



## President Trump's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Shortchanges America's Students and Workers

On February 12, 2018, the Trump administration released its Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) Budget Request, which proposes significant cuts to funding at the Department of Education (ED), Health and Human Services (HHS), Department of Labor (DOL), and Agriculture (USDA). It completely eliminates several independent agencies that support education, job training through community service, and workplace safety.

Federal budgets reflect an administration's values and priorities. The Trump administration's FY19 budget proposal shows that [supporting students and workers are not a priority for this administration](#). Cuts to education, workforce training, job creation, and access to affordable health care are used to pay for \$1.5 trillion in GOP tax cuts that largely benefit millionaires and corporations.

### EDUCATION

President Trump and Secretary DeVos propose a \$3.8 billion (5.6 percent) cut to ED from the FY17 enacted level. The Trump budget hurts students by eliminating vital K-12 education programs; diverting \$1 billion to fund private school vouchers; slashing federal grant aid and sending federal dollars to low-quality programs to make college more expensive; and, continuing to woefully underfund special education. Specifically, President Trump's budget:

- Includes \$1 billion for a new Opportunity Grants program, which would expand private school vouchers;
- Proposes an increase in the amount of Title I-A funding for disadvantaged students held at the state-level, which would result in a cut to school district Title I-A grants;
- Cuts \$69 million from the Impact Aid Program (IAP), which supports school districts with federally-connected students;
- Eliminates 17 K-12 programs, totaling \$4.4 billion, including Title II-A which supports teacher professional development, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) program that supports afterschool activities, Title IV-A that provides funding for STEM, arts education, student health and safety, and the Promise Neighborhoods (PN) program;
- Eliminates the GEAR-UP program, which supports first generation students through outreach to low-income and minority middle and high school students;
- Makes college more expensive by cutting \$203 billion over 10 years in student loan assistance;
- Slashes TEACH Grants and Federal Work Study funding that help for low-income students afford college;
- Eliminates the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program, which attracts our nation's best and brightest talent to public service careers;
- Eliminates the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) program that targets campus-based financial aid to college students with demonstrated need;
- Eliminates dedicated funding for multiple types of Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) and proposes that all MSIs participate in the Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) program – which is flat funded at the FY17 level.

- Flat funds IDEA Formula Grants, in a manner that fails to adjust for the cost of inflation and results in the lowest federal share of special education per student expenditure in more than a decade; and,
- Eliminates funding for Special Olympics Education programs.

## **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

President Trump's budget cuts and eliminates programs that strengthen the safety net and protections of vulnerable Americans. Moreover, the administration continues to wage war on Americans' health care by proposing to repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), to roll back protections for people with preexisting conditions, and to gut Medicaid. The budget:

- Eliminates Preschool Development Grants (PDG) , which were funded at \$250 million in FY17, and which provides funding to states to align and expand high-quality preschool programs;
- Eliminates the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which helps low-income families with home heating and cooling costs;
- Eliminates the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), which helps fund Meals on Wheels and supports community action agencies and other non-profits to help reduce poverty in their communities;
- Reduces investment in Elder Rights Support Activities by \$2 million below the FY17 enacted level;
- Zeroes funding for the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research, which was funded at \$104 million in FY17; and,
- Cuts the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), a critical research agency focused on worker health and safety, by \$135 million below the FY17 enacted level.

## **LABOR**

President Trump's budget undermines workers' ability to get ahead and drastically reduces funds for training programs for disadvantaged youth. The budget:

- Slashes investment in Job Corps by over \$400 million, which would negatively impact the number of at-risk youth served by this important career development program;
- Zeroes out \$400 million in funding for the Senior Community Service and Employment Program (SCSEP), a community service and work-based job training program for older Americans;
- Cuts 80 percent of the funding to counter the worst forms of child labor through the International and Labor Affairs Bureau (ILAB);
- Eliminates the Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Training Program;
- Eliminates Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) safety training grants for high hazard industries;
- Slashes funding for the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) that helps eliminate training and employment barriers for people with disabilities;
- Cuts funding for the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) by \$24 million below the FY17 enacted level, which slows the resolution of labor disputes and unfair labor practices; and, Proposes a misguided paid family leave program for new parents that overburdens the strained unemployment insurance system and falls short of the standards for paid leave set out in existing state paid leave laws and pending federal legislation.
- Reduces by more than 12 percent funding for the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP), which is charged with the enforcement of civil rights laws as it relates to federal contractors.

## **INDEPENDENT AGENCIES**

President Trump proposes to significantly cut or completely eliminate the following independent agencies within the federal government:

- Slashes funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), which provides grants to states and communities to support volunteerism, including the AmeriCorps Program, by \$908 million or 88 percent.
- Eliminates the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB), which identifies the root cause of major industrial catastrophes;
- Zeroes funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), a primary source of federal support for approximately 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums;
- Eliminates funding for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), which promotes equal access to the arts in every community across America; and
- Zeroes funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), which provides funding for humanities research, preservation, digital development, education, endowment building, films, exhibitions, and public programming.
- Cuts funding for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) at a time when the country is having a national discussion about pervasive sexual harassment in the workplace and when complaints about hostile and discriminatory work environment related to race, age, disability, and national origin are alarmingly high.