

Analysis 2018 Federal Discretionary Spending Budget

The President released the 2018 discretionary spending budget on March 16th. The budget document is short on details so there are some unknowns. He will release the mandatory spending budget towards the end of May.

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services

Provide \$500 million increase for opioid prevention/treatment.

Eliminate Low Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP).

Eliminate Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) program (\$4.2 billion) could impact Meals on Wheels program.

Dane County doesn't use CSBG for the Meal on Wheels program. Concern that the 16% reduction (\$12.6 billion cut) in this Department will also be applied to Older Americans Act funds and that would have a negative impact on Dane County Senior programs.

U.S. Dept. of Transportation

Replace FAA Air Traffic Control System with a private air traffic organization like NAVCANADA in Canada.

Eliminate Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program (\$500 million) which funds innovative & intermodal transportation projects.

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

Eliminate the Waste/Wastewater loan/grant program (\$500 million).

Reduce the WIC program from \$6.4 billion to \$6.2 billion.

Reduce staffing in USDA Service Center Agencies to streamline County office operations.

Legal Services Corporation (LSC)

Eliminate the LSC which assists veterans with housing, protects Seniors from scams, provides legal services in rural areas, helps domestic violence/sexual assault victims and supports disaster survivors.

In Wisconsin, the LSC funds Legal Action of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Judicare. Legal Action serves Dane County residents and surrounding counties. If the LSC is eliminated, work will be scaled back representing low-income tenants and survivors of domestic violence/sexual assault; and providing legal assistance to low-income consumers, veterans, seniors, people with disabilities and more here in Dane County.

U.S. Dept. of Commerce

Eliminate the Economic Development Administration program which provides grants for struggling communities.

Eliminate the Minority Business Development Agency.

Eliminate the \$73 million Sea Grant program, which operates in conjunction with universities, like the UW System.

U.S. Dept. of Defense

Step up efforts to purchase F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Jets.

U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development

Eliminate Community Development Block grant (CDBG) program (\$3 billion).

Non-housing related accomplishments since 2011: 75 jobs created; 116 businesses assisted; completed 18 public facility or infrastructure projects; 6,408 low-income persons benefitted from public facility or infrastructure improvement; and 3,480 persons were assisted with public services.

Housing-related accomplishments since 2011: 177 households received repair assistance; 48 households received assistance to purchase affordable housing; created 21 affordable owner-occupied housing units; constructed 19 affordable rental housing units; and rehabbed 46 rental housing units.

Since 2011, \$7 million distributed across Dane County.

Eliminate HOME program, Choice Neighborhood program and Self-Help Home Ownership Opportunity program (\$1.1 billion).

Eliminate funding for Section 4 Capacity Building for Community Development & Affordable Housing (\$35 million).

Increase funding for Lead Hazard Reduction from \$110 to \$130 million.

Cut funding for the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program.

U.S. Dept. of Labor

Eliminate Senior Community Service Employment program which helps low income seniors find work (\$434 million).

Eliminate AmeriCorps program.

Dane County's AmeriCorps grant is \$347,040, when you include the match and other revenues the total investment is about \$800,000. The funding supports our PASS after-school tutoring program with 35 fulltime PASS employees/members.

The elimination also jeopardizes the RSVP and Senior Corps programs.

Close "poor performing" centers for Job Corps, a job training program for disadvantaged youth.

Arts and Cultural Agencies

Eliminate National Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities (\$148 million).

Eliminate the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (\$445 million).

U. S. Dept. of Education

Eliminate the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program (\$1.2 billion) that provides before/after school activities and summer school programming.

U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security

Cuts \$667 million from grant programs to state and local agencies, including pre-disaster mitigation grants and counterterrorism funding.

U.S. Dept. of Justice

Cuts funding to reimburse state and local governments for costs of incarcerating "certain illegal criminal aliens".

U.S. State Department

Eliminate climate change prevention programs, including payments to the United Nations' climate change projects.

U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs

Increase funding by \$4.4 billion to expand health, and modernize VA's benefit claims system.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Cut Department funding by 31% eliminating 50 programs and 3,200 jobs.
Eliminates funding for international climate change programs and research.