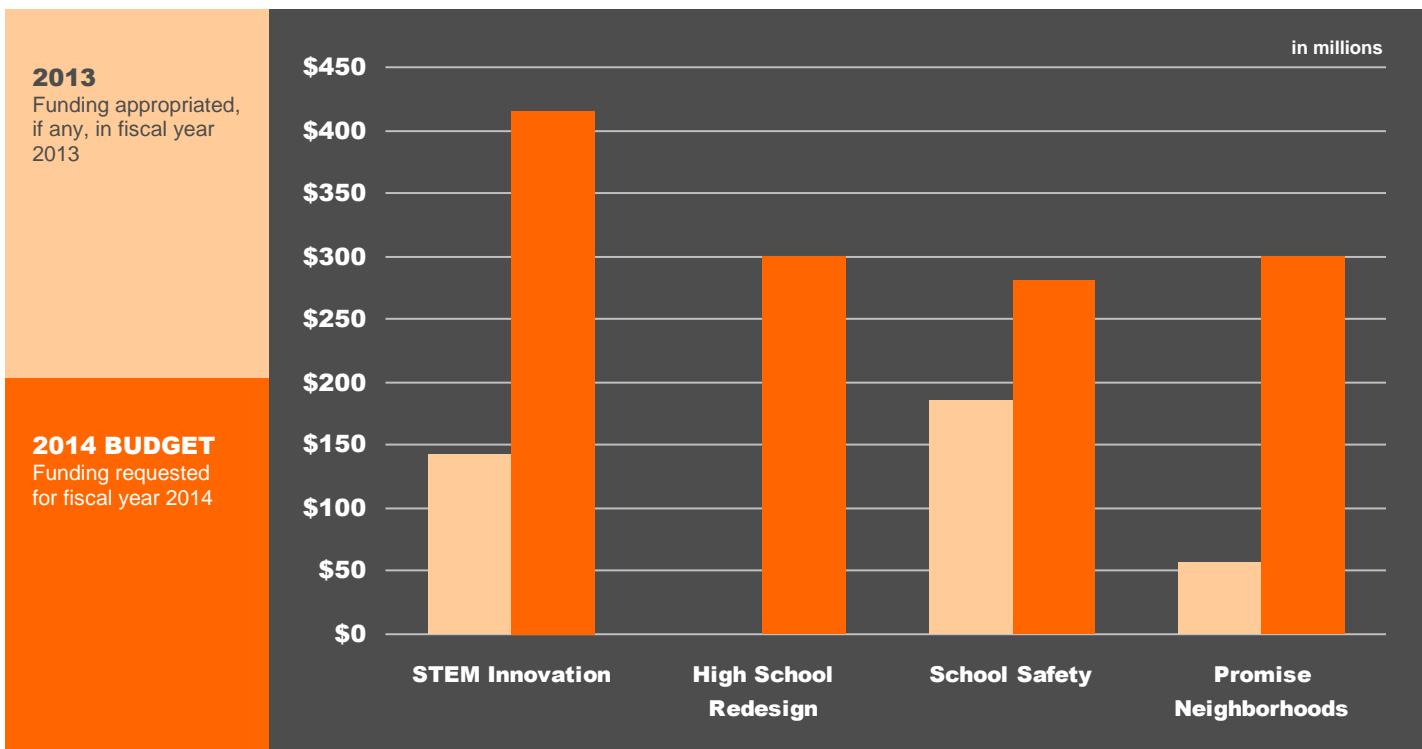


Elementary & Secondary Education Initiatives (proposed legislation)

President's FY 2014 Budget Request



STEM Innovation

The 2014 budget includes \$265 million to fund three new competitive grant programs: (1) \$150 million for STEM Innovation Networks, a consortia of districts, institutions of higher education, and other regional partners that would develop, test, and implement effective strategies for improving STEM education in their communities; (2) \$80 million for STEM Teacher Pathways, to recruit and train effective STEM teachers for high-need schools; and (3) \$35 million to establish the first cohort of the STEM Master Teacher Corps. In addition, the budget includes \$150 million for the existing program, Mathematics and Science Partnerships, for a total of \$415 million in 2014.

High School Redesign

The 2014 budget includes \$300 million to fund competitive grants to LEAs in partnership with institutions of higher education and employers to transform the high school experience and ensure that all students graduate from high school with college credit and career-related experience. The new program would give priority to partnerships in areas with limited access to quality career and college opportunities, such as high-poverty or rural LEAs. Grantees would also be required to leverage existing Federal, State, and local resources to implement their projects.

School Safety

Successful, Safe, and Healthy Students is a new program that would consolidate existing programs, such as school counseling, and add a national activities authority to support three new competitive grants: (1) \$50 million for School Climate Transformation Grants to help 8,000 schools train their teachers and other school staff to implement evidence-based strategies to improve school climate; (2) \$30 million for one-time grants to SEAs to help their LEAs develop, implement, and improve their emergency management plans; and (3) \$25 million for Project Prevent grants to help schools address pervasive violence through mental health and other services. (Additional funding for school safety is proposed through other federal agencies.)

Promise Neighborhoods

The 2014 budget includes \$300 million, an increase of \$243 million from 2013, to provide competitive 1-year planning grants and up to 5-year implementation grants to community-based organizations for the development and implementation of comprehensive neighborhood programs designed to combat the effects of poverty and improve educational and life outcomes for children and youth. This investment would also contribute to newly designated Promise Zones--communities with highly concentrated poverty in which federal agencies partner with local leaders to break down barriers and coordinate the resources and expertise they need to move into the middle class.