favorite competitive grant programs, such as Race to the Top. And most advocates representing practioners [sic], including the NEA, are more likely to go to bat for formula programs.*

*And under the still-constrained overall spending level, any brand-new initiatives, such as the Obama administration's big preschool push, will likely face long odds.*

*"There's still a lot of work to be done," Packer said. "It's going to be very interesting to see how do they divide this money up. ... I think, to be honest, anything new ... I just don't see how that happens."*

[http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2013/12/budget\\_deal\\_could\\_offer\\_school.html](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2013/12/budget_deal_could_offer_school.html)

### Jeff's Analysis:

It is highly likely, then, that states will see about a slight bump up in their federal allocation for adult education for FY14. **It will still be less than pre-sequester levels, however.** Also, I would expect that you'll know what the FY14 allocation is going to be a lot sooner than last year -- more or less when you would normally expect to get that news.

A couple of other key points:

This agreement holds off the majority of the sequester cuts **for just two years, FY14 and FY15.** The sequester cuts kick back in FY16 and keep going through 2023. So we're still looking at an environment where any substantial increases to programs like adult education are very unlikely -- but the deal does at least provide an *opportunity* to advocate for additional funding for FY15, AND it also means fiscal stability for the next two years, including a much smaller chance that we'll find ourselves in a federal government shutdown threat over that period. And, most importantly, **Congress has two years to make a deal to get rid of the sequester altogether, something that education advocates will continue to need to press them on.**

If you're interested, here are links to summaries and the bill text:

- Summary of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 [bba2013summary.pdf](#) (93.7 KBs)
- Legislative Text of Bipartisan Budget Act [BipartisanBudgetActFINAL.pdf](#) (197.4 KBs)
- Section By Section Analysis of Bipartisan Budget Act [Section-by-Section-FINAL.pdf](#) (97.6 KBs)

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Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.  
Will Rogers  
US humorist & showman (1879 - 1935)

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