



River Budget: National Priorities for Healthy Rivers and Clean Water (FY25)

Life Depends on RiversSM. Rivers across America provide our drinking water and sustain our growing communities. Streams, rivers, and creeks not only power our recreational economy, but also serve as critical habitats for fish and wildlife. Healthy rivers can provide cities and towns with natural barriers against the worst impacts of climate change.

Yet worsening floods and drought, infrastructure that is aging to the point of failure, and human-caused destruction of rivers are putting clean drinking water and communities' safety at risk — and threatening thousands of wildlife species. Meanwhile, climate change, pollution, and environmental degradation are proportionately harming Communities of Color, Tribal Nations, and people in poverty.

To continue building a better world for our communities, we need to ensure federal funding is responsive to the challenges ahead. With the recent investments made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act, the annual appropriations process can continue to support rural areas, Communities of Color, and Tribal Nations.

We ask Congress and the Biden administration to support a strong River Budget ahead of the President's Budget and the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations process.

Our federal agencies require the tools, resources, capacity, and technical assistance to maximize funding efficiencies and improve effectiveness. Today, we need prolonged and sustained investments to remove dangerous dams, restore floodplains, and protect vital habitat for fish and wildlife. The Fiscal Year 2025 River Budget outlines our commitment to advance federal priorities overseen by the Department of Interior, Department of Agriculture, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Environmental Protection Agency. The federal spending priorities also take proactive measures to curb water pollution and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Key priorities in the Fiscal Year 2025 River Budget:

Promote climate-smart agriculture: Climate change poses an existential threat to agricultural producers, landowners, and farmers, whose livelihoods rely on healthy rivers. In partnership with farmers and ranchers, we can build up resilience and regenerate ecosystems to improve irrigation, bolster agriculture, and improve croplands' ability to capture and store carbon.

Enhance water infrastructure: More than two-thirds of our drinking water supply comes from rivers. America's network of water systems provides communities with safe, reliable, and affordable clean

water. Every dollar invested in water infrastructure generates \$2.20 in economic activity. Advancements in nature-based solutions and water equity can begin to tackle aging or deteriorating pipelines in communities with the greatest needs.

Protect watersheds: Every person in our country lives within a watershed comprising an intricate system of rivers, lakes, and smaller streams. Healthy watersheds clean our drinking water supplies, support recreation like fishing and hunting, and stabilize soils. In 2022, outdoor recreation generated \$1.1 trillion in economic output and 5 million jobs, accounting for 2.2 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product.

Improve flood management: Today, nearly 41 million people live in flood-prone areas. Inland and coastal communities, particularly in disadvantaged and rural areas, need relief as environmental pressures and natural disasters, including hurricanes and floods, threaten people and property. Investments in flood management solutions can safeguard rivers and protect vulnerable homeowners and businesses.

Remove and rehabilitate dams: Dams disrupt the natural ecosystem by impacting water quality, cutting off migration routes, isolating habitats, and destroying fish spawning grounds. Some dams pose significant and serious public safety risks to people and surrounding communities. Prioritizing funding to remove, rehabilitate, and/or retrofit dams is the best way to bring life back to damaged rivers and protect communities.

The annual appropriations process charges Congress to work with the White House to focus federal investments on priorities that make a meaningful difference in people's lives. Now more than ever, we need to continue to sustain and support key federal programs that improve rivers across America, deliver economic benefits, and improve agency programs that are responsible for and responsive to our communities' needs.

We urge Congress and the Biden administration to support a strong River Budget as we prepare for the release of the President's Budget and the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations process.

