

# Not All of Obama’s Budget Proposal Dead on Arrival

## Funding Proposals the GOP Could Support



### Funding to Deal with Opioid and Heroin Abuse

\$1.1 billion in new funding to address the prescription opioid abuse and heroin use epidemic. Funding will boost access to treatment and expand state-level prescription drug overdose prevention strategies.



Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY), said that GOP Senators were seriously discussing approaches to tackle the “opioid-heroin epidemic that’s sweeping the country.”



### Cancer Moonshot

\$755 million for cancer research, bringing the total price tag for the cancer “moonshot” initiative to \$1 billion. The requested money would fund research at the NIH and FDA for immunotherapy, combination therapy and early detection techniques



Republicans in Congress have already been involved in the push to fund cancer research at the NIH.

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### Cybersecurity National Action Plan

\$19 billion, or a 35% increase, in cybersecurity funding. The money would go toward replacing aging computer systems and increasing capabilities in the DOD, FBI, OPM, and VA. This is one of the largest increases ever sought in this area of funding.



Increased cybersecurity funding has won bipartisan support of lawmakers in the past, but the GOP won’t like the added layers of government bureaucracy.



### Criminal Justice Reform

\$5 billion over 10 years for a new 21st Century Justice Initiative designed to reduce crime, prevent unnecessary incarceration and overly long sentences, and build community trust in the justice system through training and oversight for local law enforcement.



Republicans may not agree with Obama’s proposed expense, but several prominent GOP senators have vocalized support for criminal justice reform.



### Earned Income Tax Credit

The budget would double the Earned Income Tax Credit for childless workers and parents who don’t live with their children, and would also lower the eligibility age for single workers to 21.



Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-WI) has met with Obama to discuss the policy and seems to support it.

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