



Congress dodged a government shutdown in September by passing a short-term continuing resolution (CR) set for the 2016 Fiscal Year (FY) that will keep the government funded through December 9th. After weeks of negotiating and debating how to address the issue of providing aid to resolve Flint's water crisis, the CR passed both the Senate and the House. Congress agreed to a plan in which infrastructure projects in Flint would come from separate infrastructure legislation. To meet standards made in the Budget Control Act, small, half percent cuts will be made across the board with several exceptions made. If passed, it will allow the USDA to pay ongoing debt service for rental assistance contracts as stated in Sections 514 and 516 for multi-family direct loan programs. The deal also includes a \$500 million emergency fund for flood victims. The White House, urging Congress to provide for flood victims when Congress returns after elections, has proposed extra funds for the Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant. The White House and Congress now have until December 9 to either negotiate another CR or enact full FY17 appropriations bills.

A chart comparing FY17 proposed budgets can be found here:
http://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/NLIHC_HUD-USDA_Budget-Chart.pdf