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## **What the Budget Deal Means for States and Localities.**

Congress agreed on a two-year bipartisan spending deal just before dawn on Friday, after a brief shutdown of the federal government, which was the second shutdown in as many months.

The agreement, which President Trump has indicated that he will sign, increases spending by \$300 billion over the next two years. Slightly less than half of that increase is slated for domestic programs.

John Hicks, executive director of the National Association of State Budget Officers, called the deal “the first salvo of federal budget certainty” that state and local governments have enjoyed in the Trump era.

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