

Nonprofits and the Federal Budget

Washtenaw County, MI



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About the WHA

Who We Are

The Washtenaw Housing Alliance (WHA) is a coalition of nonprofit and government entities that serve people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness in Washtenaw County.

Our Role in Advocacy

The WHA and its partners advocate for federal, state and local funding and programs that serve people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.



Why we are Here.



President's FY 2018 budget released in March 2017

- Slashes funding for Federal safety net and basic needs programs
- Impacts cross-sector programs and services that help people in need: health care, food/nutrition, housing/homelessness, etc.
- Considered “skinny budget,” but sets stage for a final budget that is likely to reduce aid to the poor

President's budget relies on spending cuts to most government agencies to pay for large increases in military and homeland security spending.

Discretionary spending, in billions

Agency	2017 baseline	2018 proposal	Change	Pct. change
Environmental Protection Agency	\$8.2	\$5.7	-\$2.6	-31%
State and other development programs	38.0	27.1	-10.9	-29
Agriculture	22.6	17.9	-4.7	-21
Labor	12.2	9.6	-2.5	-21
Justice	20.3	16.2	-4.0	-20
Health and Human Services	77.7	65.1	-12.6	-16
Commerce	9.2	7.8	-1.5	-16
Education	68.2	59.0	-9.2	-14
Transportation	18.6	16.2	-2.4	-13
Housing and Urban Development	36.0	31.7	-4.3	-12
Interior	13.2	11.6	-1.5	-12
Energy	29.7	28.0	-1.7	-6
Treasury	11.7	11.2	-0.5	-4
NASA	19.2	19.1	-0.2	-1
Veterans Affairs	74.5	78.9	+4.4	+6
Homeland Security	41.3	44.1	+2.8	+7
Defense	521.7	574.0	+52.3	+10

Why this Matters

We rely on Federal funding.

- Michigan ranks second in the nation (MLPP, 2017).

We have a lot of need in the county.

- 14.2% poverty rate in county (U.S. Census, 2016)
- 19,500 children on Medicaid (MDHHS, 2017)
- 24,000 receive food assistance (MDHHS, 2017)
- 5,346 people experienced homelessness or were at-risk in 2016
- 2,400 Housing Choice Vouchers currently in use

Do Federal Budget Cuts Threaten the Health and Well-Being of Washtenaw County Residents?

Results from the WHA's Nonprofit Funding Survey



Rebecca Weiland, Advocacy & Policy Intern, WHA

The WHA surveyed 45 nonprofits to find out how the cuts would impact...



**Nonprofit Programs &
Services**



**Nonprofit
Staff**



**Health & Wellbeing of
Vulnerable Residents**

Our Methods

- Survey sent to 59 organizations
- 45 respondents, 32 reported Federal funding
- Emphasis on \$, sources, and impact
- Asked about FY 2016



Confident results represent most - but not all - FF to non-profits in 2016

Many different areas of the human services sector rely on Federal funding to operate.

- Housing & homelessness
- Early Childhood & youth
- Nutrition & food security
- Safety net health services
- Aging
- “Other”



Nonprofits use Federal funds to provide programs and services to thousands of people each year and to employ hundreds.

Altogether, Washtenaw County nonprofits reported:

- **170,315** client interactions in 2016 with some of the most **vulnerable residents** of the county.