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Alliance for the Great Lakes
American Business Water Coalition
American Hiking Society
American Rivers
American Society of Landscape Architects
American Sustainable Business Network
American Whitewater
Americas for Conservation + the Arts
Amphibian and Reptile Conservancy
Anthropocene Alliance
Appalachian Citizens' Law Center
Appalachian Mountain Club
Bayou City Waterkeeper
Between the Waters
Big Sewickley Creek Watershed Association
Black People Who Hike
Black Warrior Riverkeeper
Blue Water Baltimore
Cacapon Institute
Cahaba River Society
Cahaba Riverkeeper
Californians for Western Wilderness
CalWild (formerly California Wilderness Coalition)
Carolina Ocean Alliance
Center for a Sustainable Coast
Chalfant Run-Thompson Run Watershed Association
Chesapeake Conservancy
Clean Water Action
Clean Wisconsin
Coastal Carolina Riverwatch
Community Water Center
Connecticut River Conservancy
Conservation Lands Foundation
Corazón Latino
DamDol Enterprises
Deerfield River Watershed Association
Delaware River Greenway Partnership
Dogwood Alliance
Earth Ethics, Inc.
EarthKeepers 360
ECODiversity
Endangered Habitats League
Endangered Species Coalition
Environmental Law & Policy Center
Farmington River Watershed Association
Flint Rising
Florida Rights of Nature Network (FRONN.org)
FoCo Trash Mob
For Love of Water (FLOW)
Free-flowing Rivers Lab, Northern Arizona University
Freshwater Future
Friends of Casco Bay
Friends of the Earth
Friends of the Inyo
Friends of the LA River
Friends of the Rappahannock
Friends of the River

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Friends of the Wekiva River, Inc.	National Association of Clean Water Agencies
Georgia River Network	National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium
Gila Conservation Coalition	National Parks Conservation Association
Global Green	National Wildlife Federation
Grand Staircase Escalante Partners	Native Fish Society
Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association	Nesika Wilamut
Great Old Broads for Wilderness	New Mexico Wild
Greater Yellowstone Coalition	New Mexico Wildlife Federation
GreenLatinos	North American Climate, Conservation and Environment (NACCE)
Gunpowder RIVERKEEPER	OARS-Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Rivers
Healthy Ocean Coalition	Ogeechee Riverkeeper
Hoosic River Watershed Association (HooRWA)	Ohio Environmental Council
Idaho Rivers United	Ohio River Foundation
Illinois Environmental Council	Oregon Coast Alliance
Impact Fund	Otsego County Conservation Association
Inland Ocean Coalition	Park Watershed
International Rivers	Partnership for the National Trails System
IWLA Harry Enstrom Chapter	Passaic River Coalition
Jordan River Commission	Pennsylvania Division of the Izaak Walton League of America
Kalmiopsis Audubon Society	Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles
Kentucky Waterways Alliance	Rachel Carson Council
Kern River Conservancy	Raritan Riverkeeper
Latino Outdoors	Rio Grande International Study Center
League of Conservation Voters	River Network
Los Angeles Waterkeeper	RiverLink
Love 4 Nature, Inc.	Rural Community Assistance Partnership
Massachusetts Rivers Alliance	
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Mill Creek Alliance	
Milwaukee Riverkeeper	
Missisquoi River Basin Association	

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Sierra Nevada Alliance
Smith River Alliance
Socially Responsible Agriculture Project
Society of Conservation Biology North
America
South Bronx Unite
South Carolina Aquarium
Sowing Justice
Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Wild and
Scenic River Stewardship Council
Superior Watershed Partnership
Taunton River Stewardship Council
Taunton River Watershed Alliance
Tennessee Aquarium
The Lower 9th Ward Center for Sustainable
Engagement and Development
The River Project
The Sierra Club
The Water Collaborative of Greater New
Orleans
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Three Rivers Waterkeeper
Thrive_At_Life: Working Solutions
Twin Harbors Waterkeeper
Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership
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Water Environment Federation
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West Atlanta Watershed Alliance
West Virginia Rivers Coalition
White Clay Watershed Association
Wild Alabama
Wild Rivers Conservancy of the St. Croix &
Namekagon
Winyah Rivers Alliance
Wisconsin EcoLatinos

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Promote Climate-smart Agriculture

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Recommendations

Agricultural Conservation Easement

AGENCY: US Department of
Agriculture
FY25 RECOMMENDATION:
\$950 million

Conservation Stewardship Program

AGENCY: US Department of
Agriculture
FY25 RECOMMENDATION:
\$2 billion

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

AGENCY: US Department of
Agriculture
FY25 RECOMMENDATION:
\$5.025 billion

Regional Conservation Partnership Program

AGENCY: US Department of
Agriculture
FY25 RECOMMENDATION:
\$1.8 billion

Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program — Subsidies and Grants

AGENCY: US Department of
Agriculture
FY25 RECOMMENDATION:
\$750 million

Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program

AGENCY: US Department of
Agriculture
FY25 RECOMMENDATION:
\$200 million

Agriculture 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.



