Presidents 2011 Budget Impact on Counties

A preliminary analysis of the President's 2011 budget on programs that county governments rely on for service delivery shows that most have been spared from major budgetary reductions.

Transportation (Slight increase and freezes)

Overall transportation funding goes up 2.4% to \$78.8 billion

The Airport Improvement Program was frozen at \$3.515 billion

The federal highway program was essentially frozen at \$42.8 billion

Amtrak was increased by 3.4% from \$1.583 billion to \$1.637 billion

Mass transit increased by less than 1% from \$10.732 billion to \$10.799 billion

\$1 billion for high--speed rail added to the \$8 billion in the stimulus bill

Housing: (level funded)

The Community Development Block grant program was slightly increased in the FY 2011 budget from \$3.983 billion to \$3.990 billion.

Instead of level-funding for HOME the program was cut from \$1.825 billion to \$1.650 billion.

Homeland Security (slight increase)

The President's budget request proposes around \$4 billion in state and local assistance for homeland security programs. This is a slight increase from previous years. The three year freeze does not apply.

Justice (level funding and slight increases)

Byrne/JAG formula grants were level funded at \$517 million.

SCAAP funded at \$330 million. This is the first time in years that the President did not zero out SCAAP in his budget request.

COPS hiring programs received \$600 million over a doubling of last year's \$298 million.

The Second Chance Act devoted to lowering recidivism in jails, detention centers and prisons received \$100 million, the same as last year.

Rural Funding (Level funding and New funding for RCIP)

USDA's funding of a new <u>Rural Innovation Initiative</u>, which is designed to promote economic opportunity and job creation in rural communities. USDA requested a set aside of more than \$130 million and will

allocate these funds competitively among innovative regional economic development projects tailored to local needs and opportunities.

Environment (slight decrease)

Funding for EPA at \$10.02 billion a slight decrease over the FY 2010 number of \$10.3 billion.

The Clean Water/Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) would receive almost \$3.3 billion a little under the 2010 number of \$3.5 billion.

Includes \$43 million in new funding for efforts to reduce greenhouse gases using the Clean Air Act.

Health and Social Services (Level with slight increases)

Medicaid and Foster Care FMAP increases in ARRA would be extended for six months

The Social Services Block Grant is level-funded at \$1.7 billion.

One-year \$17.1 billion reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant, which expires this year.

Reauthorization of the Child Care Development Block Grant entitlement and discretionary programs at \$3.7 billion, an increase of \$800 million.

Workforce (level funding)

Adult Employment and Training Activities- \$ 906 million

Dislocated Workers Employment and Training Activities- \$ 1.4 billion

Youth Employment and Training Activities-\$1 billion (an increase of \$100 million).

PILT level funded at approximately \$380m.