

# **FEDERALLY FUNDED APH PROGRAMS AT RISK**

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# Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

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- **Program Description:** WIC is a preventive public health nutrition program that provides nutrition and breastfeeding education, nutritious foods, and improved access to regular health care and social services to low and moderate-income women and young children (0-5 years) with, or at risk of developing, nutrition related health problems
- **Funding:** \$5.9 million; 80 employees; 14 clinics
- **Federal Implications:**
  - ❖ Funded through March 23, 2018 in the current Federal Budget Continuing Resolution
  - ❖ Loss of funding would result in closure of all WIC clinics except Mom's Place Lactation Support Center that would only be operating at less than one fourth of current capacity

# Community Services Block Grants (CSBG)

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- **Program Description:** CSBG supports the work of the Neighborhood Centers and is designed to help low-income individuals and families:
  - ❖ Secure and retain meaningful employment
  - ❖ Attain an adequate education
  - ❖ Improve the use of available income
  - ❖ Obtain adequate housing
  - ❖ Obtain emergency assistance, including health and nutrition services
  - ❖ Remove obstacles which block the achievement of self-sufficiency
- **Funding:**
  - ❖ \$1,136,900 for Jan. 1, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2018
  - ❖ Supports 16 of the 35 positions at 6 Neighborhood Centers and 3 Outreach Sites
- **Federal Implications:**
  - ❖ Funded through March 23, 2018 in the current Federal Budget Continuing Resolution
  - ❖ Loss of funding would result in reduced services and fewer locations

# Refugee Services

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- **Program Description:** The Refugee Health Screening Clinic provides screening, immunizations, and referrals to all newly-arrived refugees in the City of Austin. Last fiscal year, the clinic provided over 9,400 patients visits, and served over 1,800 immigrants such as refugees, asylees, and parolees. The White House capped number of refugee arrivals in the United States in FY18 to 45,000 from the originally planned 110,000 under the previous administration.
- **Funding:** The Federally-funded Refugee budget for the Refugee Clinic was reduced by over 30% to \$1.3 million in FY18.
- **Federal Implications:**
  - ❖ Additional reduction in Federal funding may result in reduction in force,
  - ❖ Unless the Federal reduction is absorbed by the City of Austin General Fund.

# Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

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- **Program Description:** The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is a jointly funded state-federal program that provides primary and preventive health care to low-income, uninsured children up to age 19 with household incomes up to 201 percent of the Federal Poverty Level who do not qualify for Medicaid. CHIP covers children in families who have too much income to qualify for Medicaid, but cannot afford to buy private insurance. Travis County CHIP enrollment in May 2017 was 26,858. Central Health provides application assistance for CHIP and Medicaid, call [512-978-8130](tel:512-978-8130) to schedule an application assistance appointment.
- **Funding:** The City does not provide any direct funding for CHIP. However, APH does manage contracts that provide CHIP enrollment assistance, including with the Central Texas Food Bank, Foundation Communities, and the Latino Healthcare Forum. Several other APH managed contracts provide services to CHIP clients.
- **Federal Implications:**
  - ❖ A six year reauthorization of CHIP was signed into law on January 22, 2018.
  - ❖ The Congressional Budget Office study found that extending CHIP for a decade would save the federal government \$6 billion.

# Questions

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