



# Impact of Federal Changes

## Agriculture

### Community Food Programs

- USDA has paused \$500 million (nationally) in funding for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
  - Greatly reduces supplies to local food banks
- USDA has also cut \$660 million (nationally) in funding for Local Food for Schools Program
- Local farmers have been impacted, as they lose sales that they would have otherwise realized

### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

- The U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation may reduce SNAP by \$230 billion (nationally) over the next 10 years.
- 2 million individuals in Pennsylvania depend on SNAP to help them buy groceries, most of which are children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities.<sup>1</sup>
- Each month, SNAP provides more than \$350 million in federal funding for food purchases.<sup>2</sup>

## Education

### Federal funding for school districts

Chester County School Districts	IDEA		Title I		Food Services		Other Programs		Total Federal Revenue to District 2022-23	Federal Revenue as Share of Total Revenue
	(w/ amount and % of total federal revenue)		(w/ amount and % of total federal revenue)		(w/ amount and % of total federal revenue)		(w/ amount and % of total federal revenue)			
Avon Grove SD	\$568,711	18%	\$382,824	12%	\$1,516,099	47%	\$757,441	23%	<b>\$3,225,074</b>	3.0%
Coatesville Area SD	\$1,325,101	14%	\$1,928,408	21%	\$3,713,550	40%	\$2,321,396	25%	<b>\$9,288,456</b>	4.4%
Downingtown Area SD	\$1,868,110	28%	\$306,640	5%	\$1,407,427	21%	\$2,996,481	46%	<b>\$6,578,658</b>	2.4%
Great Valley SD	\$635,574	27%	\$238,046	10%	\$1,103,982	48%	\$340,265	15%	<b>\$2,317,868</b>	1.9%
Kennett Consolidated SD	\$474,810	18%	\$465,394	18%	\$1,326,300	50%	\$388,505	15%	<b>\$2,655,010</b>	2.6%
Octorara Area SD	\$312,208	14%	\$726,168	33%	\$747,216	34%	\$392,622	18%	<b>\$2,178,213</b>	3.6%
Owen J Roberts SD	\$955,834	25%	\$274,332	7%	\$1,172,317	30%	\$1,465,264	38%	<b>\$3,867,748</b>	3.0%
Oxford Area SD	\$561,240	14%	\$1,012,403	26%	\$1,799,970	46%	\$553,531	14%	<b>\$3,927,145</b>	4.9%
Phoenixville Area SD	\$566,249	19%	\$536,613	18%	\$1,163,718	38%	\$791,431	26%	<b>\$3,058,011</b>	2.7%
Tredyffrin-Easttown SD	\$1,004,896	35%	\$162,993	6%	\$821,657	28%	\$895,941	31%	<b>\$2,885,487</b>	1.7%
Unionville-Chadds Ford SD	\$572,193	31%	\$93,238	5%	\$514,134	28%	\$667,130	36%	<b>\$1,846,695</b>	1.9%
West Chester Area SD	\$1,366,031	28%	\$522,002	11%	\$1,631,385	33%	\$1,406,422	29%	<b>\$4,925,840</b>	1.7%
<b>Chester County Total</b>	<b>\$10,210,959</b>		<b>\$6,649,062</b>		<b>\$16,917,755</b>		<b>\$12,976,429</b>		<b>\$46,754,205</b>	

### ARP ESSER (COVID relief funds for schools)

- Trump administration rescinded prior approvals for funding extensions, which means the federal government is retaining \$183.6 million in unliquidated funds that schools were planning to spend (more than \$5 billion provided to PA schools through ARP ESSER)
  - PDE [posted the full list](#), but of note in Chester County:

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/data-reports.html>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/data-reports.html>

- Coatesville Area SD lost\* \$770,196
- Renaissance Academy CS lost\* \$319,432
- \*Gov. Shapiro joined a multi-state lawsuit that challenges the legality of this reversal

