



## **River Budget: National Priorities for Healthy Rivers and Clean Water (FY24)**

Water flowing in our streams, rivers, and creeks is a precious resource: It comprises two-thirds of our drinking water and is critical to the health of our communities. Rivers also serve as critical habitats for fish and wildlife. Plus, rivers sustain our economies, connect our communities to nature, and buffer our cities and towns against the worst impacts of climate change. Tragically, many rivers nationwide are polluted, dammed, and degraded, and most of the nation's water infrastructure is in a state of disrepair. With recent investments from the bipartisan infrastructure law and the Inflation Reduction Act, now is the time to ensure these much-needed funds are directed to clean water and river restoration projects that improve the lives and climate resiliency of people in rural and urban areas — and particularly Communities of Color and Tribal Nations, who are disproportionately impacted by water pollution, droughts, floods, and environmental degradation.

We must ensure federal agencies have the tools, resources, technical assistance, and capacity they need to solve today's complex water challenges. Federal investment in efforts including natural infrastructure and river restoration can make rivers healthier and water cleaner for everyone.

The Fiscal Year 2024 River Budget outlines recommended federal priorities for agencies, including the Department of Interior, Department of Agriculture, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Environmental Protection Agency, to promote climate-smart agriculture practices, improve water infrastructure, restore watersheds, modernize flood management, and support dam removal and rehabilitation. The River Budget spotlights needs in five key categories:

**Promote climate-smart agriculture:** Innovative conservation practices on farms and working lands can regenerate ecosystems, improve irrigation, and bolster agriculture. Yet water shortages are becoming increasingly common due to less rainfall, resulting in historic droughts. In 2022, the Mississippi River dropped to record-low water levels. In the Southwest, farmers, ranchers, and landowners are experiencing the most extreme drought in more than a millennium. In the Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations process and upcoming Farm Bill, Congress and the Administration must prioritize climate-smart agriculture to support rural communities, and a critical sector of our economy.

**Restore watersheds:** From the Great Lakes to the Chesapeake Bay, watersheds are essential to keeping ecosystems healthy and functioning as nature intended. These lands naturally store water, filter pollution, sequester carbon, control erosion and sediment, and provide habitats for wildlife. These natural services help strengthen communities in the face of climate change, and can buffer us against severe floods, droughts, and fires. Healthy watersheds also provide recreation benefits, including fishing,

boating, swimming, hiking, biking, and wildlife watching. In 2020, hunters and anglers contributed \$149 billion to the national economy, supported 970,000 jobs, and created over \$45 billion in wages and incomes.

**Modernize flood management:** Inland and coastal communities need relief as environmental pressures and natural disasters including hurricanes and floods, threaten people and property. Nearly 41 million people live in flood-prone areas. Our nation needs to continue investing in flood-management solutions that protect communities and safeguard rivers. We call on Congress and the Administration to implement nature-based solutions to managing watersheds, floodplains, wetlands, and other water sources. This includes better coordination and use of modern mapping technology to produce maps that inform communities about flood risk, improve land-use management, and help them better prepare for extreme weather.

**Improve water infrastructure:** Our nation's water infrastructure is essential to providing safe, reliable, affordable clean water. It is vital to public health, and to ensuring clean, healthy rivers. Every dollar invested in water infrastructure generates \$2.20 in economic activity. Yet decades of underfunded and deferred maintenance has pushed the nation's water infrastructure to the brink of collapse. Many cities hold, treat, and deliver water using pumps and pipes that are more than 100 years old. Older water systems contain bacteria, lead, and other hazardous chemicals, which exposed thousands to untreated water in Flint, Michigan, and Jackson, Mississippi. We must avoid humanitarian disasters by securing significant water infrastructure investments that protect the health of people and rivers.

**Remove and rehabilitate dams:** Removing dams and improving dam safety can restore natural functions of rivers, help fish and wildlife species recover, create jobs, and increase our communities' resilience to droughts and floods. Dams disrupt the natural ecosystem by impacting water quality, cutting off migration routes, isolating habitats, and destroying fish spawning grounds. Some dams pose serious public safety risks. Prioritizing funding to remove, rehabilitate, and/or retrofit dams is the best way to bring life back to damaged rivers and protect communities.

