



# 3RNET ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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# ACU MISSION STATEMENT

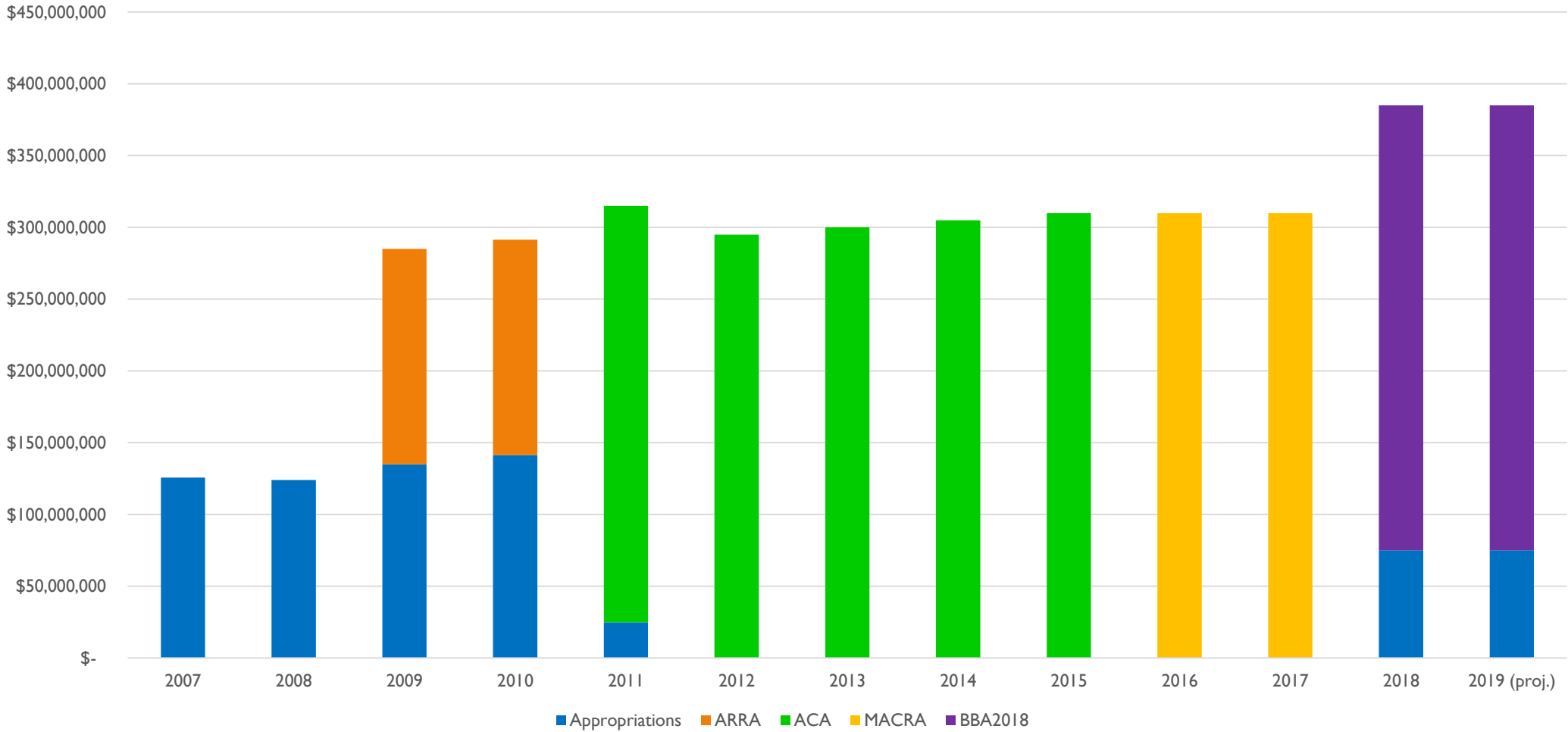
ACU is a nonprofit, transdisciplinary organization of clinicians, advocates and health care organizations united in a common mission to improve the health of America's underserved populations and to enhance the development and support of the health care clinicians serving these populations.

# POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

**“Consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds.”**

**- *Ralph Waldo Emerson***

## National Health Service Corps Funding History By Source



# NATIONAL POLICY ENVIRONMENT



# NHSC FUNDING OUTLOOK

- **Mandatory Funding**

- \$310m provided for each year through FY2019, same timeline as budget cap agreement

- **Discretionary Funding**

- **FY18 Final:** \$105m increase - \$30m for Rural Communities Opioid Response Initiative
- **FY19 Senate:** \$105m increase - \$30m for Rural Communities Opioid Response Initiative
- **FY19 House:** \$105m increase - \$20m for IHS sites, \$15m for rural

# ACU ACTIVITY

- **Confirm FY19 Appropriations**
  - Paired with Defense Appropriations bill – “Minibus #2”
- **Confirm Senate NHSC language relating to site flexibility**
  - Included in Senate Opioid package
- **Promote long-term solution for NHSC funding**
  - Restore to discretionary appropriations?
  - Depends on midterm elections

# POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

- **Advocacy Matters!**
  - *Don't be afraid to weigh in*
  - *Be vocal*
  - *Use experts*
  - **Take Action**

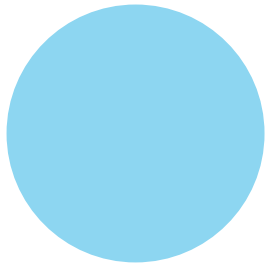


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**“If you have two religions in your land, the two will cut each other’s throats; but if you have thirty religions, they will dwell in peace.”**

**- *Voltaire***

STAY IN TOUCH!



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