

**Summary of the Congressional Budget Office's
Request for Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2026**

CBO's Funding Over Five Years and Its Current Request

Thousands of dollars

CBO's activities		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025, enacted	2026, requested
11.1	Full-time permanent positions	35,324	36,737	38,738	40,376	41,779	43,919
11.3	Other than full-time permanent	1,374	1,601	1,708	1,912	2,142	2,343
11.5	Other personnel compensation	<u>755</u>	<u>881</u>	<u>925</u>	<u>1,045</u>	<u>1,155</u>	<u>1,155</u>
	Subtotal	37,453	39,219	41,370	43,333	45,076	47,417
12.1	Personnel benefits	14,419	15,316	16,245	16,779	17,562	18,193
	Total, pay	51,872	54,534	57,615	60,112	62,638	65,610
13	Benefits for former personnel	3	0	4	0	0	0
21	Travel and transportation of persons	7	88	94	106	200	200
23	Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	426	465	431	375	433	812
24	Printing and reproduction	0	13	20	0	5	5
25	Other services	3,938	4,492	4,400	8,084	6,338	7,834
26	Supplies and materials	436	422	437	308	332	400
31	Equipment	<u>589</u>	<u>926</u>	<u>202</u>	<u>956</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>896</u>
	Total, nonpay	5,399	6,406	5,588	9,830	7,362	10,147
	Total obligations	57,268	60,940	63,199	69,942	70,000	75,757
	Percentage change from prior fiscal year	4.3	6.4	3.7	10.7	0.1	8.2
Memorandum:							
	Full-time-equivalent positions	267	269	273	268	271	278

The Congressional Budget Office requests appropriations of \$75.8 million for fiscal year 2026: 86.6 percent would be for pay and benefits; 9.8 percent, for information technology; and 3.6 percent, for training, expert consultant services, office supplies, and other items. The request amounts to an increase of \$5.8 million, or 8.2 percent, from the funding provided this year.

Personnel Costs. CBO requests an increase in personnel costs of \$3.0 million, or 4.7 percent, from the \$62.6 million devoted to such costs in fiscal year 2025. The amount would primarily fund inflation adjustments and performance-based salary increases for current staff in 2026. Employees earning less than \$100,000 would receive an across-the-board increase of 3.8 percent, whereas employees earning \$100,000 or more (for whom more of their compensation is based on performance) would receive a 1.8 percent increase. The requested increase would also fund the hiring of 15 new staff members in 2026. They would allow CBO to provide even more timely analyses to the Congress in the areas of health care, border security, credit programs, and the economy—as well as bolster the agency's capabilities for dynamic analysis. They would also allow the agency to enhance responsiveness in producing cost estimates and providing technical assistance in the legislative process. The requested increase would cover growth in the cost of federal benefits for current staff and would fund benefits for the 15 new staff members in 2026.

Nonpersonnel Costs. CBO requests an increase of \$2.8 million for nonpersonnel costs. The requested increase would, among other things, allow CBO to expand its cloud infrastructure; improve its ability to detect, assess, and recover from cyberattacks; and bolster its continuity of operations following a disruption. Much of the agency's spending on cybersecurity is the cost of maintaining access to data that are essential to CBO's analyses.

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