

THE 2020 TRUMP BUDGET

HURTS RURAL COMMUNITIES

President Trump's fiscal year 2020 budget proposes massive cuts and outright eliminations of discretionary programs that enhance public safety, support job creation, and spur economic development in rural communities.

- 1 Reduces rural broadband**

Reduces the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) rural broadband programs by \$350 million, making it harder for rural communities to connect to the 21st century economy.
- 2 Weakens technical assistance and loan approval**

Imposes a 12 percent cut to USDA Rural Development, including a 17 percent cut to the agency's staffing levels, greatly reducing customer service to address community needs for services such as technical assistance and loan approval.
- 3 Slashes rural housing programs**

Zeroes out USDA funding for direct low-income purchase loans and homeownership repair programs that help rural Americans purchase and remain in their homes.
- 4 Hurts rural economic development**

Cuts USDA's Rural Business-Cooperative Service by 73 percent, including the elimination of funding that helps spur regional economic growth through job training, business development, and other assistance.
- 5 Eliminates renewable energy investments**

Rescinds USDA funds for agricultural producers and rural small businesses to make energy efficiency improvements and build renewable energy systems.
- 6 Attacks public health protections**

Imposes a 29 percent cut to USDA funding for programs that ensure safe drinking water and sanitary waste disposal.
- 7 Reduces funding for rural health care**

Cuts Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) health care programs in rural communities by \$129 million, including a \$15 million cut to telehealth and the complete elimination of grant funding for hospital improvements.
- 8 Guts rural highway and bridge projects investments**

Reduces Department of Transportation (DOT) funding for rural highway and bridge projects by at least \$1 billion, jeopardizing safety and hurting economic competitiveness.

