

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET: STATE OF PLAY

International Affairs Budget Snapshot

FY22 Enacted*	FY23 Enacted**	FY24 Request***
\$58.0 billion	\$61.7 billion	\$70.6 billion

**Excludes \$29.3 billion in primarily Ukraine and Afghanistan-related emergency funding*

***Excludes \$4.5 billion in FY23 emergency funding for Ukraine included in the September 2022 Continuing Resolution and \$16.6 billion included in the FY23 Omnibus primarily for Ukraine.*

****Excludes request of \$13.1 billion in mandatory international affairs resources to compete with China.*

FY24 President's Budget Request

With global instability continuing to find its way to America's shores, the Administration's FY24 budget request seeks to "renew and revitalize U.S. leadership in the world, tackle global challenges, and ensure our foreign policy delivers for the American people" by proposing an **\$8.9 billion increase** for the International Affairs Budget compared to the FY23 non-emergency enacted level.

Specifically, the request **includes \$70.6 billion in discretionary non-emergency funding for the International Affairs Budget – 14% above the FY23 enacted level**. Similar to last year, the Administration proposes funding increases across a wide range of programs and accounts, from humanitarian assistance to climate change to global health.

Above and beyond its discretionary funding proposal, the Administration is requesting a total of **\$13.1 billion in mandatory international affairs resources** to compete with China. This innovative proposal is a clear recognition that development and diplomacy programs are a powerful tool in America's strategy when it comes to China – particularly as China's development spending and financing have increased by 270% over the last decade.

FY24 Budget and Appropriations Process

With the release of the Administration's budget request, all eyes now turn to Congress as the FY24 budget and appropriations process begins in earnest. As a first step, congressional committees will hold a series of budget hearings to consider the Administration's budget request in the coming days and weeks.

There is growing uncertainty about whether the Senate Budget Committee will pursue an FY24 budget resolution. In the House, Budget Committee **Chairman Jodey Arrington (R-TX)** is drafting an FY24 budget resolution that is expected to limit overall discretionary spending to FY22 enacted levels.

Both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees have outlined ambitious agendas to consider FY24 spending bills and bipartisan Senate Appropriations leaders are holding active conversations about reaching an agreement on a topline spending level.

However, given the political realities of a divided Congress and slim majorities in both the House and Senate, finalizing FY24 spending before the new fiscal year begins on October 1, 2023, could be a tall order. In the absence of a final spending deal, Congress could pass a short-term Continuing Resolution (CR) to provide additional time for negotiations or enact a full-year CR if no deal is in sight. If no spending deal or CR is approved by the time current funding expires, a government shutdown could result.