

Helping All Americans

President Bush is fully committed to making a real difference in the lives of all Americans and his Budget reflects this goal with a focus on education, housing, and civil rights programs.

Since 2001, President Bush has:

- Improved education for all children in America. Parents, teachers, and principals are seeing the positive difference as America sheds the soft bigotry of low expectations and works to ensure that all children are learning. The President has also expanded parental choice to find the best education for every child. The No Child Left Behind Act places a special emphasis on helping every child including those for whom English is a second language and children with disabilities;
- Increased funding for Title I grants for low-income students and students with disabilities by \$4.6 billion (52%). Title I grants are used to help raise academic achievement in America's schools in the highest poverty areas. These unprecedented increases in Title I help schools implement No Child Left Behind and ensure that every child can learn – in particular those with disabilities and those children for whom English is a second language;
- Provided approximately \$60 billion in student aid annually through grants, loans, and work study to help nearly 10 million students attend college each year;
- Initiated tax reforms that help families save for college;
- Established a clear national goal in June 2002 of enabling 5.5 million new minority families to become homeowners by 2010 – already over 1.6 million minority families have become homeowners since the President issued his challenge;
- Issued *America's Homeownership Challenge* to the real estate and mortgage finance industries to encourage them to join the effort in closing the homeownership gap; and
- Worked to provide down payment assistance through the American Dream Downpayment Fund; proposed increasing the supply of affordable homes through the Single-Family Affordable Housing Tax Credit; increased support for self-help homeownership programs; and increased home-buying education.

The President's FY 2005 Budget to help all Americans builds on the successes of the last three years. The Budget includes:

- Continued unprecedented increases in Title I programs to help schools implement No Child Left Behind and ensure that every child can learn – especially those in low-income areas, those with special needs, and those children for whom English is a second language;
- Funding for the President's commitment to increase funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic-Serving Institutions by 30% by 2005;

- Support for the *Jobs for the 21st Century* initiative with over \$500 million in new funding that will help students make the transition from high school to college and from college, including community colleges, to the workforce;
- \$200 million to help approximately 40,000 low-income families with a down payment on their first home through the American Dream Downpayment Fund to address the gap that still exists in homeownership. Recent statistics indicate that homeownership in America is at an all-time high of 69.2% and minority homeownership is also now at an all-time high of 51.8%;
- Strengthening the tenant-based housing assistance program by lessening Federal requirements and permitting more flexibility to housing authorities to tailor assistance to local needs, thereby creating a program that can help more families move from dependence to economic self-sufficiency; and
- \$1.1 billion for Federal civil rights programs – approximately \$34 million (3%) above the FY 2004 enacted level. The total provides funding for the 13 civil rights offices or programs in 11 Federal agencies.

For Other Information About the President's Accomplishments and Proposals:

FY 2005 Budget

Department of Education: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/fy2005/education.html>

Department of Housing and Urban Development: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/fy2005/hud.html>

Department of Labor: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/fy2005/labor.html>

Department of Treasury: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/fy2005/treasury.html>

Economy

The White House: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/economy/>

Education

The White House: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/earlychildhood/>

The White House: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/education/>

Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov/nclb/landing.jhtml?src=fb>

Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

The White House: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/>

Department of Health and Human Services: <http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/>

Department of Housing and Urban Development: <http://www.hud.gov/initiatives/fbci/index.cfm>

Home Ownership

The White House: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/homeownership/>

Department of Housing and Urban Development: <http://www.hud.gov/initiatives/homeownership/index.cfm>