*Administrative Resources*

- U.S. Department of Education – process initiated to eliminate half of the US DOE workforce
  - Could impact ability to process student loans, administer funds, protect civil rights, etc.
- Head Start – closing 5 of the 12 regional offices that administer the program (Dept. of Health and Human Services)

*Executive Orders with ambiguous meaning and impact*

- Broadly, four different orders call for rescinding federal funding to educational entities which are perceived to be out of compliance with the administration's objectives regarding
  - Eliminating [COVID-19 vaccine mandates](#) in schools;
  - Eliminating "[racial indoctrination](#)" in K-12 curricula and teacher training/certification; and
  - Eliminating "[gender ideology extremism](#)" in schools and [banning transgender athletes](#) from participating in women’s and girls’ sports
- Another [executive order](#) has directed the Department of Education to issue guidance on how states can use federal grants for “educational alternatives” (i.e. private education, including religious schools)

## Health and Human Services

*Terminated Health & Research Federal Funding*

- Beginning in March, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services terminated funding for research and certain Health department programs.
- Approximately \$12 million in funding was terminated for universities conducting research in Pennsylvania.<sup>3</sup>

Name	Amount
Drexel University	\$5,817,413
Pennsylvania State University	\$47,992
Temple University	\$527,583
University of Pennsylvania	\$2,164,123
University of Pittsburgh	\$3,347,749
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,904,860</b>

- Over \$500 million in public health related funding was terminated. This funding is used for:
  - Immunizations and vaccines for children,
  - Prevention and control of infectious diseases,
  - Addressing health disparities among populations,

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<sup>3</sup> [https://tagg.hhs.gov/Content/Data/HHS Grants Terminated.pdf](https://tagg.hhs.gov/Content/Data/HHS%20Grants%20Terminated.pdf)

- Mental health services, and
- Substance use disorder treatment.
- Governor Shapiro has joined a lawsuit against the federal government regarding the termination of this funding. Details can be found at: [www.pa.gov/governor/newsroom/2025-press-releases/gov-shapiro-challenges-trump-admin-half-billion-dollars-owed-sta.html](http://www.pa.gov/governor/newsroom/2025-press-releases/gov-shapiro-challenges-trump-admin-half-billion-dollars-owed-sta.html).

#### *Medicaid Funding Impacts*

- The U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation that would cut Medicaid by \$880 billion (nationally) over the next 10 years.
- In Pennsylvania, 3 million people (1 in every 4 people) are currently covered by Medicaid.

#### *Federal Health Insurance Subsidies*

- Pennsylvania's uninsured rate prior to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in 2010 was 10%.
- Currently, the uninsured rate is 5.3%.
- Currently federal subsidies, available under the ACA, allow 497,000 people to buy affordable health insurance coverage from Pennsylvania's state-based marketplace ([Pennie](#)).
- Federal health insurance subsidies will end in December 2025. Without an extension from the U.S. Congress these subsidies will not be available starting in January 2016 and many individuals will not be able to afford their health insurance payments and will need to terminate their coverage. This will mean more individuals that are uninsured.
- More information on the impact of the loss of federal health insurance subsidies is available at: <https://pennie.com/affordability/>

#### *Hospital Impacts*

- Currently, Medicaid expansion covers 750,000 low-income individuals for their health insurance. The income limit for a household of 4 is currently \$44,367.<sup>4</sup>
- In fiscal year 2022/23, hospitals had \$791 million in the cost of providing care to patients that they are not able to pay.<sup>5</sup> By providing coverage in Medicaid, hospitals have seen a 27.7% reduction in the cost of providing this care.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Medicaid Expansion covers individuals up to 138% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Federal Poverty Guidelines are available at: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>.

<sup>5</sup> This combines uncompensated care for acute care and non-acute care hospitals in Pennsylvania, as noted in the Pennsylvania Healthcare Cost Containment Council's Financial Analysis for 2023, volumes 1 and 3. <https://www.phc4.org/reports/financial-analysis-fiscal-year-2023/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/data-reports.html>