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. Excessive rainfall in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, caused severe sloughing that endangered access to a local hospital. After EWP repairs, the stabilized streambank prevented further sloughing and endangerment to residents traveling on the road. EWP work can include removing debris from stream channels; reshaping and protecting eroded banks; repairing levees and structures; and purchasing floodplain easements to restore, protect, maintain, and enhance the functions of wetlands and riparian areas. flooding.

Protect Watersheds & Wetlands

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Recommendations

Groundwater and Streamflow Information

AGENCY: US Geological Survey

FY25 RECOMMENDATION:

\$150 million

Non-point Source Management Program

AGENCY: US Environmental Protection Agency

FY25 RECOMMENDATION:

\$200 million

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service

FY25 RECOMMENDATION:

\$100 million

Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance

AGENCY: National Park Service

FY25 RECOMMENDATION:

\$15 million

WaterSMART

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation

FY25 RECOMMENDATION:

\$150 million

Wild and Scenic Rivers

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management; National Park Service

FY25 RECOMMENDATION:

\$7.5 million for Wild and Scenic Rivers (BLM) and \$5.8 million for Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers (NPS)

Water 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.



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Priority Watersheds

Healthy forests and rivers play an important part in protecting water quality and habitat. Watershed projects ensure restoration places a focus on safeguarding streamside's and wetlands, promotes land protection and stewardship as well as reducing wildfires. The Environmental Protection Agency's oversees 12 Geographic Programs including the Chesapeake Bay, the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and the Columbia River Basin to help communities protect local ecosystems. The Bureau of Reclamation also directs funds through WaterSMART to address serious water challenges in the West. WaterSMART funding announced earlier this year awarded 30 new projects totaling \$51 million in 11 states to increase water availability. A project in Colorado will upgrade irrigation infrastructure and enhance aquatic and riparian habitats along one mile of the Uncompahgre River in western Colorado.

Improve Flood Management

As 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 expand flood maps across the nation and identify the future flood risk that climate change will bring. Congress should prioritize funding 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. For more than a decade, U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Engineering with Nature program enables more sustainable approaches to implement economic, social, and environmental benefits associated with infrastructure. The habitat enhancement project at Nolan River Lake, funded by EWN, incorporated adaptive measures to improve recreation and aquatic habitat. FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Flood Mitigation Assistance Program also provide funding for mitigation that reduces flood risks and reduces disaster losses. Under USDA, as the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program, the Conservation Stewardship Program and the Regional Conservation Partnership Program also provides additional opportunities to increase and scale these benefits..

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Recommendations

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FY25 RECOMMENDATION: \$2 billion

Engineering With Nature

AGENCY: US Army Corps of Engineers

FY25 RECOMMENDATION: \$40 million

Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FY25 RECOMMENDATION: \$700 million

Flood Hazard Mapping and Risk Analysis Program (RiskMAP)

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FY25 RECOMMENDATION: \$800 million

Flood Plain Management and Flood Mapping

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FY25 RECOMMENDATION: \$221 million

National Flood Risk Management Program

AGENCY: US Army Corps of Engineers

FY25 RECOMMENDATION: \$15 million

Enhance Water Infrastructure

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Recommendations

Clean Water & Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF)

AGENCY: US Environmental Protection Agency

FY25 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

FY25 RECOMMENDATION:

\$225 million

Assistance for Small and Disadvantaged Communities Drinking Water

AGENCY: US Environmental Protection Agency

FY25 RECOMMENDATION:

\$80 million

Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant Program

AGENCY: US Environmental Protection Agency

FY25 RECOMMENDATION:

