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On May 2nd, the White House Office of Management and Budget released its so-called “skinny budget” for FY26, which outlines President Trump’s topline priorities for spending and budget cuts.

This document outlines unprecedented federal funding cuts in fiscal year 2026, asking Congress to cut the nation’s overall spending on non-defense programs by more than \$163 billion – a 22.6% cut – and eliminating many domestic programs and entire agencies. At the same time, Trump is asking Congress for sharp increases in funding for priority areas like border security and defense.

In a section titled “Small Agency Eliminations” – AmeriCorps is listed for elimination or elimination of federal funding, along with 16 other agencies. During the first Trump Administration, AmeriCorps was proposed for elimination in each of the President’s Budget Request, but bipartisan champions on Capitol Hill ensured continued support for national service.

While this “skinny budget” precedes the President’s full budget request and is largely symbolic in terms of final spending decisions, it is a helpful indicator of the Administration’s priorities. Congress will craft their own bills ahead of their October 1 deadline.

Eliminations		
Consolidations		
American • Corporation for National and Community Service (operating as AmeriCorps) • Corporation for Public Broadcasting • Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service • Institute of Museum and Library Sciences	-3,586	The Budget includes the elimination of, or the elimination of Federal funding for, the following small agencies—consistent with the President’s efforts to decrease the size of the Federal Government to enhance accountability, reduce waste, and reduce unnecessary governmental entities. Past Trump Administration Budgets have also supported these eliminations. Remaining funds account for costs of orderly shutdowns.

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