



Understanding Community Health Center Funding: Uncertainty vs. **Stability**

Two funding streams. Both are essential. One provides greater stability.

ANNUAL UNCERTAINTY	MULTI-YEAR STABILITY
 Discretionary Funding	 Mandatory Funding
~30% of total federal grant funding	~70% of total federal grant funding
 Current Funding Level: \$1.85 Billion	 Current Funding Level: \$4.6 Billion
 Legal Basis: Annual Appropriations Acts	 Legal Basis: Affordable Care Act
 Approval Cycle: Voted on by Congress every year	 Approval Cycle: Authorized in multi-year blocks
 Primary Source: Annual Labor-HHS appropriations bill	 Primary Source: Community Health Center Fund (CHCF)
 Risk Factor: Subject to annual budget negotiations and shutdowns	 Risk Factor: Periodic funding cliffs when congressional authorization expires
 Main Use: Annual operating budget support	 Main Use: Long-term growth, hiring, new sites



WITHOUT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION, KEY CHC FUNDING **EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2026**

The Community Health Center Fund, our largest source of CHC funding, expires on this date.

Together, these funding streams allow CHCs to deliver comprehensive care to over 34 million people. However, stable funding helps health centers plan ahead, invest in their communities, and deliver high-quality care when and where it's needed most.