These federal spending priorities in the Fiscal Year 2024 River Budget are a critical defense against the impacts of climate change and water pollution. The annual federal spending process charges Congress to work with the administration and focus on investments that are key to restoring rivers, from remote mountain streams to urban waterways. Taken together, these investments will improve public health and safety, boost climate resilience, deliver economic benefits, and improve agency programs that are responsible and responsive to meeting community needs.

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Alabama Rivers Alliance  
Alliance for the Great Lakes  
American Rivers  
American Society of Landscape Architects  
American Sustainable Business Network  
American Whitewater  
Amigos Bravos  
Another Summit - Guardian Revival  
Anthropocene Alliance  
Apalachicola Riverkeeper  
Association of State Floodplain Managers  
Azul  
Black People Who Hike  
Black Warrior Riverkeeper  
Cahaba River Society  
Cahaba Riverkeeper  
California Outdoors  
California Trout  
Californians for Western Wilderness  
California Wilderness Coalition (CalWild)  
Center for a Sustainable Coast  
Chalfant Run/Thompson Run Watershed Association  
Chautauqua-Conewango Consortium  
Chesapeake Conservancy  
Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge  
Clean Water Action  
Climate Crisis Policy  
Committee on the Middle Fork Vermilion River  
Community Water Center  
Connecticut River Conservancy  
Dan River Basin Association  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Delaware River Greenway Partnership  
Earth Ethics, Inc.  
Ecosystem Services, LLC  
Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Watershed  
Endangered Habitats League  
Environmental Law & Policy Center  
Environmental Protection Information Center-EPIC  
For Love of Water (FLOW)  
Freshwater Future  
Friends of Auburn Ravine  
Friends of Casco Bay  
Friends of Del Norte  
Friends of Heber Valley  
Friends of the LA River  
Friends of the Rappahannock  
Friends of the River  
Friends of the Wekiva River, Inc.  
Georgia River Network  
Grand Staircase Escalante Partners  
Great Basin Waterkeeper

Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association  
Greater Yellowstone Coalition  
GreenLatinos  
Healthy Gulf  
Healthy Ocean Coalition  
Higher Ground USA  
Hispanic Access Foundation  
Hispanic Federation  
Hoosic River Watershed Association (HooRWA)  
Hoosier Environmental Council  
Idaho Rivers United  
Illinois Council Trout Unlimited  
Illinois Environmental Council  
Information Network for Responsible Mining  
Inland Ocean Coalition  
Iowa Environmental Council  
Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation  
Izaak Walton League of America  
Jordan River Commission  
Kalmiopsis Audubon Society  
Kentucky Waterways Alliance  
Kern River Conservancy  
League of Conservation Voters (LCV)  
Little Manila Rising  
Los Angeles Waterkeeper  
Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust  
Massachusetts Rivers Alliance  
Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition  
Mill Creek Alliance  
Milwaukee Riverkeeper  
Missisquoi River Basin Association Mississippi River Collaborative  
Missouri Confluence Waterkeeper  
Mormon Environmental Stewardship Alliance  
MountainTrue  
Mujeres de la Tierra  
National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)  
National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA)  
Native Fish Society  
Natural Heritage Institute  
New Mexico Wild  
Next 100 Coalition  
North American Climate, Conservation and Environment (NACCE)  
Northern Arizona University Free-flowing Rivers Lab  
NY/NJ Baykeeper  
OARS-Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Rivers  
Ocean Conservation Research  
Ogeechee Riverkeeper  
Ohio Environmental Council  
Ohio River Foundation  
Oregon Coast Alliance

Park Watershed  
Passaic River Coalition  
Raritan Riverkeeper  
RiverLink  
Rural Community Assistance Partnership  
(RCAP)  
Salmon River Watershed Partnership  
San Antonio Bay Estuarine Waterkeeper  
San Juan Citizens Alliance  
Save The Colorado  
ShoreRivers  
Sierra Club  
Smith River Alliance  
Snake River Fund  
Soil and Water Conservation Society  
South Yuba River Citizens League  
Spokane Riverkeeper  
Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Wild & Scenic  
River Stewardship Council  
Tamraparni.org  
Taunton River Stewardship Council  
Taunton River Watershed Alliance, Inc.  
The Earth Bill Network  
The Ocean Project  
The River Project  
The Water Collaborative of Greater New  
Orleans

