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FY 2024 APPROPRIATIONS

On March 8, the Senate passed a package of six appropriations bills called a "minibus" by a vote of 75 to 22. The House previously passed the minibus on March 6 by a vote of 339 to 85. President Biden signed the appropriations legislation which included the Energy & Water Development funds for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects. Other appropriations passed in this first package include funding for the Department of the Interior, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, Commerce, Justice and Science, and Agriculture.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Funding:

The Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill funds the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), as well as the Department of Energy, Bureau of Reclamation and several other independent federal agencies. Now that the FY24 appropriations have been signed into law, the Corps has 60 days to develop the work plan for spending the discretionary funds included for the Corps in the Energy and Water Development bill.

For FY2024, the funding for the Corps overall is \$8.68 billion and after recissions, is allocated in the following accounts:

- Investigations - \$131.577 million
- Construction - \$1.845 billion
- Operations and Maintenance - \$5.552 billion
- Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund - \$2.77 billion
- Donor and Energy Transfer Ports - Section 2106(c) - \$58 million
- Regulatory - \$221 million

PNWA continues to advocate for additional spending pots of discretionary funding for the Corps. PNWA staff will advocate for those funds to be allocated to Corps projects and our members' projects through the work plan process.

Spending Pots:

The appropriations bill includes the general funding pots that the Corps uses for work plan development in addition to Congressionally Directed Spending (earmarks).

- Navigation Maintenance - \$42.763 million
- Deep Draft Harbors & Channels - \$600.456 million

- Inland Waterways - \$14 million
- Small, Remote, Subsistence Navigation - \$178 million
- Other Authorized Project Purposes - \$5.692 million

Construction

\$66,670,000 - Columbia River Fish Mitigation

\$50,000,000 - Howard Hanson Dam

\$500,000 - The Dalles Lock & Dam

Investigations

\$1,900,000 - Tacoma Harbor Deepening

\$940,000 - Willamette River Environmental Dredging

Operations & Maintenance

Note: For the locks & dams projects below, many of the funding amounts noted would support multiple uses of the dams including navigation, fish passage repair and upgrades, recreation, etc.

Locks & Dams

\$14,657,000 - Bonneville Lock & Dam

\$4,296,000 - The Dalles Lock & Dam

\$6,212,000 - John Day Lock & Dam

\$13,321,000 - McNary Lock & Dam

\$25,909,000 - Ice Harbor Lock & Dam

\$14,523,000 - Lower Monumental Lock & Dam

\$14,472,000 - Little Goose Lock & Dam

\$15,088,000 - Lower Granite Lock & Dam

\$4,375,000 - Howard Hanson Dam

\$17,341,000 - Mud Mountain Dam

\$954,000 - Mount St. Helens Sediment Control

\$7,832,000 - Columbia River Treaty 2024 Implementation

Oregon

\$9,076,000 - Coos Bay (Port of Coos Bay)

\$800,000 - Tillamook Bay & Bar (Port of Garibaldi)

\$4,706,000 - Yaquina Bay & Harbor (Port of Newport)

\$1,099,000 - Siuslaw River (Port of Siuslaw)

\$1,223,000 - Umpqua River (Port of Umpqua)

\$578,000 - Coquille River (Port of Bandon)

\$1,076,000 - Rogue River at Gold Beach (Port of Gold Beach)

\$128,000 - Willamette River at Willamette Falls (Willamette Falls Locks)

\$22,770,000 - Columbia River at the Mouth (MCR)

\$73,151,000 - Columbia & Lower Willamette River Below Vancouver, WA/Portland, OR

\$1,231,000 - Columbia River between Vancouver, WA and The Dalles, OR

Washington

\$3,333,000 - Everett Harbor & Snohomish River (Port of Everett)

\$16,163,000 - Lake Washington Ship Canal

\$193,000 - Seattle Harbor (Port of Seattle)

\$17,878,000 - Grays Harbor (Port of Grays Harbor)

\$2,197,000 - Swinomish Channel (Port of Skagit)

\$185,000 - Port Townsend (Port of Port Townsend)

\$1,272,000 - Columbia River at Baker Bay (Port of Ilwaco)

\$1,373,000 - Columbia River Between Chinook, WA & Sand Island (Port of Chinook)

The appropriations bill report included language that directs the Corps to allocate some of their work plan discretionary funds as well as the appropriate portion of Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) account to ensure that Donor and Energy Transfer Ports are able to receive the funds due under section 102 and 104 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020. It also reminds the Corps that Donor and Energy Transfer Ports are eligible for deep-draft harbor and channel funding for expanded uses. To ensure accountability, the Corps is also directed to provide a list of all projects with HMTF funding amounts for each section 102 WRDA target, including expanded uses to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

To read the text of the bill, click [here](#).

To read the bill report, click [here](#).

To read the bill summary, click [here](#).

To read the list of Congressionally Directed Spending (earmarks), click [here](#).

FY 2025 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET REQUEST

President Biden [released](#) his FY25 Budget Request on March 11 which proposed just \$7.22 billion for the Corps which is approximately \$1.46 billion less than FY24 enacted level. Congress typically views the President's Budget Request as a starting point but will likely craft FY25 appropriations bills with their own priorities in mind.

Keep in mind that FY25 will begin on October 1, 2024. However, given that it is a Presidential election year, it is likely Congress will not complete the appropriations process on time and a Continuing Resolution will be needed to prevent a government shutdown.

PNWA's list of supported Corps projects (aka "the matrix") includes the funding from FY24 which recently passed. However, we are still awaiting the FY24 work plan funds from the Corps to fully finalize the FY24 numbers. The matrix was also updated to include the President's FY25 Budget Request for Corps funding. PNWA will follow up with the Portland, Seattle, and Walla Walla Districts of the Corps to gain an understanding of their FY25 capabilities and update the matrix again.

Of note, the FY25 budget request includes \$500 million for Howard Hanson Dam, an increase of approximately \$10 million for the Columbia River Fish Mitigation program, and does not propose any spending from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund.

To view PNWA's updated list of supported Corps projects, click [here](#).

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