

# Q1 Appropriations

The first quarter is our opportunity to secure greater funding for the programs authorized in the FASD Respect Act. Congress decides how much money is actually provided for authorized programs each year through the **appropriations process**. This provides an opportunity to demonstrate the need for and benefits of increased funding for FASD. To ensure FASD Respect Act programs are fully implemented and able to reach families and individuals, we must advocate for incremental increases in appropriations by submitting Appropriation Requests to federal lawmakers.

This process benefits from national coordination and state-level experience, and you can work with FASD United to identify your state's needs and current capacity by completing the Appropriations Questionnaire created by FASD United. This state-level data will be used in tandem with national data and experience to submit appropriation requests by FASD United on your behalf. This means that you can focus on your state's needs and current capacity without needing to be an appropriations expert. Transparency and sustainability are key, and appropriation request language will be available for review.

## Objectives

- ▶ Complete Appropriations Questionnaire provided by FASD United. This will include basic information about your organization, as well as ~3 sentences on the local need and impact.
- ▶ Contact and set meetings with federal legislators to discuss appropriations for FASD Respect Act programs
- ▶ Consider which State agencies to contact to discuss how FASD is currently addressed in your state.

## FASD United Support

- ▶ A short form will be provided that will make it easy for you to highlight the local impact increased FASD funding would have.
- ▶ We will complete and submit the remaining sections of the Appropriation Requests. This includes precise request language, line-item references, and bill citations
- ▶ Talking points and presentations will be provided to support your meetings. FASD United can also attend any virtual meetings scheduled.