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FPWA ANALYSIS: President Trump's FY2020 Budget Proposal Would Impose Draconian Cuts on Top of Already Woefully Underfunded Programs *Would Decimate Federal Funding for Nonprofit Human Service Providers*

(New York, NY) – At a time when 40 percent of New York City residents are already unable to afford a basic standard of living, President Trump's fiscal year 2020 (FY 2020) budget would deepen poverty and widen economic and racial disparities. Trump's budget would hinder effective poverty fighting tools, end or devastate programs that support the needs of children and older adults and maintain repressive caps on child care and affordable housing. These services, when properly funded, strengthen the economy and improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers.

The proposed budget departs sharply from the most recent bipartisan budget agreement reached in early 2018, which eliminated sequestration spending cuts for FY 2018 and FY 2019 and boosted spending for housing and child care. At the same time, the proposal increases tax cuts to high-income taxpayers and heirs to very large estates and massively increases the defense budget.

"We urge Congress and the White House to reach a new budget agreement that not only reverses course on the proposed sequestration cuts but also increases support for the woefully underfunded programs that serve low-to middle-income families in New York City. This can be achieved by modeling the budget after the most recent bipartisan agreement reached in early 2018," **said FPWA CEO and Executive Director, Jennifer Jones Austin.**

FPWA's analysis is unique in that it shows both the present danger of the President's proposal to New York City and puts the proposal in context with historical funding trends, as illustrated by [FPWA's Federal Funds Tracker](#). It evaluates the impact of the proposal on four New York City agencies and on the budgets of FPWA's members – nonprofit human-service providers who rely on federal funding to support their missions.

According to the analysis, which examines proposals to the nearly 40 federal grants that support the four New York City agencies featured in the Tracker – the Administration for Children's Services (ACS), Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), Department for the Aging (DFTA), and Department of Social Services (DSS) – the proposal would:

- **Decrease ACS's federal funding by 12 percent, a \$144 million cut, and would follow a**



- 19 percent decline (\$233 million) since FY 2010 after adjusting for inflation;
- **Decrease DFTA's federal funding by 40 percent, a \$29 million cut**, and would follow a 12 percent decline (\$9 million) since FY 2010 after adjusting for inflation;
- **Decrease DYCDs federal funding by 60 percent, a \$36 million cut**, and would follow a 58 percent decline (\$45 million) since FY 2010 after adjusting for inflation;
- **Decrease DSSs federal funding by 15 percent, a \$243 million cut**, and would follow a 14 percent increase (\$211 million) since FY 2010 after adjusting for inflation.

"President Trump's 2020 budget proposal takes aim at important investments to help our nation prosper including key safety net programs, and it's a non-starter for Congress," said U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens). "As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I firmly believe our federal funding must protect and uplift the American people by strengthening working families and the most vulnerable in our society. I thank FPWA for highlighting the stories of those affected so that more people are aware of the destructive impact the President's budget would have on New Yorkers."

"The President's FY 2020 budget would collectively cut DFTA, ACS, DYCD, and DSS's FY 2019 adopted budgets by nearly \$500 million (16 percent of their federal revenue) and follows a decade of decline to these agencies' federal funding as a result of nearly a decade of federal austerity," said Derek Thomas, FPWA Senior Fiscal Policy Analyst.

A significant benefit of FPWA's Federal Funds Tracker is that it makes it possible for FPWA's member organizations to evaluate the real-life impact of the proposal on their specific budgets and the communities they serve. According to the analysis, for example, the proposal would:

- **Cut Chinese-American Planning Council, Inc.'s (CPC) federal grants by 44 percent.** Slated for elimination are Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), Social Services Block Grant (Title XX, SSBG), and Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP).

"The proposed federal budget will disproportionately harm Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI), immigrants, and low-income New Yorkers by slashing funding to services that our communities rely on to get by. At a time when we should be increasing funding for these vital services to meet increasing demand, we urge Congress and the Federal Administration to pass a budget that invests in our communities," said Wayne Ho, President & CEO of Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC).

- **Cut Carter Burden Network's federal grants by 49 percent.** Slated for elimination is the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG).



“The deep cuts in the President’s proposed budget would make meeting the needs of an ever-growing population of older adults a near impossibility for the Carter Burden Network. The unfortunate result would mean the reduction of staff and our services, such as helping older adults age in their homes, providing congregate and home delivered meal programs, and intervening in elder mistreatment,” said William Dionne, Executive Director at Carter Burden Network.

The FPWA Federal Funds Tracker was launched in February 2019 to help demystify the federal budget’s impact on New York City human services. It is an important, new tool that educates about the federal budget and supports organizations and advocates seeking to protect New York City’s most vulnerable communities. **The FPWA Federal Funds Tracker can be visited [here](#).**

FPWA’s report on the analysis of the President’s budget proposal can be found [here](#).

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