

IMPACTS OF 2025 FEDERAL ACTIONS

In the first year of his second term, President Trump cut federal support for safety net programs that serve average Americans to give tax cuts to wealthy families and corporations.¹ In 2025, he signed 225 executive orders and Public Law 119-21 (also known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill”).²



**\$1.02
trillion**

cut from Federal
Medicaid ³



57%

cut to permanent
housing programs by
US Dept of Housing
and Urban
Development ⁴



**\$186
billion**

cut from Federal
SNAP ⁵



831

contracts terminated
by US Department of
Agriculture ⁶



**\$600
million**

in teacher
development grant
cancellations by US
Dept of Education ⁷



\$200K

lifetime cap on
federal student loans
for professional
degrees ⁸

These federal changes will hurt New York State.

New York State receives federal funding for a variety of services such as health care, transportation, public assistance, education, employment and training, and emergency response and recovery. **Most of the federal funding received by the state is for health and human services**—such as Medicaid, SNAP, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.⁹ The State then sends the money out to municipalities, thus affecting county and city budgets. **The loss of federal funding also means a loss of state funding**, leaving Western New York ill-equipped to manage the higher share of costs for important services.

There is a lot at risk in Western New York.

Changes to Medicaid support will lead to thousands of WNY-ers **losing access to affordable healthcare**. Rural counties like Alleghany, Cattaraugus, and Wyoming already have a **shortage of primary care physicians**, and this will only be exacerbated by Medicaid cuts.¹⁰ In Western New York, over 49,000 people rely on federally subsidized housing. Caps on federal funding to permanent housing programs will mean **denying access to effective services that reduce homelessness**.¹¹ In New York State, 30% of SNAP benefit recipients are children, 21% are elderly, and 10% have disabilities.¹² Some of the **most vulnerable populations will go hungry** due to loss of SNAP benefits. Termination of USDA contracts **threatens local food systems**, weakening regional supply chains.¹³ Cancelling teacher development grants will increase the **shortage of teachers** and worsen outcomes in the classroom.¹⁴ Capping professional student loans will decrease the number of people who can afford these type of degrees and thus **decrease the workforce** in those industries.¹⁵

The fight isn't over; we can still win.

Non-profit organizations around the country have been advocating for change to protect vital services.¹⁶ Providence Farm Collective in Western New York won a preliminary injunction to keep using USDA funds that would have been otherwise immediately cancelled.¹⁷ Organizations are **leveraging relationships with state and local leaders to secure funding** for their programs through alternative means. Community members are mobilizing and **speaking out against elected officials** who support the federal actions that will harm our communities.¹⁸



Legal
Challenges



Leveraging
Electeds



Public
Demonstrations

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