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# OHS Management Changes



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# FY 2018 Budget ACF-PI-HS-18-03



- ▶ Includes an increase of \$610 million over the FY 2017 funding level.
- ▶ \$216 million provides grantees a 2.6% cost of living increase (COLA).
- ▶ \$260 million to support grantees increasing their hours of program operations.
- ▶ \$115 million for Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships (EHS-CCP) and Early Head Start (EHS) Expansion, which includes a 2.6 percent COLA for existing EHS-CCP and EHS Expansion grantees.

# FY 2018 Cost of Living (COLA)



- ▶ Each grantee may apply for a COLA increase of 2.6 percent of the FY 2017 base funding level.
- ▶ COLA funds should be used to increase staff salaries and fringe and/or to pay for higher operating costs.
- ▶ Grantee proposing differential COLA increases to staff, delegates, or partners must justify its rationale in its budget narrative.
- ▶ Grantees will have to apply for the COLA through either a supplemental application or submitted as part of their FY 2018 application. **Applications due June 18, 2018.**

# Other Funding opportunities



- ▶ \$115 million for Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships (EHS-CCP) and Early Head Start (EHS) Expansion
  - ✓ Provides for the 2.6 percent COLA for existing EHS-CCP and EHS Expansion grantees.
  - ✓ Funds round three of EHS CCP and EHS Expansion through a competitive application process.
  
- ▶ \$260 million to support duration of services.
  - ✓ Information on how to apply and criteria for applications will be released in a Program Instruction.

# Other Funding opportunities



## ► Program Improvement

- ✓ ACF-PI-HS-18-03 states “Grantees encountering program improvement needs should contact their Regional Office and submit supplemental applications throughout the year as needs emerge.
- ✓ Requests are addressed by priority and subject to availability of funds.

## ► Training and Technical Assistance –

- ✓ OHS will make TTA adjustments for programs whose current TTA allocations fall below the floor funding for their program. (1.2% for HS TTA and 2.3% for EHS TTA)
- ✓ If a program is identified for additional TTA funds, your program will receive a funding guidance letter requesting an application.