

# FEDERAL FUMBLES

It's clear the budget and spending process is still broken. *Federal Fumbles: Ways the Federal Government Dropped the Ball* is a list compiled to show ways the government can reform spending to address areas we can cut in order to pay for important programs for veterans, seniors, children, our national security, and much more. We can eliminate wasteful, ineffective, or duplicative spending while still caring for the most vulnerable. *Federal Fumbles* is one way we can stop complaining and start working on bringing down the national debt.

## TOP 10

### Drag Shows in Ecuador: \$20,600



The US Department of State awarded \$20,600 to a culture center in Ecuador to host 12 drag shows. (p. 2)

### Get Well, Russia: \$660,422



The NSF spent \$660,000 to study the impact COVID had on Russian women. (p. 16)

### VA Abortion: \$11.3 million



The VA is ignoring decades-old federal law and offering abortions and abortion-related services. (p. 28)

### Helmets & Seatbelts in Ghana: \$268,737



The NIH awarded \$268,737 for "Strengthening Injury Control Research in Ghana and West Africa." (p. 21)

### Napa Valley Vine Trail: \$4 million



This funding goes to the Napa Valley Vine Trail to connect wineries between Yountville and St. Helena. (p. 12)

### Colonial Mexican Soundscapes: \$66,000



\$60,000 was awarded in 2022 to write a book titled Mexican Soundscapes of the Colonial Era. (p. 6)

### "Cli-Fi": \$215,000



The NEH is teaching our kids about the dangers of climate change through a re-imagined take on the Parable of the Sower. (p. 25)

### Smart Toilets: \$349,877



The NIH awarded nearly \$350,000 to develop a Smart Toilet application that uses artificial intelligence. (p. 19)

### New York Metropolitan Opera Fire Alarm: \$750,000



The FY2023 spending bill paid for the New York Metropolitan Opera to update its fire alarm. (p. 20)

### Butchers in Paris: \$30,000



The NEH awarded \$30,000 to study the secret language butchers in Paris spoke during the 13th Century. (p. 30)