

Redefining Security:

President Trump’s Immigration Initiatives Could Instead Fund a Response to Coronavirus

President Trump’s cruel and unnecessary immigration policies would cost \$11.5 billion this year, including [\\$2 billion in border wall funds](#) from the Department of Homeland Security, [\\$3.8 billion in Department of Defense funds](#) for constructing a border wall, and [\\$5.7 billion](#) for ICE deportation operations that contribute to family separations. That’s more than enough to fund Senator Chuck Schumer’s suggested \$8.5 billion [emergency funding package](#) to fight the coronavirus outbreak.

Here’s how \$11.5 billion could instead be put to use against the coronavirus:

- 1. Homeland Security wall funds at \$2 billion:** The coronavirus request calls for \$1 billion for rapid vaccine development by the National Institutes of Health, and an additional \$1 billion in foreign aid through USAID to fight the potential pandemic.
- 2. Department of Defense wall funds at \$3.8 billion:** This amount could fund \$1.5 Billion for the Centers for Disease Control, with \$2.3 billion left over.
- 3. \$5.7 billion for ICE removal and enforcement operations:** This could fund \$3 Billion for the Public Health and Social Emergency Fund, \$2 billion for state and local reimbursement, with \$700 million left over.

By diverting President Trump’s funding requests for ICE and his border wall, the United States could instead save lives by funding a full response to coronavirus – with \$3 billion left over.

Trump immigration		Coronavirus
\$2 billion for a border wall (Dept of Homeland Security)	or	\$1 billion for rapid vaccine development, plus \$1 billion for USAID
\$5.7 billion for ICE deportation operations	or	\$3 Billion for Public Health and Social Emergency Fund, plus \$2 Billion state and local reimbursements, plus \$700 million leftover
\$3.8 billion for a border wall (Dept. of Defense)	or	\$1.5 billion for CDC, plus \$2.3 billion leftover
\$11.5 billion total	or	\$8.5 billion total, plus \$3 billion for other priorities