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.