

Appropriations

With tighter federal budgets for domestic and defense activities, securing federal funding for special projects through the Congressional appropriations process is extremely competitive. In addition, a heightened state of transparency has created an environment where each funding request must exhibit a solid rationale for federal support, a thorough budget justification of how the money will be spent and an extensive collection of supporting documents and project advocates.

Brownstein's Appropriations Group provides comprehensive representation to navigate the complexities of today's federal appropriations process. We focus on policymakers from both the U.S. House and Senate Appropriations Committees and their 12 subcommittees, plus we work with relevant federal agencies to do everything possible to help secure millions of dollars in competitive and non-competitive federal grants.

We have been extremely successful in obtaining federal appropriations because we understand the process, know where limited federal dollars may be available and recognize how requests for funding are reviewed and critiqued by federal policymakers. Our team has helped clients secure federal appropriations in the areas of education, defense, health care, workforce training, transportation, energy and conservation, economic development, criminal justice, non-profits, after-school programs, foreign affairs, science and high technology, museums and the arts.

Our services include strategic planning; developing rationales and supporting documents; federal budget research; preparation for Congressional and federal agency visits; drafting testimony and floor statements; responding to committee questions; evaluating existing political assets and targeting champions; identifying the right legislative vehicles; drafting legislative language; and counseling on the timeline and calendar of legislative activities.

Representative Matters

- Helped obtain funding to remove a chemical pollutant from drinking water on behalf of a California water distributor.
- Secured \$3.5 million in federal funding over the next three years under the Ryan White program to provide services to HIV/AIDS patients on behalf of our client.
- Advocated for policy changes and funding related to water efficiency, water reuse, water supply, and groundwater management on behalf of a water agency serving nearly 4 million people.
- Assisted titanium industry in negotiating new terms for governing the military's purchase of specialty metals.
- In the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, successfully worked with policymakers to make it possible for the satellite industry to compete for stimulus funding for broadband infrastructure.
- Provide federal representation to a major western water district in connection with a dispute over the Department of the Interior's management of the district's water supply.

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