The Wei LLC  
The Wetlands Initiative  
Three Rivers Waterkeeper  
Tucson Audubon Society  
Twin Harbors Waterkeeper  
Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership  
Upper Merced River Watershed Council  
Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild &  
Scenic Committee  
Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment  
Vets United to Stop the Wall  
Water Environment Federation  
Waterkeeper Alliance  
Waterkeepers Chesapeake  
Waterway Advocates  
WE ACT For Environmental Justice  
Weequahic Park Association  
West Virginia Rivers Coalition  
Western Environmental Law Center  
White Clay Watershed Association  
Wild Rivers Conservancy of the St. Croix &  
Namekagon  
Winyah Rivers Alliance  
Wisconsin EcoLatinos  
Wissahickon Trails  
Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve

# RIVER BUDGET



## National Priorities for Healthy Rivers and Clean Water in Fiscal Year 2024 (Oct. 2023 to Sept. 2024)

### Promote Climate-smart Agriculture

#### Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Recommendations

##### Agricultural Conservation Easement

**AGENCY:** US Department of  
Agriculture

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:**  
\$550 million

##### Conservation Stewardship Program

**AGENCY:** US Department of  
Agriculture

**FY23 RECOMMENDATION:**  
\$1.85 billion

##### Environmental Quality Incentives Program

**AGENCY:** US Department of  
Agriculture

**FY23 RECOMMENDATION:**  
\$2.27 million

##### Regional Conservation Partnership Program

**AGENCY:** US Department of  
Agriculture

**FY23 RECOMMENDATION:**  
\$500 million

##### Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program — Subsidies and Grants

**AGENCY:** US Department of  
Agriculture

**FY23 RECOMMENDATION:**  
\$750 million

##### Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program

**AGENCY:** US Department of  
Agriculture

**FY23 RECOMMENDATION:**  
\$200 million

**A**griculture can be a powerful climate solution. We can accelerate the pace and scale of innovation by adopting climate-smart practices and technologies to enable farmers, ranchers, landowners, and scientists to create solutions through enhanced state-federal partnerships. Climate-smart agriculture involves farming practices that improve productivity and profitability, help farmers adapt to the negative effects of climate change and mitigate climate change effects. This concept is already taking root across the country, but more needs to be done to incorporate river health issues. Farmers can obtain hands-on knowledge through various programs, which enables farmers to learn from other farmers about building climate resilience on their farms. Congress must support farmers on the frontlines who need better access to conservation programs, improved data and research, and technical assistance to reduce nutrient pollution, improve water quality, and create healthier soils.



COLORADO RIVER, COLORADO  
JOSH DUPECHAIN

#### Locally led mitigation and recovery

The USDA's **Emergency Watershed Program** offers technical and financial assistance to help local communities relieve imminent threats to life and property caused by floods, fires, windstorms, and other natural disasters that impair a watershed. In West Virginia, a 2001 flood disaster for 300 homes along Dunloup Creek required immediate federal response to increase public safety for residents. With the support of the state and the community, a total of 255 homes were purchased and the floodplain was restored to its natural condition. The floodplain easement option enabled rural towns to thrive without constantly living in fear of flooding.



# Restore Watersheds

## Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Recommendations

### Groundwater and Streamflow Information

**AGENCY:** US Geological Survey

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:**

\$150 million

### Non-point Source Management Program (Section 319)

**AGENCY:** US Environmental  
Protection Agency

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:**

\$200 million

### Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:**

\$100 million

### Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance

**AGENCY:** National Park Service

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:**

\$15 million

### WaterSMART

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:**

\$150 million

### Wild and Scenic Rivers

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land  
Management; National Park  
Service

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:**

\$7.5 million for Wild and Scenic  
Rivers (BLM) and \$5.5 million  
for Partnership Wild and Scenic  
Rivers (NPS)

**W**ater is a precious resource and the foundation of life itself. Healthy watersheds — which include rivers, wetlands, small streams and tributaries, floodplains and estuaries — build resilience to climate change by providing flood protection, aquifer recharge, habitat for wildlife, water supply and water quality benefits. As climate change fuels more frequent and severe floods and droughts, healthy rivers and watersheds are all the more precious to the people, fish and wildlife that depend on them. Congress strengthens communities and ecosystems by protecting and restoring rivers.



