



REPORT: How President Trump's FY18 Budget Cuts Essential Programs In Connecticut

I. Risking Safety and Security

- Connecticut received **\$1,739,316** in Fiscal Year 2016 from the **Byrne-JAG program**, which is the most flexible local law enforcement grant program, helping with a range of needs including combating gangs and domestic violence and providing for treatment programs. President Trump's budget cuts the program nationwide from FY17 by over **\$70 million, a 17% percent cut**.
- In 2016, Connecticut received **\$3,978,000** in **Federal Emergency Management Agency** homeland security program funding. FEMA funding helps states and cities prepare for and respond to acts of terrorism and natural disasters, create safer communities, and save money in the long-run.
 - The budget **cuts FEMA funding for programs that help states and cities prepare for and respond to acts of terrorism and natural disasters**, including a 25% (\$118 million) cut to the State Homeland Security Grant Program, a 26% (\$156 million) cut to Urban Area Security Initiative, and a 52% (\$104 million) cut to Transit and Port Security grants.

II. Cutting Infrastructure Investment

- The budget ***ELIMINATES* \$500 million** in funding from the **Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program**, which has made hundreds of grants to advance important local transportation priorities, totaling **\$20,000,000** in Connecticut in 2016 alone.

III. Jeopardizing Public Health

- **President Trump's budget would cut more than \$7 billion from the National Institutes of Health (NIH)**, which funds and conducts lifesaving medical research across the country and the globe, including work to develop a cure for cancer, fight Alzheimer's disease, and combat the opioid epidemic. In Connecticut, NIH funding supports **7,686** jobs and administered **\$510,609,681** in awards in 2016. President Trump's budget would **cut 22 percent** of the NIH's budget.
- Connecticut received **\$4,341,017** in funds through the **Older Americans Act** in Fiscal Year 2016. Older Americans Act funds provide services to support older Americans and their caregivers, such as personal care, home delivered meals,

transportation, legal assistance, information and assistance, and more. Nationwide, President Trump's budget cuts more than **\$135 million** from the Administration for Community Living, which administers programs under the Older Americans Act.

- **Medicaid** covers 1 in 5 Americans, including many with complex and costly needs for medical care and long-term services. In Connecticut, Medicaid covers **856,100** low-income children, adults, seniors, and people with disabilities.
 - **President Trump budget slashes more than \$1 trillion from Medicaid** nationwide over the next ten years. This is **on top of** cuts to the Medicaid program in the House-passed Trumpcare bill. Last year, Connecticut utilized **\$7,886,642,781** in federal Medicaid funding.

IV. Rural America

- In 2016, Connecticut used **\$4,045,000** in funds through the **USDA water and wastewater infrastructure programs**. These funds give small communities funding for clean, reliable drinking water and sanitary waste disposal. These communities may otherwise be unable to access credit they need to keep their water clean and safe. **President Trump's budget ELIMINATES this program entirely**, a cut of **\$530 million from 2016**.
- Connecticut received N/A in 2016 funding through **the Distance Learning and Telemedicine grant program**, which supports rural communities disconnected from educational opportunity or access to quality healthcare. **President Trump's budget ELIMINATES DLT grants entirely**, a cut of **\$46 million from 2016**.
- Connecticut utilized **\$250,000** in grants from **the Community Facilities Loan and Grant program**, which assists rural communities in accessing over \$2 billion in capital to build schools, hospitals, community centers, police stations, and other vital public facilities. **President Trump's budget ELIMINATES Community Facilities grants entirely**, a cut of **\$46 million from 2016**.

V. Education

- President Trump's budget guts federal support for higher education, cutting **\$1.2 billion** from federal student aid by **ELIMINATING** the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants and reducing Federal Work-Study, which could mean a loss of more than **\$8,845,924** for Connecticut students.
- Connecticut's children received **\$9,056,726** through the **21st Century Community Learning Centers program in 2016**, which funds before school, afterschool, and summer learning programs that work to improve student academic outcomes across the country. President Trump's budget **ELIMINATES this program entirely**, cutting **\$1.16 billion** nationwide from school aid.