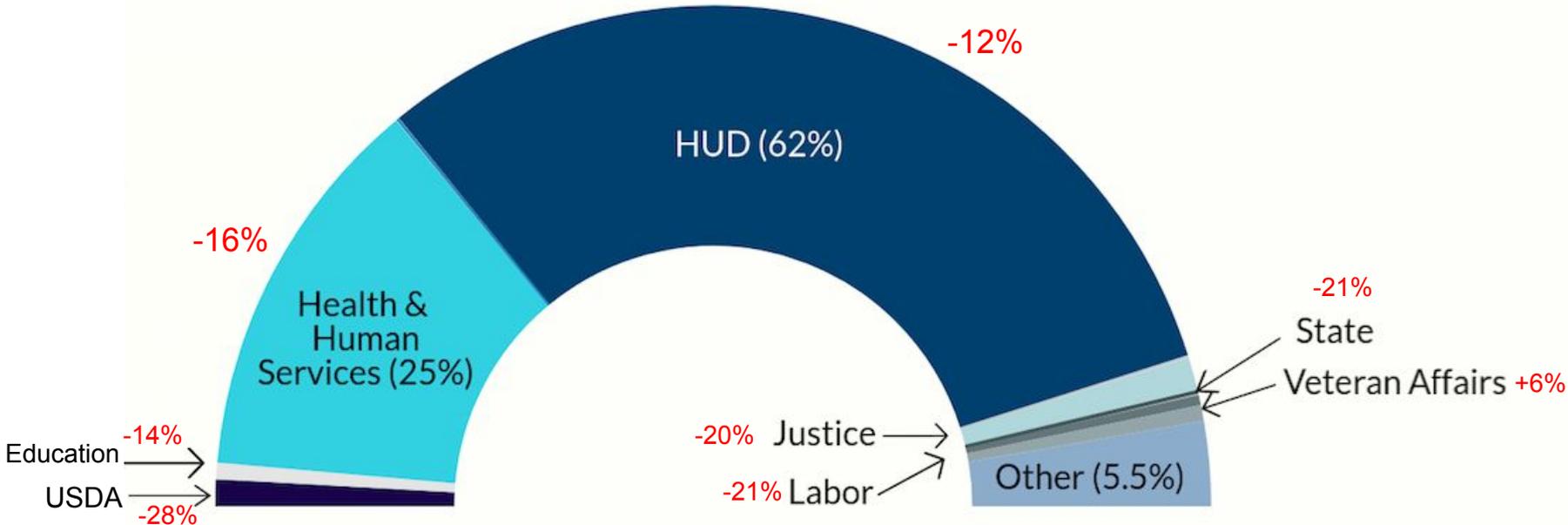


- **473** staff members employed using Federal funds.



The county's nonprofits received over \$44 million in 2016

(% cuts proposed in red)



Nonprofits are experiencing an increase in demand.

78% of nonprofits reported increased demand last year.



37% were **UNABLE** to meet that demand.

What local
nonprofit
leaders are
saying



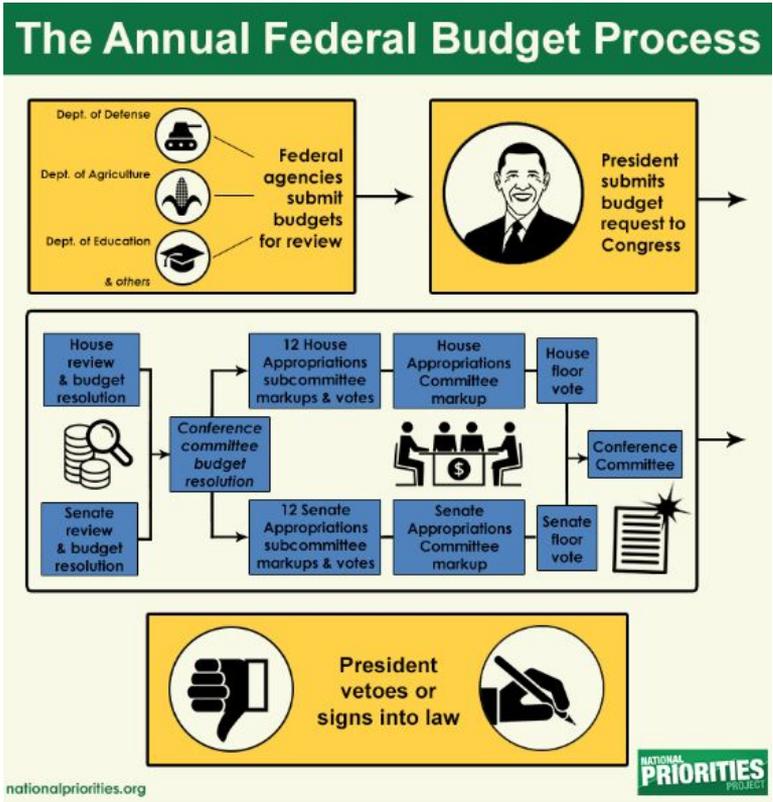
Key Takeaways from Survey Data

- Federal funding cuts will reduce the number of clients nonprofits are able to serve in Washtenaw County.
- Families, youth, and seniors will experience the most severe cuts.
- Nonprofits will have to reduce staff to accommodate budget constraints, leaving remaining staff with an increased workload.
- Crucial safety net programs will be threatened.
- Health will decline and crime will increase.

Let's Hear from non-profit Executive Directors

- Annette Sobocinski, Child Care Network
- Barbara Niess-May, SafeHouse Center
- Katie Doyle, Ozone House

How Does the Federal Budget Process Work?



Federal Budget Updates

- Laurel Burchfield, Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness



Federal Budget Advocacy Opportunities

- **Contact Your Senators and Representatives**
- **Coalition on Human Needs** - www.chn.org
Sign-on letters and Advocacy Information
- **United for Homes** - www.unitedforhomes.org
#SmartTaxReform Congressional Briefing on October 17 in Washington, DC; members of Congress: <http://bit.ly/2ytHV7b>
- **Families USA** - www.familiesusa.org
“Don’t Mess with Medicaid” and #ProtectOurCare

Resources

- **Center on Budget and Policy Priorities** - www.cbpp.org
- **Michigan League for Public Policy** - www.mlpp.org