LAKE MEAD, NEVADA  
COLLEEN MINIUK

## Priority Watersheds

Congress has begun to address the needs of rivers by directing investments towards specific watersheds. For example, the Environmental Protection Agency Geographic Programs have provided funding for restoration and protection of water quality and ecological integrity via the **Chesapeake Bay and Puget Sound** programs. The Bureau of Reclamation directs funding towards the **Lower Colorado River Operations Program** and **Upper Colorado River Water Conservation Efforts** to address drought and conservation, the **Yakima River Basin Enhancement Project** to meet water needs of both fish and agriculture, as well as the **San Joaquin River Restoration Program** and **Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program** to restore and maintain fish populations without impacting water supply.

# Modernize Flood Management

**A**s floods become more frequent and severe, we must invest in understanding the increasing flood risk and response efforts of communities. The Association of State Floodplain Managers estimates that FEMA needs a minimum of \$800 million annually (\$3 billion to \$12 billion total) to update flood maps across the nation and identify the future flood risk that climate change will bring. Congress should prioritize funding equitable nature-based, or natural infrastructure solutions — including wetlands, reconnected floodplains, natural floodways and native vegetation — which work with natural river processes and are generally more cost-effective and reliable than traditional structural approaches.



ALTON, ILLINOIS  
ANDREW DOBSON

## Nature-based Solutions

Nature-based solutions protect, restore or mimic natural water systems and provide services including improved water quality and quantity, snowpack/storm flow attenuation, aquifer recharge, and flood control. The US Army Corps of Engineers uses its **Engineering with Nature** program to align natural and engineering processes to implement nature-based solutions. FEMA provides funding through its **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program** and **Flood Mitigation Assistance Program** for flood risk reduction or floodplain and stream restoration. There are also opportunities through the Farm Bill conservation programs, such as the **Agricultural Conservation Easement Program**, the **Conservation Stewardship Program** and the **Regional Conservation Partnership Program**.

## Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Recommendations

### Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:** \$2 billion

### Engineering With Nature

**AGENCY:** US Army Corps of Engineers

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:** \$20 million

### Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:** \$700 million

### Flood Hazard Mapping and Risk Analysis Program (RiskMAP)

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:** \$800 million

### Flood Plain Management and Flood Mapping

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:** \$20 million

### National Flood Risk Management Program

**AGENCY:** US Army Corps of Engineers

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:** \$15 million



# Improve Water Infrastructure

## Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Recommendations

### Clean Water & Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF)

**AGENCY:** US Environmental  
Protection Agency

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:**

\$7.6 billion for the Clean Water  
SRF and \$7.6 billion for the  
Drinking Water SRF

### Low Income Household Water Assistance Pilot Program

**AGENCY:** US Environmental  
Protection Agency

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:**

\$225 million

### Assistance for Small and Disadvantaged Communities Drinking Water

**AGENCY:** US Environmental  
Protection Agency

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:**

\$80 million

### Sewer Over Flow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant Program

**AGENCY:** US Environmental  
Protection Agency

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:**

\$280 million

### Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Fund

**AGENCY:** US Environmental  
Protection Agency

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:**

\$80.34 million

Our nation is facing infrastructure challenges throughout every aspect of our water system — drinking water, wastewater and stormwater. The American Society of Civil Engineers has rated the nation's drinking water infrastructure at C- and its stormwater infrastructure at D. Far too many communities — particularly Black, Indigenous, Latino and other people of color — are burdened with aging infrastructure, pollution and unreliable or unaffordable safe drinking water. Congress must build on the investments included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to provide resilient and sustainable water infrastructure for all.



