

## Homeland Security Grant Programs in President's FY 2017 Budget

The President's fiscal year 2017 [budget](#) was released on February 9, which recommended a **44%** cut to key homeland security grant programs. These proposed cuts would significantly harm state and local law enforcement and emergency response activities which provide critical support to the nation's preparedness for acts of terrorism and other threats. Some lawmakers have already expressed strong concerns with the proposed budget for these programs. Law enforcement, fire, emergency services, and state and local government stakeholders are sending letters to the House and Senate to express concerns with these cuts, and how they will significantly harm homeland security efforts.

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2015 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2016 Omnibus</b>	<b>President's FY 2017 Budget</b>	<b>% Cut From FY 2016</b>
State Homeland Security Grant Program	\$402,000,000	\$467,000,000	\$200,000,000	<b>-57%</b>
Urban Area Security Initiative	\$587,000,000	\$600,000,000	\$330,000,000	<b>-45%</b>
Port Security Grants	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$93,000,000	<b>-7%</b>
Public Transportation Security/Railroad Security	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$85,000,000	<b>-15%</b>

DHS Budget [here](#)

### **Reducing anti-terror funds is foolish when U.S. cities still face serious danger | NY Daily News**

Last week, James Clapper, the director of National Intelligence, backed by the director of the National Counter Terrorism Center, DHS and the FBI, told the Senate Armed Services Committee that the current terrorist threat was as layered and complex as it has ever been since 9/11.

Clapper highlighted that ISIS presents a persistent threat to the world, and indicated that a terrorist attack on U.S. soil in the next year would be likely. On Sunday night, John Brennan, the CIA director, said much the same on "60 Minutes," adding that ISIS now has access to chemical weapons.

In the parallel universe we call Washington — while the intelligence community gave a unified message that we are in more danger from terrorism than we were before — the Office of Management and Budget was just printing out its latest work, a brand new 2017 budget, which slashes homeland security funds to major urban areas by half, known as UASI. **Continue reading [here](#).**