

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Budget Director



The President's FY20 Proposed Budget: Provisions Impacting the District

On March 11, 2019, the White House released the President's proposed FY20 budget.¹ Although it is unlikely to be enacted as proposed, the document is an important starting point for federal portion budget discussions. Included in the proposed budget are several items of interest to the District: federal payments and substantive provisions affecting the District's autonomy and authority.

I. Federal Payments

The following chart sets forth the President's proposed federal payments to the District:

Program	FY18 ²	FY19 ³	FY20 proposed	Notes
DC TAG	\$40M	\$40M	\$0	
<i>School Improvement payment</i>	\$45M	\$52.5M	\$90M	One-third to each: the Opportunity Scholarship Program, DC public schools, and DC public charter schools
DC Water	\$14M	\$8M	\$0	
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council	\$2M	\$2.150M	\$1.805M	
Judicial commissions (CJDT & JNC)	\$295K and \$270K	\$295K and \$270K	\$280K and \$256K	
DC National Guard	\$435K	\$435K	\$413K	
HIV/AIDS Treatment	\$5M	\$3M	\$4.750M	
Emergency Planning and Security Costs	\$13M	\$12M	\$11.4M	"For emergency planning and security costs related to the presence of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia, including costs associated with providing support requested by the Director of the U.S. Secret Service."

¹ Available online at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/>. Additional details released March 18, 2019 at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/oiia-fy2020.pdf>

² Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-141.

³ Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-6.

II. Other Provisions

Budget riders: The President's proposed budget would renew existing "riders" that prohibit the District from certain spending. Specifically, it:

- Prohibits spending federal funds on:
 - o Needle exchange programs;
 - o Providing assistance for any petition drive or civil action which seeks to require Congress to provide voting representation in Congress for the District;
 - o Enacting or carrying out any law, rule, or regulation to legalize or otherwise reduce penalties associated with the possession, use, or distribution of any schedule I substance under the Controlled Substances Act or any tetrahydrocannabinols derivative;
- Prohibits spending any funds on:
 - o Enacting any law, rule, or regulation to legalize or otherwise reduce penalties associated with the possession, use, or distribution of any schedule I substance under the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) or any tetrahydrocannabinols derivative for recreational purposes.
 - o Paying for most abortions;
 - o Carrying out or implementing the Death with Dignity Act of 2016 or the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014.⁴

Shutdown impact: The President's proposed budget includes authorization for the District to spend its own funds during a shutdown.

Washington Aqueduct: The President's proposed budget includes selling the Washington Aqueduct. The Aqueduct is the wholesale supply system for the District; Arlington County, Virginia; the City of Falls Church, Virginia; and parts of Fairfax County, Virginia. The Army Corps of Engineers owns and operates the Aqueduct.

Crime Victim's Compensation Fund: The President's proposed budget would allow the D.C. Courts to retain a portion of the bar examination and application fees it currently deposits into the D.C. Crime Victim's Compensation Fund. Retained fees are estimated at \$360,000 annually beginning in 2019.

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⁴ Respectively, D.C. Law 21-182 and D.C. Law 20-261.