FLINT RIVER, GEORGIA  
KENNY GAMBLIN

## Environmental Justice

In 2021, the EPA began implementing its Accelerating Environmental and Economic Justice Initiative, a plan to invest \$936 million into new and existing EPA programs to remedy decades of disinvestment and injustice. Historically, environmental justice was funded through EPA's Enforcement budget line. The EPA elevated Environmental Justice to its own Program Area and established six new grant programs within the State and Tribal Assistance Grant account. There are ample opportunities for supporting environmental justice through these new EPA programs, such as the EJ Community Grant Program, EJ State Grant Program and Tribal EJ Grant Program.



# Remove and Rehabilitate Dams

## Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Recommendations

### Community-based Restoration Program

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and  
Atmospheric Administration

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:**  
\$100 million

### High Hazard Potential Dam Safety Grant Program

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency  
Management Agency

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:**  
\$20 million

### National Dam Safety Program

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency  
Management Agency

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:**  
\$92 million

### National Fish Passage Program

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife  
Service

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:**  
\$30 million

### Watershed Rehabilitation Program

**AGENCY:** US Department of  
Agriculture

**FY24 RECOMMENDATION:**  
\$10 million

**D**ams harm river health and drastically disrupt the ecosystem, often leading to sharp declines in native fish and wildlife. Dams also reduce or eliminate the carbon sink of natural river systems and release methane into the atmosphere, worsening the climate crises. The United States should accelerate the removal, rehabilitation and retrofit of the nation's more than 90,000 inventoried dams to improve public safety, support energy output, and restore the health of our nation's rivers. Nearly 1,800 dams have already been removed nationwide, creating a proven track record for river restoration and delivering significant benefits to communities, local economies, cultural resources and environmental health.



MIDDLE FORK NOOKSACK RIVER, WASHINGTON  
BRETT BAUNTON, WILD NOOKSACK

## Dam Removal Successes

The NOAA Community-based Restoration Program helped fund the removal of a linchpin dam on the Middle Fork Nooksack River near Bellingham, Washington, to restore Chinook salmon. On Maryland's Patapsco River, the Fish and Wildlife Service National Fish Passage Program provided additional funding to complete the removal of the Bloede Dam to restore migratory fish runs.

American Rivers is championing a national effort to protect and restore all rivers, from remote mountain streams to urban waterways. Healthy rivers provide people and nature with clean, abundant water and natural habitat. For 50 years, American Rivers staff, supporters, and partners have shared a common belief: Life Depends on Rivers<sup>SM</sup>.

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(Thousands of Dollars)						

Interior, Environment and Related Agencies

Bureau of Land Management

Wild and Scenic Rivers	\$6,946	\$3,097	\$4,000	\$7,500	Preserves rivers with outstanding natural, cultural, and recreational values
Threatened and Endangered Species (T&E) Program	\$21,567	\$31,000	\$34,000	\$51,000	Carries out recovery of species listed under the Endangered Species Act with habitat managed by the Bureau of Land Management, including aquatic species.

