

FEDERAL FUMBLES

It is clear the budget and spending process is still broken. **Federal Fumbles: Ways the Federal Government Dropped the Ball** is a list compiled to show the ways the government can reform spending to address areas where we can cut in order to pay for important programs for veterans, seniors, children, our national security, and much more. We can eliminate wasteful, ineffective, or duplicative spending while still caring for the most vulnerable. **Federal Fumbles** is one way we can stop complaining and start working on bringing down the national debt.

TOP 10

Million Dollar Splash Pad: \$919,930



Nearly \$1 million was set aside for a splash pad at a park in Michigan. (Pg 9)

New York Metropolitan Opera Fire Alarm: \$750,000



The FY23 spending bill paid for The New York Metropolitan Opera to update its fire alarm. (Pg 20)

Shakespeare at the Border: \$50,000



The NEH awarded a grant to recreate Shakespeare's works to represent a "new cultural praxis in decolonizing the US Mexico Borderlands." (Pg 2)

Smart Toilets: \$349,877



The NIH awarded nearly \$350,000 to develop a Smart Toilet application that uses artificial intelligence. (Pg 19)

VA Abortion: \$11.3 million



The VA is ignoring decades-old federal law & offering abortions and abortion-related services. (Pg 28)

Get Well, Russia: \$660,422



The NSF spent \$660,000 to study the impact COVID had on Russian women. (Pg 16)

Napa Valley Vine Trail: \$4 million



This funding goes to the Napa Valley Vine Trail to connect wineries between Yountville and St. Helena. (Pg 12)

Downtown Yuma Redevelopment: \$2.5 million



Congress gave Yuma, AZ \$2.5 million—not to stop the border crisis—but to redevelop its downtown. (Pg 4)

Helmets & Seatbelts in Ghana: \$268,737



The NIH awarded \$268,737 for "Strengthening Injury Control Research in Ghana and West Africa." (Pg 21)

Butchers in Paris: \$30,000



The NEH awarded \$30,000 to study the secret language butchers in Paris spoke during the 13th Century. (Pg 30)