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| The Prevention Institute Outlines Wins and Losses for Community Prevention in the  [Federal Spending Plan](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=kI%2Fnyx2GExwAuqgr4UUGaBWr%2FuZ6yd9f)  *Prevention Institute E-Alert: December 23, 2015*  Last week, Congress passed and the President signed a [$1.1 trillion spending plan](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=lS7hTIRUW85RhgjMajrHqxWr%2FuZ6yd9f) that funds the federal government through September 2016. This follows the enactment of a [two-year bipartisan budget deal](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=rGfi5s%2FiP3KtuFMPmvIJExWr%2FuZ6yd9f), which established overall spending levels and partially lifted sequestration through fiscal year 2017.   The 2000-page spending bill packs several wins for community prevention, but also some setbacks:   Wins   * Fully funds and allocates the Prevention and Public Health Fund. * Maintains funding for [Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=3sFohsnrpXDWjf4tkV28wBWr%2FuZ6yd9f) (REACH). * Reserves funding for the third and final year of the [Partnerships to Improve Community Health](http://org2.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=V589oM%2BPbNrlL72k74L0%2FhWr%2FuZ6yd9f) (PICH) program, though the details of this particular allocation are still unfolding. * Leaves out most harmful policy riders (like defunding Planned Parenthood) that were under consideration during budget negotiations. * Preserves tobacco control funding for initiatives like the Tips from Former Smokers media campaign. * Boosts the CDC’s injury prevention and control funding with an emphasis on preventing opioid prescription drug overdose. * Maintains funding for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s mental health programs, including suicide prevention and youth violence prevention.   Losses   * Extends a 19-year ban on gun violence research. * Fails to reauthorize child nutrition programs, including the WIC Special Supplemental Nutrition Program and the Afterschool Snack and Meal program. * Places new restrictions on future dietary guidelines that may limit discussions of long-term food security and environmental sustainability. * Eliminates funding for workplace wellness and scales back funding for health promotion. * Allows schools to waive whole grain food requirements on individual products and delays further reductions to sodium requirements for school meals. |