Environmental Protection Agency

Chesapeake Bay Program	\$87,500	\$90,500	\$92,000	\$92,000	Restores and protects water quality and ecological integrity in the Chesapeake Bay
Clean Water SRF	\$1,638,826	\$1,688,826	\$1,688,847	\$7,600,000	Provides federal financial assistance to states to protect the nation's water resources
Drinking Water SRF	\$1,126,088	\$1,176,088	\$1,176,095	\$7,600,000	Provides federal financial assistance to states to protect the nation's water resources
Environmental Justice Programs	\$11,838	\$205,841	\$102,159	\$294,938	Advances environmental justices iniatives for states, localities and tribes.
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	\$330,000	\$350,000	\$368,000	\$425,000	Restores and protects water quality and ecological integrity in the Great Lakes
Indian Reservation Drinking Water Program	-	-	\$4,000	\$50,000	Connect, expands, or repairs existing public water systems on Indian reservations
Low Income Household Water Assistance Program Pilot	-	-	-	\$225,000	Implements a water and sewer assistance pilot program
National Non-Point Source Management Program	\$172,348	\$180,000	\$182,000	\$200,000	Implements nonpoint source management programs and projects as selected by the state
Puget Sound Program	\$33,750	\$38,750	\$54,000	\$54,000	Restores and protects water quality and ecological integrity in the Puget Sound
Reducing Lead in Drinking Water	\$21,511	\$72,000	\$25,011	\$100,000	Reduces the concentration of lead in drinking water
Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program	\$40,000	\$56,000	\$50,000	\$280,000	Manages combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, and stormwater flows
Assistance for Small & Disadvantaged Communities Drinking Water	\$26,408	\$38,930	\$30,158	\$80,002	Provides water infrastructure assistance to underserved communities
Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Fund	\$65,000	\$80,108	\$75,640	\$80,344	Provides supplemental credit assistance to significant water infrastructure projects
Water Pollution Control (Sec 106) grant program	\$225,000	\$230,000	\$237,000	\$255,000	Provides grants to states and tribes to implement TMDL's, WQ standards, NPDES permits, etc.
Wetlands Program Development Grants	\$14,192	\$14,476	\$14,692	\$20,000	Supports development of state and tribal wetland programs

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Interior, Environment and Related Agencies (Continued)

Forest Service

Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive Species (TES) Program	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$24,667	Carries out recovery of species listed under the Endangered Species Act with habitat in the National Forest System, including aquatic species
Legacy Roads and Trails (LRT) Program	\$0	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$100,000	Stormproofs stream crossings and fixes culverts that are necessary for fish passage in national forests

Fish and Wildlife Service

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	\$7,022	\$7,022	\$7,032	\$10,000	Increases resources for the conservation of the nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats
National Fish Habitat Action Plan	\$4,000	-	-	\$7,500	Conserves freshwater, estuarine and marine waterways and fisheries
National Fish Passage Program	\$18,598	\$19,000	\$18,598	\$30,000	Restores rivers and conserves aquatic resources by removing or bypassing barriers
National Wetlands Inventory	\$3,471	\$7,471	-	\$8,000	Provides detailed information and data on US wetlands
National Wildlife Refuge System	\$503,853	\$518,761	\$541,555	\$600,000	Conserves public lands and waters set aside to conserve America's fish, wildlife, and plants
North American Wetlands Conservation Fund	\$46,500	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	Protects wetland habitats for fish and wildlife
Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program	\$56,859	\$57,715	\$60,267	\$100,000	Assists landowners interested in restoring and enhancing wildlife habitat on their land

Indian Health Service

Sanitation Facilities Construction	\$196,577	\$260,904	\$196,167	\$250,000	Provides American Indian and Alaska Natives with essential water and sewer infrastructure
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National Park Service

Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers Program	\$3,925	\$3,927	\$5,300	\$5,500	Protects outstanding rivers and river-related resources through a collaborative approach
Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance	\$10,699	\$11,971	\$13,000	\$15,000	Assits communities with conservation and outdoor recreation

U.S. Geological Survey

Groundwater and Streamflow Information Program	\$100,673	\$118,151	\$114,558	\$150,000	A national network of streamgages, wells and other monitoring sites
National Water Quality Program	\$93,460	\$95,242	\$100,080	\$100,080	Provides an understanding of water-quality conditions and what affects those conditions

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Energy & Water Development						

Bureau of Reclamation

Central Valley Project Restoration Fund	\$55,875	\$56,499	\$45,770	\$60,000	Funds habitat restoration, improvement and acquisition, and other fish and wildlife restoration activities
Columbia and Snake River Salmon Recovery Project	\$16,000	\$18,000	\$13,329	\$20,000	Delivers habitat projects for salmon recovery supported by science and local communities

