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FY 2011 Spending Bill

Despite Budget Cuts, Many Grant Programs Critical to Local Governments Survived

Shortly before midnight on Friday, April 8th, President Obama and leaders from the House and Senate reached a deal to fund the federal government through the end of Fiscal Year 2011 (September 30, 2011). Both the Senate and the House are expected to vote upon this legislation by the end of the week. The legislation must be passed by 11:59 p.m. on April 15th to avoid a government shutdown.

Although this legislation contains nearly \$40 billion in total spending cuts, approximately \$17 billion of this total will come from changes to mandatory spending programs. As a result, the legislation reduces discretionary spending by less than \$23 billion compared to FY2010.

While several programs of interest to local governments did receive funding reductions, many of the most important grant programs available to communities were preserved at near-FY 2010 levels, including: TIGER, HUD Sustainable Communities, EDA Public Works and Infrastructure, EPA Brownfields, COPS Hiring, Assistance to Fire Fighters, and many more. Thanks to aggressive advocacy by communities across the country, many of the most important grant programs were preserved.

Details of the program funding levels that are of interest to local governments are provided in the tables below. All totals listed here will be automatically reduced by an across-the-board rescission of 0.2%.

TFG will continue to keep you updated as this important legislation moves forward and is implemented. As new opportunities for federal grant funding for local projects are announced, we stand ready to help you compete for these important opportunities. In the meantime, please contact your client manager if you have questions or want additional information.

FY 2011 Funding Levels for Programs of Interest to Local Governments

Program	FY 2011 Funding	Program Notes
Bureau of Reclamation		
Water and Related Resources	\$913,500,000	
Economic Development Administration Assistance Programs	\$246,000,000	
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Civil Works Program		
General Investigations	\$127,000,000	
General Construction	\$1,793,409,000	\$100 million rescinded from Continuing Authorities program from unobligated prior year appropriations. An additional \$76 million is rescinded from unobligated balances (not limited to Continuing Authorities) appropriated in FY09 or earlier.
Department of Energy		
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy	\$1,835,000,000	\$30 million will be rescinded from unobligated balances.
Department of Education		
Promise Neighborhoods	\$30,000,000	

Environmental Protection Agency		
Clean Water State Revolving Fund	\$1,525,000,000	
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	\$965,000,000	
Environmental Programs and Management	\$2,761,994,000	\$300 million is set aside for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.
Climate Showcase Communities	\$0	
Brownfields Grant Program	\$100,000,000	
Department of Health and Human Services		
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Projects	\$3,386,311,000	
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program	\$4,710,000,000	
Community Service Block Grant	\$680,000,000	

Department of Homeland Security		
Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program	\$405,000,000	DHS expects to publish the Notice of Funding Availability for this grant program in April / May.
Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant Program	\$405,000,000	DHS expects to publish the Notice of Funding Availability for this grant program sometime this summer.
Emergency Operations Center Grant Program	\$15,000,000	DHS expects to publish the Notice of Funding Availability for this grant program in April / May.
Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program	\$50,000,000	
State Homeland Security Grant Program	\$725,000,000	This funding goes by formula to each state's State Administering Agency.
Department of Housing and Urban Development		
Community Development Block Grant Program	\$3,343,000,000	
HUD's Brownfields (BEDI) Program	\$0	
Lead Hazard Reduction	\$120,000,000	
HOPE VI / Choice Neighborhoods	\$100,000,000	
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	\$1,610,000,000	
Sustainable Communities Initiative	\$100,000,000	Specifically: - \$70,000,000 for Regional Integrated Planning Grants -\$30,000,000 for Community Challenge Planning grants

Department of the Interior		
Land and Water Conservation Fund, State Assistance Program	\$40,000,000	
Department of Justice		
State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Programs	\$1,120,085,000	Includes Byrne grants and State Criminal Alien Assistance Program funding.
Justice Assistance Program	\$275,975,000	
Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)	\$495,925,000	\$1,500,000 for National Institute of Standards and Technology's Office of Law Enforcement Standards for research, testing, and evaluation programs. \$15,000,000 for methamphetamine grants. Also funding for hiring, bulletproof vests and DNA backlog grants.
Department of Labor		
Youth Build	\$80,000,000	
Green Jobs Innovation Fund	\$0	
Career Pathways Innovation	\$0	\$125,000 in FY2010 Career Pathways funding is rescinded

Department of Transportation		
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) National Infrastructure Investments (TIGER Grant Program)	\$528,000,000	**Unlike FY2010, no funding for planning was set aside.
Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transportation Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER) Program	\$50,000,000	
Federal Transit Administration Formula and Bus Grants	\$8,343,171,000	
FTA Capital Investment Grants	\$1,600,000,000	The legislation rescinds \$280 million from FY 2010 New Starts funds. That amount however is the same amount of new starts funding provided for the now-cancelled New Jersey Access to Region's Core tunnel, so it does not seem this rescission will affect any other projects.
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Facilities and Equipment	\$2,736,203,000	
FAA Grants-in-Aid for Airports	\$3,000,000,000	

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Federal Rail Administration (FRA) Capital Assistance to High Speed Rail Corridors	\$0	
FRA Rail Line Relocations and Improvement Program	\$10,532,000	

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