

Webb County Highlights – Trump Administration’s Proposed Budget Cuts

All numbers are estimated and approximate, based off previous year’s grants/awards etc.

Community Development Block Grant – is a flexible program allocates annual grants to larger cities and urban counties to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. Established 1974

- City of Laredo, (82,153 people benefited) - \$ 3,436,805.00
- Rio Bravo - \$ 201,884.00
- El Cenizo - \$ 275,000.00
- Webb County - \$ 275,000.00

Community Services Block Grants: CSBG is an anti-poverty grant program that provides emergency food assistance and employment programs

- Webb County Community Action Agency - \$ 488,253.00

HOME program used by community for building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing

- Laredo, TX - \$ 854,378.00
- Webb County - \$ 520,000.00

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program - helps the elderly and low-income people pay their heating and power bills.

- Webb County Community Action Agency - \$ 1,266,582.00

Emergency Food and Shelter Board Program (FEMA) programs helps meet the needs of hungry and homeless people throughout the United States by allocating federal funds for the provision of food and shelter. Since 1983, in its 34-year history, the EFSP will have distributed \$4.298 billion to more than 2,500 communities across the country

- United Way Of Laredo, Inc. - \$ 83,757.00
- Bethany House, Catholic Social Services, Community Action Agency, Salvation Army, South Texas Food Bank would lose EFSP funding.

Department of Education

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) funds are awarded directly to students which can receive between \$100 and \$4,000 a year, depending on financial need.

- Texas A&M International - \$ 234,000.00
- Laredo Community College - \$ 651,349.00

- Laredo Beauty College - \$ 17,190.00

Overall 13% cut to the Department of Education, School Districts and Universities can expect cuts to this proportion

The budget threatens to close Job Corps Centers, including Laredo Job Corps Center.

Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

Eliminates two TAMIU CNCS Grants

- TAMIU Si Texas grant from the This study has greatly exposed the high rates of incidence of diabetes in the South Texas population as well as the lack of medical services available to this population.
 - Social Innovation Fund - \$ 1,700,000.00
- AmeriCorps funding – 72 AmeriCorps members who will serve economically-disadvantaged students in local elementary schools through one-on-one literacy tutoring services
 - AmeriCorps grant - \$ 317,564.00

U.S. Department of Commerce,

- Laredo Community College Import/Export Training Center - \$ 142,000.00

Eliminates the Economic Development Agencies

2015 –Previously awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to the Laredo Development Fund (LDF) for the development of their new International Business Assistance Center.

State homeland security programs proposed 25% cut of \$400,000.00 - \$ 100,000.00
South Texas Development Council

Justice Assistance Grant Program proposed 25% cut of \$81,341 - \$ 20,335.25

State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) - Bureau of Justice

- County of Webb - \$ 95,568.00

Community Development Financial Institutions, inject new sources of capital into neighborhoods that lack access to financing.

- Webb County (ACCION Texas, Inc., Lift Fund, Laredo-Webb Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. Corporation for the Development of Community Health Centers)
- Previous Grants and Loans in Webb County \$15,821,935.00

Eliminates USDA Water and Wastewater loan and grant program,
 Previous USDA investments in Webb County \$3,721,520.00
 Bruni Water Supply Corporation
 Mirando Water Supply Corporation

Elimination of Legal Services Corporation; including office in Laredo, Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid covers South Texas from Austin to San Antonio and the entire Texas-Mexico Border
 -\$12,192,32.00

Cuts funding for Public Broadcasting - KLRN

30 percent funding cut for EPA including defunding: U.S.-Mexico Border 2020 project
 Pays for:

- Controls on air pollution
- Improvements to clean drinking water access
- Efforts to stop illegal dumping
- Coordination between US/Mexico to respond to disasters
- Gave \$90,000 to the Texas A&M Transportation Institute