Dam Safety Program	\$111,884	\$208,000	\$210,218	\$211,000	Ensures Reclamation dams do not present unreasonable risk to people, property, and the environment
Klamath Project	\$19,419	\$24,770	\$34,842	\$35,000	Provides funding to improve water supplies in the Klamath River Basin
Lower Colorado River Operations Program	\$37,639	\$45,218	\$46,804	\$47,000	Implements the Drought Contingency Plan and the Lower Colorado Multi-species Conservation Program
San Joaquin River Restoration	\$28,300	-	\$20,500	\$35,000	Restores and maintain fish populations in "good condition" in the main stem of the San Joaquin River
WaterSMART Grants	\$55,000	\$48,000	\$65,000	\$150,000	Supports environmental benefits to increase the reliability of water resources
Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project	\$14,410	\$26,450	\$50,254	\$51,000	Enhances streamflows and fish passage for anadromous fish in the Yakima River Basin

## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Engineering with Nature	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$20,000	\$20,000	Aligns natural and engineering processes to deliver economic, environmental, and social benefits
Flood Plain Management Services	\$15,000	\$15,400	\$20,000	\$20,000	Provides general technical assistance and data for flood plain management efforts
National Flood Risk Management Program	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$6,400	\$15,000	Focuses the policies, programs and expertise of USACE toward reducing overall flood risk
Section 1135—Project Modification for Improvement of the Environment	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$10,500	\$50,000	Allows the USACE to take on projects that improve the environment in the public interest
Section 206-Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration	\$11,000	\$15,000	\$13,000	\$39,500	Allows the USACE to take on small-scale projects to restore aquatic habitat
Sustainable Rivers Program	\$5,000	\$500	\$7,000	\$7,000	Reduces negative environmental consequences of downstream flows at USACE reservoirs
Upper Mississippi River Restoration, IL, IA, MN, MO, WI	\$33,170	\$33,170	\$55,000	\$55,000	Ensures the viability and vitality of Upper Mississippi River fish and wildlife



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Commerce, Justice, Science

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Community Based Restoration Program <sup>1</sup>	\$30,000	-	\$56,684	\$100,000	Assists the implementation of community-driven habitat restoration
National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund	\$33,000	\$36,000	\$34,000	\$40,000	Enhances the resilience of coastal communities using natural ecosystems
Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	Protects, restores, and conserves Pacific salmon and steelhead

1. The Community Based Restoration Program is funded through "Habitat Conservation and Restoration"

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program	\$450,000	\$450,000	-	\$550,000	Protects, restores, and enhances wetlands, grasslands, and working farms and ranches
Conservation Stewardship Program	\$750,000	\$750,000	-	\$1,850,000	Provides incentives for conservation performance
Environmental Quality Incentives Program	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	-	\$2,275,000	Assists agricultural producers to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits
Regional Conservation Partnership Program	\$300,000	\$300,000	-	\$500,000	Provides assistance to producers through partnership conservation program contracts
Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program - Subsidies and Grants	\$621,567	\$665,702	\$596,404	\$750,000	Improves water and waste treatment facilities for distressed rural communities
Watershed And Flood Prevention Operations Program	\$175,000	\$198,275	-	\$200,000	Provides expenses to carry out the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act
Watershed Rehabilitation Program	\$10,000	\$10,000	-	\$10,000	Addresses public health, safety concerns, and environmental impacts of aging dams

Homeland Security

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities	\$1,000,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$2,000,000	Implements climate resilience projects that reduce future risks from natural disasters
Flood Hazard Mapping and Risk Analysis Program (RiskMAP)	\$263,000	\$275,000	\$312,750	\$800,000	Allows FEMA to continue ongoing RiskMAP projects and expand coverage of flood hazard information
Flood Mitigation Assitance	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	Provides grants to reduce the risk of flood damage to existing buildings and infrastructure
Floodplain Management and Mapping	\$190,506	\$199,000	\$206,500	\$207,000	Improves floodplain management, develops flood hazard zone maps, and educates on the risk of floods
Hazard Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund (STORM Act)	-	\$100,000	-	\$100,000	Provides needed and sustainable funding for hazard mitigation projects
High Hazard Potential Dam Safety Grants	\$12,000	\$12,000	-	\$20,000	Provides grants for rehabilitation of eligible high hazard potential dams
National Dam Safety Program	\$9,249	\$9,657	\$9,657	\$92,000	Reduces the risks to human life, property, and the environment from dam related hazards