FY2001 Appropriations Bills Passed!
On December 15, two and one-half months into the FY 2001, Congressional appropriators agreed to final figures for the Labor-HHS-Education spending bill. The final 10.5% increase for Title I and 34.3% increase for Title III represent substantial gains over FY2000 spending levels. The Title I budget now stands at $604.2 million, a $57.7 million jump from the last fiscal year. Title III funding rose $47.5 million, bringing its FY2001 total to $185.9 million. Please see the attached chart for a full overview of the 2001 funding negotiations.

The CAEAR Coalition worked tirelessly throughout this drawn-out appropriations process to maintain strong increases for Title I and Title III. Thanks to all CAEAR members and allies who wrote and called Congressional offices urging appropriate CARE Act increases and an expeditious end to the FY 2001 process.

Thanking Our Allies
Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations subcommittee deserve thanks for passing an appropriations bill that contained such dramatic increases in Ryan White CARE Act Title I and Title III funding. Especially deserving of thanks are Reps. David Obey (D-WI) and Nancy Pelosi (D-CA). Please take this opportunity to write a letter of thanks to your members of Congress who sit on the above committees.

Senate Appropriators:
Robert F. Bennett (R-UT)
Christopher “Kit” Bond (R-MO)
Conrad Burns (R-MT)
Robert C. Byrd (D-WV), ranking
Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO)

House Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee
Henry Bonilla (R-TX)
Randy “Duke” Cunningham (R-CA)
Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)
Jay Dickey (R-AR)
Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD)
Ernest J. Istook (R-OK)
Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D-IL)
Nita M. Lowey (D-NY)
Dan Miller (R-FL)
Anne Meagher Northup (R-KY)
David Obey (D-WI), ranking
Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
John Edward Porter (R-IL), chair
Roger F. Wicker (R-MS)
C.W. Bill Young (R-FL)

Thad Cochran (R-MS)
Larry E. Craig (R-ID)
Pete V. Domenici (R-NM)
Byron C. Dorgan (D-ND)
Richard J. Durbin (D-IL)
Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)
Slade Gorton (R-WA)
Judd Gregg (R-NH)
Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI)
Tom Harkin (D-IA)
Ernest C. Hollings (D-SC)
Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX)
Herb Kohl (D-WI)
John Kyl (R-AZ)
Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ)
Patrick Leahy (D-VT)
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD)
Patty Murray (D-WA)
Harry Reid (D-NV)
Richard C. Shelby (R-AL)
Arlen Specter (R-PA)
Ted Stevens (R-AK), chair
Board Retreat
The CAEAR Coalition Board of Directors recently took part in a strategic planning retreat, under the direction of Angela Carter, a facilitator in the Baltimore/Washington area with extensive experience in non-profit organizational development, group facilitation, and diversity training. The December 11 session resulted in work plans for the CAEAR’s three standing committees—public policy, membership, and resource development. Those plans will be shared with the CAEAR membership at the February business meeting.

February Business Meeting and Advocacy Days
CAEAR’s next general membership business meeting will take place from February 25-28, 2001 in Washington, DC. CAEAR members and prospective members from Title I and Title III communities are encouraged to attend—come help us shape our agenda for the next year! February meeting participants will also have the opportunity to meet with their members of Congress and their staff, as well as members and staff of key Congressional committees, as the FY 2002 appropriations process moves into full swing. These meetings are especially important given the new political landscape on Capitol Hill and with the 107th Congress just beginning its work. If you have not already received registration materials, please call or e-mail the CAEAR office (202-789-3565; info@caear.org) and we will send them to you.

CAEAR has a new look!
New letterhead and envelopes show off CAEAR’s revamped logo and highlight our re-energized, post-reauthorization advocacy efforts.
### FY 2001 Ryan White CARE Act Program
(Increases or decreases from previous year are shown in parentheses)

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* This agreement was never voted on by the Congress. The funding levels were agreed to by Congressional leaders and the Clinton Administration before disagreements on ergonomics regulations derailed the bill.

** This amount includes $3.5 million from existing Title IV base funding which is being used specifically for minority HIV/AIDS activities. The remaining amount represents funding added to this account by the CBC Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative.

*** This amount includes $900,000 from existing AETC base funding which is being used specifically for minority HIV/AIDS activities. The remaining amount represents funding added to this account by the CBC Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative.

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