

For PA's eds & meds, a funding crisis upends work, healthcare and the economy

As the Trump administration continues its war on higher education and research, public health stakeholders are sounding the alarm over the damage to come.



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Thomas P. Foley, president of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Pennsylvania, argued that education and funding research should be a unifying issue and that people of all political persuasions should be in favor of research that benefits society.

“It was a Republican, President Dwight Eisenhower, who was one of America’s best champions for funding science and college research. NASA – and SpaceX, for that matter – would not exist had it not been for his foresight,” Foley told City & State. “The tools and technology we use each day came from labs on college campuses, many right here in Pennsylvania.”

Foley said all 67 of the commonwealth’s counties would be financially impacted by federal research freezes and reductions in financial support. Dauphin County would lose \$27 million, Allegheny County would lose \$259 million, and Philadelphia County would lose nearly \$400 million, the study said.

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Many organizations and leaders, including Molineau and Foley, have spoken out and met with the state’s congressional delegation to voice concerns about research cuts.

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