

Community Renewal Task Force



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Sending Governors' FY23 Funding Priorities to Congress

In May, the Task Force wrote to House and Senate Appropriators, expressing support for funding priorities that fall within the Task Force's jurisdiction. Those priorities include funding for programs within the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and funding for apprenticeships. The funding request also called for continued investment in state and local law enforcement programs, affordable housing programs, farm bill and rural development programs, as well as the need to modernize state unemployment insurance systems and make them more resilient to economic downturns.

Ensuring Access to Summer Meals & Child Nutrition Programs

In June, Task Force Co-Chairs, Governor Parson and Governor Bryan, Jr., urged Congress to take quick action on the Keep Kids Fed Act. Governors have seen schools across the states and territories continue to deal with challenges, including food service supply chains issues. This bipartisan compromise ensures access to summer meals, allows children who are eligible to receive reduced-price school meals to receive free school meals, and streamlines healthy meals for children in family childcare. Following advocacy by Governors, the bill was signed into law before the June 30 expiration deadline.

Weighing in on Proposed Wagner-Peyser Act Staffing Proposed Rule

In April, the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration proposed a rule that would eliminate current Wagner-Peyser Act employment service (ES) staffing flexibilities and require ES staff to be cross-trained in processing UI claims and assisting UI claimants during times of high or surging unemployment. The Task Force weighed in on behalf of Governors and submitted public comments calling for the final rule to grandfather in states that have been granted ES staffing flexibilities and to consider potential unintended consequences of cross-training ES staff for UI processing and assistance.

Voicing Support for School and Community Safety Legislation After Tragedies in Buffalo, NY and Uvalde, TX

In the wake of the shootings in Buffalo, NY, and Uvalde, TX, the National Governors Association established a bipartisan working group to drive solutions on school and community safety and called on Congress to pass the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act. Within days, Congress passed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which provides critical resources to states and territories to enhance gun safety, make school campuses safer, and support school and community-based mental health care.

Bringing Together State, Federal and Practitioner Leaders to Discuss Teacher Shortages

In a virtual meeting, the Community Renewal Task Force hosted a discussion on the state of the educator workforce alongside state and federal representatives, as well as a practitioner who represents colleges of teacher education. The discussion covered short- and long-term solutions to the teacher shortage crisis as schools prepare for the upcoming 2022/23 school year.