

President's Budget

President Obama released his proposed [FY2017 budget to Congress](#) on February 9, 2016. The priorities outlined in this budget reflect the Administration's ongoing commitment to supporting strong federal nutrition programs. The key provisions in the budget are listed below:

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

- \$81.690 billion for SNAP, which is estimated to serve an average caseload of 44.5 million individuals and support the current 85 percent participation rate among eligible people. SNAP initiatives include proposals for:
- \$10 million for the first year of implementing state options to streamline application processes for the elderly;
- \$7 million more for states for Employment & Training (E&T) technical assistance and data reporting systems;
- \$3.8 million additional funds to better ensure a high level of compliance with quality control and data reporting procedures;
- \$2 million to continue the SNAP Nutrition Education Center for Excellence;
- \$1.2 million for technical assistance for states implementing Nutrition Education programs; and
- Modify SNAP simplified reporting requirements to include out-of-state moves.

Child Nutrition Programs

- \$12 billion in mandatory funding over 10 years to address childhood hunger in the summer by expanding the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer for Children Program permanently and nationally, through SNAP authorized retailers. This program would be phased in over 10 years with 10 percent of the states participating in the first year, 25 percent by the fifth year, and all states in the tenth year. The proposal would provide \$45 per month to 1 million children in the summer of 2017;
- \$26 million to continue the Summer EBT Demonstration Projects;
- \$6.350 billion for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), to support an anticipated caseload of 8.1 million women, infants, and children in WIC (slightly higher than the recent caseload); \$80 million for WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling, \$75 million for WIC MIS/EBT systems, \$14 million for WIC infrastructure and technical assistance, \$26 million for WIC program initiatives and evaluation;
- \$21 million for the Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program;
- \$17 million for the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program;
- \$10 million for a non-congregate meals summer demonstration pilot;
- \$10 million for school meals direct certification grant expansion; and
- \$35 million in school equipment grants to enable school districts to build their capacity to prepare meals on-site that are healthier and more cost-effective to produce.

Senior Hunger

- \$850 million for HHS Administration on Aging Nutrition Services programs, a \$14 million increase over the FY2016 enacted level.
- The budget also includes a new proposal to invest in evidence-based innovations to help ensure that funding for Nutrition Services programs is spent as efficiently as possible to maximize the impact.

Congressional Hunger Center

- \$2 million for the Congressional Hunger Center fellowship program.