



## **FISCAL YEAR 2024 INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024**

The Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act provides a total discretionary allocation of \$38.55 billion. Consistent with the topline agreement, the bill provides total non-defense topline resources totaling \$38.9 billion – a reduction of 4% from the Fiscal Year 2023 level and \$7.9 billion below the President’s Budget Request.

The Act fully funds the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program for Fiscal Year 2024 – estimated at \$515 million – and prioritizes funding for wildland fire management, firefighter pay, and Tribes.

It also reduces funding for most programs in the Act, including a \$977 million (9.6%) reduction to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

### **TOP LINE MESSAGING**

- Refocuses Washington spending, cuts wasteful bureaucracy, and limits Executive overreach by:
  - Reducing funding for the Environmental Protection Agency by 9.6% while protecting funding for Republican priorities like Rural Water Technical Assistance grants and Geographic Regional Water programs.
  - Limiting full-time equivalents (FTE) expansion and pay raises.
  - Restricting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s ability to list species under the Endangered Species Act by reducing funding for that activity and giving specific direction for the agency to collaborate with local communities and stakeholders to avoid the unnecessary listing of key species.
  - Cutting the Administration’s Environmental Justice Budget Request by \$275 million.
- Bolsters our national security and energy independence by:
  - Rejecting policy provisions included in the President’s Budget Request that would have reduced domestic energy production, driven up oil and gas prices, and increased U.S. dependence on foreign oil.
  - Protecting communities from catastrophic wildfires by providing \$3.2 billion for wildfire activities and maintaining wildland firefighter pay and capacity – a \$260 million increase to the total amount provided in FY23 – without using the irresponsible budget gimmicks from the previous Congress.
  - Encouraging domestic production of critical and rare earth minerals to improve the security and resilience of U.S. supply chains.
  - Requiring the U.S. Forest Service to coordinate with the Department of Defense in reviewing critical mineral projects that support national security objectives.
- Supports American values and principles by:

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- Including language to protect public access for hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting on federal lands.
- Directing land management agencies, like the Bureau of Land Management, to follow regulatory multiple-use mandates; consult with local communities, states, and Tribes; and refrain from locking up land solely for conservation purposes.
- Fully funding the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program, which addresses budget shortfalls caused by nontaxable federal lands in 49 states, to support essential local services like education and public safety.
- Furthering the federal commitment to meet trust and treaty obligations to Indian Tribes by providing an additional \$34.4 million for Indian Country above the FY23 enacted level.

**LEGACY RIDERS MAINTAINED**

- Maintains longstanding, bipartisan riders, including:
  - Exempting farmers and livestock producers from burdensome greenhouse gas permitting and reporting requirements.
  - Preventing an Endangered Species Act (ESA) listing of sage-grouse to enable continued energy and mineral development across the West.
  - Prohibiting the regulation of lead content in ammunition and fishing tackle.

**DEMOCRAT POISON PILLS REJECTED**

- Rejects harmful Democrat policies that would have:
  - Increased offshore oil and gas inspection fees and allowed for follow-up inspections.
  - Authorized new fees for onshore oil and gas inspections.
  - Allowed the Administration to implement policies that did not reflect the carbon neutrality of forest biomass.

**DETAILED FUNDING SUMMARY**

**Department of the Interior**

Provides \$14.7 billion for the Department of the Interior, which is \$31 million above the FY23 enacted level and \$2.1 billion below the President's Budget Request.

- **Bureau of Land Management:** Provides \$1.38 billion for the Bureau of Land Management, which is \$80.87 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$208.39 million below the President's Budget Request.

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- **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:** Provides \$1.72 billion for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which is \$50.63 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$369.57 million below the President’s Budget Request.
- **National Park Service:** Provides \$3.33 billion for the National Park Service, which is \$150 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$301.3 million below the President’s Budget Request.
- **U.S. Geological Survey:** Provides \$1.46 billion for the U.S. Geological Survey, which is \$41.74 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$330.08 million below the President’s Budget Request.
- **Bureau of Ocean Energy Management:** Provides \$155.16 million for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, which is \$27.8 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$57 million below the President’s Budget Request.
- **Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement:** Provides \$154.43 million for the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, which is \$17.56 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$44.18 million below the President’s Budget Request.
- **Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement:** Provides \$278.73 million for the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, which is \$11.2 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$23.12 million below the President’s Budget Request.
  - Includes new language providing funding directly to states for the Abandoned Mine Lands Economic Revitalization program.
- **Bureau of Indian Affairs:** Provides \$2.46 billion for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which is \$15.62 million above the FY23 enacted level and \$59.75 million below the President’s Budget Request.
  - Protects Public Safety and Justice programs and Tribal Priority Allocations (TPA) to support safe Tribal communities and further Indian self-determination.
  - Rejects the Administration’s proposal to shift Contract Support Costs and Tribal leases to mandatory spending and instead provides a total of \$406 million in discretionary dollars.
- **Bureau of Indian Education:** Provides \$1.37 billion for the Bureau of Indian Education, which is \$35.1 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$244.26 million below the President’s Budget Request.

