

#FightTheCuts Talking Points

Top Messages:

- The Trump Administration's Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 [budget proposal](#) was released on March 16, 2017. The proposal includes over \$54 billion in cuts to domestic programs and the same increase in spending on defense and national security.
- Rather than balancing the budget or reducing the deficit, the President's budget risks breaking the economy.
- The federal programs targeted for cuts or elimination are those that help cities thrive as the nation's economic engines and centers of opportunity.
- No city in America would be better off under the President's budget proposal.

What Cities Need Congress to Do:

- Now that the President has presented his proposal, we are looking to Congress to develop a budget focused **on building prosperity, expanding opportunity and investing in America's cities.**
- Protect funding for programs with **proven hometown results** like CDBG grants, infrastructure and transportation-related funding, preserve the tax exemption on municipal bonds, and protect addiction services and mental health treatment in Medicaid to help communities battle the opioid epidemic.
- Be a **champion for cities**; reject this budget proposal or risk derailing local economic growth and the national economy.

Programs and Agencies Proposed for Elimination that Help Cities:

- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program
- Economic Development Administration (EDA)
- Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
- Byrne Justice Assistance Grants
- Transit New Starts
- TIGER Grants
- Minority Business Development Agency
- Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Grants
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)
- National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)
- National Endowment for the Humanities
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants
- State Criminal Alien Assistance Grants
- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
- Weatherization Assistance Program
- The Clean Power Plan
- 21st Century Community Learning Centers
- Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps, etc)
- Corporation for Public Broadcasting
- Institute of Museum and Library Services
- Legal Services Corporation
- Interagency Council on Homelessness
- NeighborWorks America