

# THE 2021 TRUMP BUDGET

## HURTS RURAL COMMUNITIES

*President Trump's fiscal year 2021 budget proposes massive cuts and outright eliminations of discretionary programs that enhance public health, expand broadband, and spur economic development in rural communities.*

### **Reduces Rural Broadband**

Reduces the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) rural broadband programs by \$325 million, or approximately 50 percent, making it harder for rural communities to connect to the 21st century economy.

### **Slashes Rural Housing Programs**

Zeroes out USDA funding for direct low-income purchase loans and home ownership repair programs that help rural Americans purchase and remain in their homes.

### **Attacks Public Health Protections**

Proposes a \$130 million reduction, or 9 percent, to loan programs that ensure safe drinking water and sanitary waste disposal in rural communities.

### **Hurts Rural Economic Development**

Eliminates funding for rural communities that spur regional economic growth through job training and business development.

### **Reduces Funding for Rural Health Care**

Cuts Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) health care programs in rural communities by \$71 million, including the complete elimination of grant funding for rural hospital improvements.

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