



## FPWA LAUNCHES FEDERAL FUNDS TRACKER TO REVEAL HOW FEDERAL FISCAL POLICY DECISIONS IMPACT THE PEOPLE OF NEW YORK CITY

The FPWA Federal Funds Tracker is an Open-Data and Advocacy Tool Created by and for the New York City Non-Profit Sector

NEW YORK (Feb. 7, 2019) – New York City human service providers, advocates and citizens have a new tool in their arsenals to stand up for low to middle-income New Yorkers. FPWA, an anti-poverty organization committed to securing economic equity and upward mobility for all New Yorkers, launched the FPWA Federal Funds Tracker today. Through interactive charts and stories, the tracker showcases the real impact federal grants have on NYC human service agencies and the New Yorkers they serve.

“FPWA is proud to introduce the Federal Funds Tracker, a tool born out of the growing concern from our network of 170 human services and faith-based organizations that changes at the federal level would impact their ability to support and serve their communities,” said FPWA CEO and Executive Director, Jennifer Jones Austin. “This innovative, user-friendly tool brings knowledge – and with it power – into the hands of advocates, policymakers, and concerned citizens to effect change.”

FPWA developed the Federal Funds Tracker in response to requests from member organizations, who have collectively been fighting for the city’s low-income residents for over a century. It fosters greater awareness of and engagement in the federal budget process in three ways:

- 1) by demystifying, organizing, and analyzing federal budget data in understandable and interactive visualizations;
- 2) by supporting the data with stories of New Yorkers whose quality of lives were improved by federal support; and
- 3) by providing accessible, up-to-date, and actionable information on the impact of federal budget proposals on the City’s human services budget and sector.

“Heights & Hills serves more than 4,000 older Brooklynites, and their families to age successfully in their communities,” said Executive Director Judy Willig. “To serve our communities, we rely on a range of federal grants, most of which have fallen over time or have been on the chopping block altogether. We look forward to utilizing FPWA’s Federal Funds Tracker to complement our efforts to strengthen these federal funding streams.”

In developing the tracker, FPWA found that all federal grants to New York City have eroded by nearly \$2 billion since FY 2010 after adjusting for inflation, impacting a wide range of services from education to transportation to environmental protection. By tracking grants for individual agencies, including the Administration of Children’s Services, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Youth and Community Development, and the Department for the Aging, FPWA shines a light on the nearly \$75 million lost in funding to, among others, effective poverty fighting tools, programs to support the needs of our children and older adults, and grants to assist New Yorkers who cannot meet their basic needs.

“The FPWA Federal Funds Tracker is a much needed and important tool, showing if New York City is actually getting the money we deserve. I grew up in public housing so I understand how



important it is to make sure we know where our federal dollars are, and I am so grateful to FPWA for launching this tracker today so we can make sure we get those federal grants toward human services,” said New York City Council Speaker Corey Johnson.

Since FY 2010, after adjusting for inflation, funding for social services in New York City has fallen by \$320 million and funding for the four city agencies featured in the FPWA Federal Funds Tracker have fallen by \$76 million:

- ACS’s federal grants have fallen by \$233 million (19 percent)
- DSS’s federal grants have increased by \$211 million (14 percent)
- DYCD’s federal grants have fallen by \$45 million (58 percent)
- DFTA’s federal grants have fallen by \$9 million (12 percent)

“The Federal Funds Tracker was devised nearly two years ago to complement efforts by our members, advocates, and policymakers to defend against steep cuts to critical supports,” says Derek Thomas, FPWA Senior Fiscal Policy Analyst. “That threat still exists under the current administration. Following the historic 2018 election, however, we are hopeful the Tracker will support the efforts of our congressional delegation to reverse course on a decade of austerity and misplaced priorities.”

You can visit the FPWA Federal Funds Tracker [here](#).

#### About FPWA

FPWA is an anti-poverty policy and advocacy organization committed to economic opportunity and upward mobility. Having a prominent New York presence for nearly 100 years, FPWA has long served New York City’s social service sector, providing grants to help individuals and families meet their basic needs, and advocating for fair public policies on behalf of people in need and the agencies that serve them. FPWA’s member network of 170 human-service and faith-based organizations reaches more than 1.5 million people in New York’s communities each year. Join us at: [\\_fpwa.org](http://fpwa.org), [\\_Facebook](#), [\\_Twitter](#), [\\_Instagram](#).