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Cities Built Their Safety Nets on Federal Money. Now It's Leaving All at Once.

Crime prevention, public health surveillance, and disaster preparedness programs across the country face a perfect storm as Washington cancels programs, COVID-era grants expire, and Medicaid cuts loom.

When major events unfold in the Twin Cities, a parallel version often plays out at the Hennepin County Medical Center.

The sprawling facility in downtown Minneapolis spanning six city blocks is the area's largest safety-net hospital and busiest provider of critical trauma care. HCMC is where measles outbreaks, COVID-19 surges, low-income patients and mass casualty events like last year's Annunciation school shooting merge, said Jeremy Olson-Ehlert, a 13-year veteran nurse and member of the nurse's union.

The hospital is so busy on some days, nurses have to shuffle patients in what he described as a "musical beds" arrangement.

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