

**Summary of the Congressional Budget Office's
Request for Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024
March 8, 2023**

CBO's Funding Over Five Years and Its Current Request						
Thousands of Dollars						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024, Requested
Full-Time Permanent Positions	32,497	33,917	34,810	37,324	38,960	42,133
Other Than Full-Time Permanent	1,089	1,386	1,481	1,495	1,889	2,032
Other Personnel Compensation	<u>612</u>	<u>695</u>	<u>745</u>	<u>780</u>	<u>955</u>	<u>1,005</u>
Subtotal	34,198	35,998	37,036	39,599	41,804	45,170
Personnel Benefits	<u>11,661</u>	<u>14,058</u>	<u>15,049</u>	<u>15,584</u>	<u>16,531</u>	<u>17,933</u>
Total, Pay	45,859	50,056	52,085	55,183	58,335	63,103
Travel and Transportation of Persons	199	189	191	160	150	200
Communications, Utilities, and Miscellaneous Charges	351	298	375	395	435	610
Printing and Reproduction	40	39	38	53	39	40
Other Services	3,514	3,557	3,862	4,420	3,809	5,590
Supplies and Materials	410	419	472	456	418	468
Equipment	<u>364</u>	<u>383</u>	<u>269</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>764</u>
Total, Nonpay	4,878	4,885	5,207	5,770	4,902	7,672
Total	50,737	54,941	57,292	60,953	63,237	70,775
Percentage Change From Prior Fiscal Year	1.6	8.3	4.3	6.4	3.7	11.9
Memorandum:						
Full-Time-Equivalent Positions	255	264	264	275	278	290

The Congressional Budget Office requests appropriations of \$70.8 million for fiscal year 2024: 89 percent would be for pay and benefits; 8 percent would be for information technology, including tools to improve cybersecurity; and 3 percent would be for services by expert consultants and other items. The requested amount represents an increase of \$7.5 million, or 12 percent, from the \$63.2 million that CBO received for 2023. The unusually large increase would allow the agency to increase the number of employees and cover the expenses for goods and services that were deferred in 2023. The 2024 request is part of a multiyear effort for the agency to grow in key capabilities so that it can provide the Congress with budgetary and economic information that is timely, rigorous, insightful, and clearly explained.

Personnel Costs. CBO requests an increase of \$4.8 million, or 8.2 percent, for personnel costs. That amount would cover salaries and benefits to fund the hiring of 11 new staff members in 2024 and fully fund staff members hired at various times throughout 2023. They would allow CBO to provide the Congress with more analysis in the areas of climate change and infrastructure, defense and homeland security, income security, and immigration, as well as long-term projections. Most of the requested increase, however, would cover inflation adjustments and performance-based salary increases for current staff in 2024. Employees earning less than \$100,000 would receive an across-the-board increase of 5.3 percent, whereas employees earning \$100,000 or more (for whom more of their compensation is based on performance) would receive a 3.3 percent increase.

Nonpersonnel Costs. CBO requests an increase of \$2.8 million, or 56.5 percent, for nonpersonnel costs. In 2023, CBO deferred expenses for certain computing services and equipment so that it could add employees to support the Congress while inflation eroded the agency's buying power. For 2024, CBO is requesting sufficient nonpersonnel funding to pay for current needs and deferred expenses. That funding would also, among other things, continue to provide computing capabilities for many CBO staff whose workstations have migrated to cloud-based systems and improve CBO's ability to detect, assess, and recover from cyberattacks. Much of CBO's spending on cybersecurity is a cost of maintaining access to data that are essential to CBO's analyses.

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