



Action Alert #11

House Appropriations to Vote on FY24 Budget

April 26, 2023



Monday, May 1st, at 9:00 AM, House Appropriations is scheduled to vote on the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budget ([HB1](#)) which will begin July 1st. Click [here](#) for the tentative agenda.

LaCAN has been advocating for the following items to be included in the proposed budget:

1. [Recurring Funding for Families Helping Families Regional Resource Centers](#)
 - During the last two legislative sessions, an additional \$500,000 in state general fund (SGF) was added to the Council's budget specifically for FHF Centers. The Council's request to include this additional funding in its FY24 budget was denied leaving these Center's in an unfortunate situation. Total SGF needed is \$1,007,517.
2. [Fund New & Existing Postsecondary Inclusive Education Programs for Students with I/DD](#)
 - \$3 million SGF to be added to the Postsecondary Inclusive Education Fund to continue efforts to increase and expand postsecondary inclusive education opportunities in Louisiana for individuals with I/DD.

We are hopeful the committee will amend these items into the budget, but you must let them know how important FHF and Postsecondary Inclusive Education opportunities are to you. Already reached out to committee members in another alert? That's okay. Contact them again! Let them know these issues are still important and you are counting on them for support!

How to Take Action

Share your personal story and explain how you or someone you know have been impacted by any of the issues above.

1. **Email or call** the Chair and members of the House Appropriations Committee *before the committee* meets Monday, May 1st! Find your member(s) of the House Appropriations Committee at the end of this alert.

2. **Email** h-app@legis.la.gov your public comments about the budget:
 - Only statements emailed to the address above and *received prior to noon Friday, April 28th* will be included in the record for this committee meeting.
 - With your comments, please include your name, address, phone number, email address and bill number (HB1). Let them know you writing about funding for FHF Centers and the Postsecondary Inclusive Education Fund.
3. **Attend Yellow Shirt Day!**
 - WHEN: Monday, May 1st, at 9:00 AM
 - WHERE: Louisiana State Capitol - House Committee Room 5

It's important for LaCAN to fill the room with yellow shirts to show the importance of these issues! Don't forget to arrive early to ensure you get a seat in the committee room. If you plan to attend, need a yellow shirt or want to find out about carpooling options, contact your [LaCAN Leader](#).

If you would like to watch the committee meeting, you can do so via the [legislature's website](#). When the meeting is in progress, click the camera icon to access the broadcast.

Confirm Your Action

- Email your [LaCAN Leader](#) after you take action
- Why confirm your action? This helps the Council know how effective we are reaching you with important information and engaging members across our state in advocacy for systems change.

Tips & Tools for Advocacy

Looking for tips and tools to help you in your advocacy? Check out the Council's [Advocacy 101](#) page.

You can also find tips for:

- [Writing/emailing your legislators](#)
- [Calling your legislators](#)
- [Writing your story](#)

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