\$280 million

Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Fund

AGENCY: US Environmental Protection Agency

FY25 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 2023, the EPA proposed improvements to the Lead and Copper Rule intended to regulate the control and monitoring of lead in drinking water. The updated Lead and Copper Rule will finally require removal of lead service lines that deliver drinking water to almost 22 million people in the U.S. As part of the Investing in America Agenda, the agency also announced \$2 billion in funding available to support community driven projects that prioritizes environmental justice, strengthens climate resilience and builds capacity to marginalized and underserved communities to tackle environmental challenges. EPA committed \$200 million for technical assistance which is available in direct response to feedback from communities and environmental justice leaders who have long called for capacity building support for communities and their partners as they work to access critical federal resources. .

Remove and Rehabilitate Dams

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Recommendations

Community-based Restoration Program

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FY25 RECOMMENDATION: \$100 million

High Hazard Potential Dam Safety Grant Program

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FY25 RECOMMENDATION: \$20 million

National Dam Safety Program

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FY25 RECOMMENDATION: \$92 million

National Fish Passage Program

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service

FY25 RECOMMENDATION: \$30 million

Watershed Rehabilitation Program

AGENCY: US Department of Agriculture

FY25 RECOMMENDATION: \$10 million

Dams 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 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.



Dam Removal Successes

The NOAA Community-based Restoration Program provides funding for restoration projects to ensure fish passage and aquatic species have high-quality habitat. Since 1996, it has contributed to more than 2,200 habitat restoration projects – restoring more than 4,300 stream miles for fish migration. In 2021, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environment received funding to design plans for removal of the 15-foot tall Lower Collinsville Dam on the Farmington River. Removal will protect the American shad, alewife, blueback herring, and the American eel while providing improved safety and resilience. Funding from this program has also benefited the Klamath Basin restoration efforts to restore 30.6 miles of stream for fish. Klamath Basin Integrated Fisheries Restoration and Monitoring Plan in partnership with the Fish and Wildlife Service provides a comprehensive strategy to recover the Klamath Basin after the removal of the dam.



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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 RiversSM. AmericanRivers.org

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Agency	Program	FY21	FY22	FY23	House Approps Bills FY24	Senate Approps Bills FY24	FY25 Recommendation	About the program
<i>(Thousands of Dollars)</i>								
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	-	\$35,000	\$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	\$93,000	\$93,000	Restores and protects water quality and ecological integrity in the Chesapeake Bay
	Clean Water SRF	\$1,638,826	\$1,688,826	\$1,688,847	\$535,000	\$1,638,874	\$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	\$460,611	\$1,126,101	\$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	-	\$102,159	\$294,938	Advances environmental justices initiatives for states, localities and tribes.
	Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	\$330,000	\$350,000	\$368,000	\$368,000	\$373,000	\$450,000	Restores and protects water quality and ecological integrity in the Great Lakes
	Indian Reservation Drinking Water Program	-	-	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$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	\$182,000	\$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	\$57,000	\$57,000	Restores and protects water quality and ecological integrity in the Puget Sound
	Reducing Lead in Drinking Water	\$21,511	\$72,000	\$25,011	\$25,011	\$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	\$50,000	\$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	\$23,211	\$30,158	\$80,002	Provides water infrastructure assistance to underserved communities
	Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Fund	\$65,000	\$80,108	\$75,640	\$72,000	\$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	\$237,000	\$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	\$14,692	\$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	-	\$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	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$100,000	Stormproofs stream crossings and fixes culverts that are necessary for fish passage in national forests

Fish and Wildlife Service								
	Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund	\$10,000	\$11,500	\$15,500	\$15,500	\$11,500	\$15,500	Increases resources for the conservation of the nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats
	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	\$7,022	\$7,022	\$7,032	\$3,500	\$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	-	-	\$7,164		\$7,500	Conserves freshwater, estuarine and marine waterways and fisheries

