



## U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

### MAINTAIN VITAL JOB CREATION FUNDING IN THE FY2019 APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS

**ACTON NEEDED:** Urge your members of Congress, especially those serving on the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, to support sustained funding for the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) in a final fiscal year (FY) 2019 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations measure.

**LATEST ACTION:** On March 23, the president signed a \$1.2 trillion omnibus spending bill for FY2018 which funds federal operations through September 30, 2018. Before the bill’s approval, the federal government had been operating under a series of continuing resolutions since the beginning of the current fiscal year.

On February 12, the Trump administration released its FY2019 budget proposal, “Efficient, Effective, Accountable: An American Budget.” The budget requests \$465 billion for non-defense discretionary spending and \$627 for defense discretionary spending. The proposal includes elimination of EDA with \$15 million requested for orderly closure of the agency.

Following figures reflect FY2017 final, FY2018 final, and FY2019 budget request:

<i>Budget figures are in millions</i>	FY2017 Final	FY2018 Final	FY2019 Request
<b>Economic Development Administration</b>	<b>\$276</b>	<b>\$301.5</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Planning Grants</b>	<b>\$31.5</b>	<b>\$33</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Public Works</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$117.5</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Economic Adjustment Grants</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>\$37</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Technical Assistance</b>	<b>\$9</b>	<b>\$13</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Research and Evaluation</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>\$1.5</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Trade Adjustment Assistance</b>	<b>\$13</b>	<b>\$13</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Regional Innovation Program/Sec. 27</b>	<b>\$17</b>	<b>\$21</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Assistance to Coal Mining Communities</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Salaries and Expenses</b>	<b>\$39</b>	<b>\$39</b>	<b>\$15</b>

#### KEY TALKING POINTS:

- **The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) is the only federal agency focused solely on private sector job creation in distressed areas as its entire mission.** With its modest budget, EDA has developed an impressive record of making strategic investments and building partnerships that help regions and communities address severe unemployment challenges recover from plant closures, major natural disasters, and other chronic and sudden and severe economic hardships. At a time when the nation must make the public-sector investments necessary to compete in the global economy, the flexibility, partnership structure, and accountability of EDA’s programs should be at the forefront of the federal toolbox. EDA’s portfolio of economic development infrastructure, business development finance, regional innovation strategies, and public-private partnerships are tailored to support the unique needs of each region.

- **EDA is unique among federal programs.** While other federal programs often support broader community development activities, EDA focuses solely on private sector job creation and economic growth.
- **By federal law, EDA projects typically require a 50 percent local cost share and significant private sector investment, ensuring that local leaders and businesses are committed to the project's success.** In addition, EDA investments are focused on high quality jobs, especially in advanced manufacturing, science and technology, and emerging knowledge-based industries.
- **By federal law, EDA project investments must be tied into a regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) developed and vetted by local officials (including Economic Development Districts)**—this helps ensure projects have significant local support and are part of a broader regional strategy.
- **EDA creates American jobs.** Two major independent studies conducted over the past decade have concluded that EDA projects have a significant impact on employment levels in communities where EDA investments are made. The most recent analysis released by Grant Thornton and ASR Analytics found that EDA's public works program generates "between 2.2 and 5.0 jobs per \$10,000 in incremental EDA funding, at a cost per job of between \$2,001 and \$4,611." EDA's job creation and private sector leveraging ratios are highly cost effective and rank at the very top of any public economic development agency.
- **EDA partners with the nationwide network of 380 Economic Development Districts and other state and local officials** to address the fundamental building blocks for economic growth, such as regional innovation strategies, vital public infrastructure, business loan funds, and flexible resources for communities to respond to plant closings, base closures, natural disasters, and other sudden and severe economic dislocations. EDA's infrastructure investments are targeted at essential facilities like water and wastewater treatment systems, broadband networks, workforce training centers, business incubators, and science and research parks. These assets are often lacking in the nation's most distressed areas, yet they are a prerequisite for private industry to invest in job creation and economic growth activities in these areas. As we have witnessed in recent years, private companies will relocate to places with these basic yet vital public infrastructure assets, including outside of the United States.

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**For a list of members of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees for the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, see next page.**

## U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee

### Majority:

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Joe Manchin (D-WV)\*  
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*\*Indicates Senator serves on the U.S. Senate Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Subcommittee*

## U.S. House Appropriations Committee

### Majority:

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Katherine Clark (D-MA)  
Pete Aguilar (D-CA)

*+ Indicates Chair of the U.S. House Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Subcommittee*

*# Indicates Acting Ranking Member of the U.S. House Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Subcommittee*

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