

## Illinois FY2012 Budget – Impact on the Sector

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*On June 30, Governor Quinn signed the FY 2012 budget into law. After vetoing \$376 million in spending approved by the General Assembly, the budget for FY 2012 stands at \$32.99 billion and carries \$8 billion of unpaid obligations into the new fiscal year. Below, you will find a summary of items in the budget of particular interest to Illinois grantmakers and nonprofits.<sup>i</sup>*

*Deep, and in many cases avoidable, cuts to education, human services, and other areas translate into devastating community impact and serve as a call to action for the nonprofit sector to unite in a call for a sustainable solution.*

### ARTS AND CULTURE

↑ \$2,147,000 has been authorized for appropriation for **Public Radio and Television**. This is an increase of 13.6%, up from \$1,890,000 proposed for FY 2011.

↑ The **Illinois Humanities Council**, which promotes greater understanding of, appreciation for, and involvement in the humanities through grants and programs, is set to receive a 10.7% boost in funding to \$356,300 in FY 2012, up from up from \$322,000 in FY2011.

↔ \$9 million was authorized for appropriation for the **Illinois Arts Council** compared to \$8.5 million approved in FY2011. The Illinois Arts Council, which promotes the arts by offering both financial and professional assistance to individual artists and arts programming organizations, is still \$10 million under its FY2007 funding levels when the state invested \$19.8 million in the agency.

↔ The **Illinois State Museum** is expected to receive flat funding in FY 2012, an appropriation of \$5,025,000 which is the same as FY 2011.

### CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILIES

↓ **TeenReach**, an after-school program that helps at risk youth (ages 6-17) by providing homework help, mentoring, family support, service learning, and recreation, was cut by 42% from \$2,924,000 in FY 2011 to FY 2012 in \$1,418,000. Over 40 percent of nonprofit providers will completely lose their Teen REACH funding, while other programs will shrink.

↓ The **Emergency and Transitional Housing Program** was cut by 52% from \$9,105,000 in FY 2011 to \$4,384,000 in FY 2012. Through contracts with nonprofit organizations and local governments, this program gives immediate and comprehensive shelter service to homeless persons and persons at risk of becoming homeless.

↓ Funding for **Teen Parent Services** for FY2012 will be \$1,432,000, cut from \$2,923,600 in FY 2011.

↓ **Community mental health programs** were among the hardest hit. The approved budget eliminates DHS funding support for Children's Mental Health Partnership (CMHP), which, in conjunction with the Division of Mental Health, promotes the emotional well-being of children through a variety of prevention, early intervention, and treatment services.

↓ **TANF income assistance**, which provides cash support for indigent families with dependent children, is set to be cut by one-third.

↓ **Legal Aid Assistance** is funded by the Illinois Equal Justice Foundation (IEJF). Funding for IEJF slashed by 50% in 2010. FY 2011 and FY 2012 appropriations have remained level. This year, the State allocated \$1.75 million for IEJF funding.

## SENIOR AND ELDERLY CARE

↑ The **Department on Aging's** FY 2012 budget is \$882,888,800, representing a 22.9% increase from FY 2011 with the majority of the increased funding going towards **home and community based care** (a 34% increase from \$572,029,400 in FY 2011 to \$766,673,400 in FY 2012)

↓ The Department on Aging is planning to phase out the **Circuit Breaker Program** which provides monetary support to senior citizens in need to offset the financial impact of medication costs and taxes. In FY 2011, \$32,286,900 went to the program. In FY 2012, \$6,100,000 was approved.

## K-12 EDUCATION

↓ The budget authorizes a cut of \$171 million or 2.4% in **public school funding** stripping financial support from teacher and principal mentoring, as well as state writing tests for high school juniors. One of the most significant cuts is to general state aid money which is slated to be cut by 3.3% or \$152.2 million; this goes directly to public schools based on a set amount of funding per student.

↓ Governor Quinn used his veto power to cut **school transportation** by \$89 million and funding for regional school superintendent offices by \$11 million.

↓ Illinois State Board of Education funding for **After School Matters**, a program that offers Chicago high school teens innovative out-of-school activities, will be cut by 37.5% to \$2,500,000.

↓ **Early childhood education** would also see steep cuts: 5% to the **Early Childhood Block Grant**, 1% to **Child Care**, and 1% cut to **Home Visiting**. The \$17.1 million cut to early childhood education is more than \$50 million less than what the governor requested in his proposed budget. This would translate into as many as 5,000 fewer 3- and 4- year-olds being served.

## EDUCATION, HIGHER ED

↔ Overall, higher education funding fared relatively well in the proposed budget. Four year **public institutions** received cuts of 1.15% and **community colleges** were cut less than 1%.

↓ The **University of Illinois** will lose \$40 million for contractual services.

↓ The **Illinois Student Assistance Commission** is slated to be cut by 4%.

## ENVIRONMENT

↔ The proposed budget for the **Illinois Department of Natural Resources** avoided deep cuts in the proposed FY12 budget. Some environmental funding is tied up in other bills whose future's are uncertain. This includes \$3.5 million in annual funding for the DNR, plus funds for other programs such as the **soil and water conservation districts** are included in the gaming bill (SB744) that passed both houses in the legislature and awaits Governor Quinn's signature. Additionally, \$2 million for the **Natural Areas Acquisition Fund** and \$11 million for the **Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Fund** are included in a capitol re-appropriation bill passed by the Senate.

## HEALTH CARE

↓ The **Department of Public Health** would see a 6% cut.

↓ Governor Quinn used a reduction veto to cut **Medicaid reimbursements to hospitals** by \$276 million meaning that hospitals serving the poor will receive lower reimbursement rates for their services that they have in the past.



The proposed budget includes a 10% reduction to **Targeted Intensive Prenatal Case Management**.

↓ The proposed budget would eliminate funding for **respite, epilepsy and dental grants, Family Assistance Program, and funding UIC Family Clinic**

↓ Grants for **Immunization and Outreach Activities** were cut by 2.4% or \$100,500.

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