National Fish Passage Program	\$18,598	\$19,000	\$18,598	\$18,598	\$18,598	\$30,000	Restores rivers and conserves aquatic resources by removing or bypassing barriers
National Wetlands Inventory	\$3,471	\$7,471	-	-	\$3,553	\$8,000	Provides detailed information and data on US wetlands
National Wildlife Refuge System	\$503,853	\$518,761	\$541,555	\$487,400	\$539,220	\$1,500,000	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	\$48,500	\$50,150	\$50,150	Protects wetland habitats for fish and wildlife
Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program	\$56,859	\$57,715	\$60,267	\$54,240	\$65,282	\$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	\$196,167	\$170,595	\$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	\$5,300	\$5,800	\$5,800	Protects outstanding rivers and river-related resources through a collaborative approach
Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance	\$10,699	\$11,971	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$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	\$120,307	\$117,844	\$150,000	A national network of streamgages, wells and other monitoring sites
National Water Quality Program	\$93,460	\$95,242	\$100,080	\$7,490	\$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	\$48,508	\$48,508	\$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	\$13,279	\$13,279	\$20,000	Delivers habitat projects for salmon recovery supported by science and local communities
Dam Safety Program	\$111,884	\$208,000	\$210,218	\$211,989	\$183,864	\$211,000	Ensures Reclamation dams do not present unreasonable risk to people, property, and the environment
Klamath Project	\$19,419	\$24,770	\$34,842	\$46,642	\$46,642	\$46,642	Provides funding to improve water supplies in the Klamath River Basin
Lower Colorado River Operations Program	\$37,639	\$45,218	\$46,804	\$48,999	\$48,999	\$48,999	Implements the Drought Contingency Plan and the Lower Colorado Multi-species Conservation Program
San Joaquin River Restoration	\$28,300	-	\$20,500	\$20,500	\$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	\$13,690	\$54,108	\$150,000	Supports environmental benefits to increase the reliability of water resources
Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project	\$14,410	\$26,450	\$50,254	\$35,352	\$38,044	\$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	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$40,000	Aligns natural and engineering processes to deliver economic, environmental, and social benefits
Flood Plain Management Services	\$15,000	\$15,400	\$20,000	-	\$1,000	\$20,000	Provides general technical assistance and data for flood plain management efforts
National Flood Risk Management Program	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$6,400	-	\$6,500	\$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	\$9,500	\$7,500	\$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	\$9,000	\$10,500	\$39,500	Allows the USACE to take on small-scale projects to restore aquatic habitat
Sustainable Rivers Program	\$5,000	\$500	\$7,000	-	\$6,000	\$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	\$75,000	Ensures the viability and vitality of Upper Mississippi River fish and wildlife

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(Thousands of Dollars)

Commerce, Justice, Science

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Community Based Restoration Program ¹	\$30,000	-	\$56,684	-	\$59,684	\$100,000	Assists the implementation of community-driven habitat restoration
National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund	\$33,000	\$36,000	\$34,000	-	\$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	\$80,000	Protects, restores, and conserves Pacific salmon and steelhead

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program	\$450,000	\$450,000	-	-	-	\$950,000	Protects, restores, and enhances wetlands, grasslands, and working farms and ranches
Conservation Stewardship Program	\$750,000	\$750,000	-	-	-	\$2,000,000	Provides incentives for conservation performance
Environmental Quality Incentives Program	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	-	-	-	\$5,025,000	Assists agricultural producers to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits
Regional Conservation Partnership Program	\$300,000	\$300,000	-	-	-	\$1,800,000	Provides assistance to producers through partnership conservation program contracts
Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program - Subsidies and Grants	\$621,567	\$665,702	\$596,404	\$587,120	\$671,560	\$750,000	Improves water and waste treatment facilities for distressed rural communities
Watershed And Flood Prevention Operations Program	\$175,000	\$198,275	\$75,000	-	\$90,405	\$200,000	Provides expenses to carry out the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act
Watershed Rehabilitation Program	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$2,000	-	\$2,000	\$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	\$312,750	\$293,985	\$800,000	Allows FEMA to continue ongoing RiskMAP projects and expand coverage of flood hazard information
Flood Mitigation Assistance	\$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	\$221,066	\$221,066	\$221,066	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