

## [FY26 Presidential Budget Request published by the White House, receives press coverage by The Hill](#)

President Trump has released his FY26 Budget Request, denoting funding cuts to federal education, healthcare, and foreign aid programming. A letter sent to Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Susan Collins (R-ME) by the White House's Office of Management and Budget Director, Russell Vought, stated that the Budget would cut spending levels by \$163 billion. Key points in the budget include:

- A \$691 million reduction to the US Department of State and the US Agency for International Development (USAID) as a method of cutting educational and cultural exchanges for students.
- A \$500 million increase for K-12 charter school funding.
- Maintaining existing funding levels for Title I K-12 funding, which is the supplemental federal financial assistance to school districts for children from low-income families. However, the budget would consolidate 18 existing US Department of Education grant programs into a single \$2 billion formula grant, letting states use the funding as they see fit.
- Consolidating seven Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) programs.
- Calling on colleges to use their resources for student recruitment rather than the use of TRIO Programs and Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP). The programs received nearly \$1.6 billion in FY24 but are now set to be cut by the proposed budget.
- Cutting funding from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) and Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need, citing DEI initiatives as reasons for cuts.
- Funding the US Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at \$91 million, denoting a \$49 million funding cut so that it can deprioritize DEI and Title IX transgender cases. This denotes a 35% reduction from previous funding levels in FY24.
- Merging several US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant programs into a singular \$300 million grant program. Furthermore, the budget would eliminate CDC programming such as the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, the National Center for Environmental Health, the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, the Global Health Center, and Public Health Preparedness and Response. CDC funding would be maintained at about \$4 billion.
- Proposing \$27 billion to fund the National Institute of Health (NIH), marking a reduction of about \$18 million, citing "eroding trust and transparency."
- Funding the US Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) at \$5.7 billion, instructing a deprioritization of "harm reduction" initiatives.
- Eliminating several federal programs, such as:
  - The Sexual Risk Avoidance Program, which supports youth education on the benefits of avoiding non-marital sexual activity and other risky behaviors, emphasizing the development of life skills like healthy decision-making, self-regulation, and goal setting.
  - The Community Development Block Grant program, which provides support for community development activities through grants.

Congress will review and debate Presidential Budget Requests to craft the FY26 budget, and the House and Senate Appropriations Committees will hold hearings to learn more about the President's proposal and then mark up their bills to fund the federal government for the fiscal year that begins in October.

See also:

- [Fiscal Year 2026 Discretionary Budget Request](#)
- [FY26 Budget Request Overview from the White House](#)
- ["Woke" education programming funding cuts document from the White House](#)
- ["Weaponization of Federal Government Fact Sheet" document from the White House](#)
- [Immigration and border security overview from the White House](#)
- [Education Secretary Linda McMahon's Statement on President Trump's FY2026 Budget](#)
- [K-12 education funding cuts press coverage by K-12 Dive](#)