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.
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.

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Why this Matters

We rely on Federal funding.


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