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- **Office of the Secretary:** Provides \$147.42 million for the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, which is \$11.53 million above the FY23 enacted level and \$11.4 million below the President’s Budget Request. The funding level reflects the shift of the functions and funding of the Office of Subsistence Management from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- **Office of Wildland Fire:** Provides \$1.11 billion for the Department of the Interior Office of Wildland Fire Management, which is a \$450 million discretionary increase above the FY23 enacted level and \$212.41 million below the President’s Budget Request.
  - If needed, the Act includes an additional \$350 million in cap-adjusted fire suppression funding, as authorized.

### **Environmental Protection Agency**

Provides \$9.158 billion to the Environmental Protection Agency, which is \$976.5 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$2.92 billion below the President’s Budget Request.

- **Science and Technology:** Provides \$758.1 million for Science and Technology, which is \$44.1 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$209.7 million below the President’s Budget Request.
- **Environmental Programs and Management:** Provides \$3.178 billion for Environmental Programs and Management, which is \$108.3 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$1.33 billion below the President’s Budget Request.
  - Maintains Geographic Programs at the FY23 enacted level.
- **Hazardous Substance Superfund:** Provides \$537.7 million for the Hazardous Substance Superfund (in addition to fee receipts), which is \$745 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$181.84 million above the President’s Budget Request.
- **State and Tribal Assistance Grants:** Provides \$4.42 billion for State and Tribal Assistance Grants, which is \$61.5 million below the FY23 enacted level, \$1.44 billion below the President’s Budget Request, and in addition to funding already provided by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

### **U.S. Forest Service**

Provides \$6.075 billion for the U.S. Forest Service, which is a \$1.2 billion discretionary increase above the FY23 enacted level and \$1.36 billion below the President’s Budget Request.

- Provides \$3.76 billion for the U.S. Forest Service non-fire accounts, which is \$157.22 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$699.54 million below the President’s Budget Request.

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- Provides \$2.31 billion for the U.S. Forest Service’s Wildland Fire Management, which is a \$1.37 billion discretionary increase above the FY23 discretionary level and \$658 million below the President’s Budget Request.
- Increases funding for wildfire activities and to maintain wildland firefighter pay and capacity without using irresponsible budgetary gimmicks, as was done in the previous Congress.
- If needed, the Act provides the authorized fire suppression cap adjustment of \$2.3 billion.

### **Department of Health and Human Services**

- **Indian Health Service:** Provides \$6.962 billion in FY24, including the prior year advance, for the Indian Health Service, which is \$3.69 million above the comparable FY23 level.
  - Also provides \$5.19 billion in FY25 advance appropriations, which is \$61.43 million above the FY24 advance.
  - Rejects the Administration’s proposal to shift Contract Support Costs and Tribal leases to mandatory spending, and instead provides a total of \$1.2 billion in discretionary dollars.
- **National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences:** Provides \$79.7 million for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, which is \$3.32 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$3.32 million below the President’s Budget Request.
- **Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry:** Provides \$81.6 million for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, which is \$3.4 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$4.4 million below the President’s Budget Request.

### **Council on Environmental Quality**

Provides \$4.63 million for the Council on Environmental Quality, which is \$47,000 below the FY23 enacted level and \$196,000 below the President’s Budget Request.

### **Smithsonian Institution**

Provides \$1.09 billion for the Smithsonian Institution, which is \$54 million below the FY23 enacted level and \$150.5 million below the President’s Budget Request

### **National Gallery of Art**

Provides \$209.2 million for the National Gallery of Art, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$11.76 million below the President’s Budget Request.



### **John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**

Provides \$44.9 million for the Kennedy Center, which is \$454,000 below the FY23 enacted level and \$3.1 million below the President's Budget Request.

### **Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars**

Provides \$15 million for the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$1.1 million below the President's Budget Request.

### **National Endowment for the Arts**

Provides \$207 million for the National Endowment for the Arts, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$4 million below the President's Budget Request.

### **National Endowment for the Humanities**

Provides \$207 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$4 million below the President's Budget Request.

### **U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum**

Provides \$65.23 million for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, which is equal to the FY23 enacted level and \$1.75 million below the President's Budget Request.

### **Community Project Funding**

The list of Community Project Funding requests included in final Fiscal Year 2024 bills is available here: <https://appropriations.house.gov/fiscal-year-2024-community-project-funding>