VI. Jobs and Job Training

- **The Employment and Training Administration**, which provides training, unemployment insurance benefits, labor market information, supports **5,856** active

apprentices in Connecticut. Trump's budget cuts **\$1.3 billion from the Administration, a 38 percent cut.**

- In Connecticut, **Manufacturing Extension Partnerships** created or preserved **1,752** jobs through **\$1,476,247** in funding last year alone. MEPs are public-private partnerships that help small struggling manufacturers in all 50 states develop innovation strategies to grow and hire new employees. President Trump's budget **ELIMINATES** the program entirely, a nationwide cut of **\$135,000,000**¹³.

VII. Community Economic Development

- In 2016, **11 Community Development Financial Institutions** in Connecticut originated **\$27.8 million** in loans and investments for **32** businesses. CDFIs offer resources, grants, and programs to revitalize distressed communities through certified financial institutions. President Trump's budget cuts **\$248 million from FY17 funding, a nationwide cut of 94 percent.**
- Connecticut created or preserved **147** jobs and leveraged **\$946,667** through the **Economic Development Administration**, which promotes innovation and competitiveness to build sustainable job growth and durable regional economies around the country. President Trump's budget **ELIMINATES** the Administration entirely, a cut of **\$221 million**¹⁴.
- Connecticut received **\$35,627,649** in funds from **Community Development Block Grants**. CDBG funds local community development initiatives that support jobs, housing, and public services for millions of low-and moderate-income Americans. President Trump's budget **ELIMINATES** the program entirely, a cut of **\$3 billion.**
- Connecticut leveraged **\$10,906,329** in funding from the **HOME investment partnerships program** partners localities and nonprofit groups to build, buy, and repair affordable housing. President Trump's budget **ELIMINATES** the program entirely, a cut of **\$950 million from FY17.**

VIII. Clean Air and Water

- Connecticut received **\$14,670,460** in funds from **EPA categorical grants** in 2016. President Trump's budget slashes these grants by **45%**, a cut of nearly **\$500 million**. These grants support state programs that detect and remove radon, lead, and hazardous waste, assess and clean up contaminated sites, manage air quality, and preserve wetlands.

IX. Families and Seniors

- **The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program** helps low-income families afford a nutritionally adequate diet, nearly 70 percent of which are families with children. Connecticut families received **\$685,510,011** in SNAP assistance in 2016.

¹³ Trump's budget provides \$6 million in 2018 to facilitate the discontinuation of MEP.

¹⁴ Trump's budget provides \$30 million in 2018 to facilitate the closure of the Administration.

President Trump's budget cuts the program by more than 25 percent (\$193 billion over ten years), a devastating loss for families that utilize SNAP to put food on the table.

- Connecticut residents received **\$8,068,989** in funding from the **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** to provide funding to assist low-income Americans with their energy bills, allowing them access to heat in the winter. President Trump's budget **ELIMINATES** the program entirely.
 - LIHEAP helped **90,661** households in Connecticut, including **62,534** households with elderly occupants, people with disabilities, and children under 5.
 - By eliminating the program, the budget cuts **\$3.38 billion**, and would leave seniors, people with disabilities, and working Americans without heat.
- Connecticut used **\$2,450,480** in funds from the **Weatherization Assistance Program**. The WAP has led the nation in advancing technology, research and work practices to make residential energy upgrades cost effective, safe and comprehensive. President Trump's budget **ELIMINATES** the program, driving up energy bills for vulnerable families.
- **USDA's Rental Assistance Program** provided **\$9,131,090** to help very-low and low-income families in rural communities make rent in Connecticut in 2016. President Trump's budget would slash assistance to working rural families by **\$45 million**.
- **Meals on Wheels**, a nonprofit that delivers hot meals to 2.4 million senior citizens every year, is funded in part by the Older Americans Act and Community Development Block Grant funds. Trump's budget would slash the federal programs that helped deliver **2,054,206** meals to **23,526** seniors in Connecticut in 2016.