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## FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS

### **ACTION NEEDED:**

Urge Congress to **SUPPORT** the continuation of adequate funding of critical programs that provide resources for the provision of local services and local public infrastructure. These funding programs include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Corps of Engineers funds – Everglades restoration, port & inlet construction & maintenance & beach nourishment
- Community Development Block Grant program
- Community Services Block Grant program
- Social Services Block Grant program
- Economic Development Administration
- State Criminal Alien Assistance Program

### **UNITED STATE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE)**

Congress generally funds the civil works activities of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in annual Energy and Water Development appropriations acts. These activities include planning and construction of water resource projects and operation and maintenance of infrastructure and navigation improvements managed by USACE (e.g., navigation channels). For USACE civil works, President Trump requested \$5.0 billion for FY2020, inclusive of a May 13, 2019, amendment to the President's request.

The President's May 2019 amendment to the FY2020 budget request increased restoration funding for the Everglades from \$69 million to \$205 million.

The FY2019 USACE work plan designates \$448 million for ecosystem restoration, including \$111 million for the Everglades. The work plan identifies the projects, programs, and activities within the Civil Works program that will receive the FY 2019 funding and how much each will receive. Some of the Florida projects targeted in the work plan include:

- **FY2020 Energy & Water Development Appropriations Bill**
  - Army Corps of Engineers – \$7.75 billion, \$751.5 million above the FY2019 enacted level and \$2.786 billion above the budget request.





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## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG):**

Established in 1974, CDBG is a federal grant program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that provides annual grants on a formula basis to more than 1,200 metropolitan city and county governments, as well as state governments, to support housing, economic opportunities and infrastructure improvements for low- and moderate-income residents. This includes efforts to address affordable housing, improve water infrastructure and to meet human service needs. CDBG provides flexibility to states and localities to tailor the program to meet local conditions and needs.

FAC strongly supports CDBG restoring funding to \$3.8 billion in FY 2020. The CDBG program received \$3.3 billion, level funding for FY 2019. According to the National Association of Counties (NACo) CDBG funding has fallen over \$1 billion since FY 2010.

- **H.R. 267**—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019
  - \$3.3 billion for CDBG program
- **H.R. 3055**—Commerce, Justice, Science, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2020
  - \$3.6 billion for CDBG program

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG):**

The CSBG operates in 99% of the nation's counties, the playing an integral role in tackling the root causes of poverty. The program helps to provide services related to educational attainment, budget planning, self-sufficiency, gaining adequate housing, and promoting community participation.

- **H.R. 2740**—Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Defense, State, Foreign Operations, and Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2020
  - House funding set at \$760 million; increase of \$35 million
  - Senate funding was lower; set at \$700 million
- **H.R.1695** - Community Services Block Grant Reauthorization Act of 2019





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## **SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (SSBG):**

SSBG program covers more than 30 different types of social services, counties use funding from the SSBG to provide services to many vulnerable populations included adults and children at risk for abuse and neglect.

- **H.R.2740** - Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Defense, State, Foreign Operations, and Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2020
  - House funding set at \$540 million
  - Senate funding set at \$316 million

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION:**

The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) is the only federal agency with a mission solely focused on private sector job creation in distressed areas. EDA's portfolio of economic development infrastructure, business development finance, regional innovation strategies and public-private partnerships are tailored to support the unique needs of each region. EDA-funded projects are awarded on a competitive basis and typically require a 50 percent local match and significant private sector investment, helping to ensure projects have local support and are part of a broader regional strategy.

The FY 2019 omnibus provides \$304 million for the Economic Development Administration (EDA), a \$2.5 million increase above the FY 2018 level. EDA funding support regional strategies for long-term term growth and serves as a catalyst in helping communities achieve long-term economic growth.

FAC supports fully funding the EDA at \$304 million for FY 2020.

- **S.2584** - Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020
  - \$319.5 million proposed
- **H.R.3055** - Commerce, Justice, Science, Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, VA, Transportation, and HUD Appropriations Act, 2020
  - \$540 million proposed

## **STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:**

The State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) saw an increase in funding under the omnibus, increasing from \$240 million in FY 2018 to \$243.5 million in FY 2019. SCAAP, which is used to reimburse state and local





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governments for the cost of incarcerating undocumented immigrants who have been convicted of certain crimes, has seen an increase in funding each of the last two years.

With the new Federal Fiscal Year starting on October 1, 2019 and Congress returning from an extended August recess, Congress has a very short timeframe to fund the government. Congress has adopted the overall spending levels and, to head off a shut down, the House is preparing a short-term spending extension that would maintain existing funding levels until late November.

- **S.2584** - Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020
  - \$150 million proposed
- **H.R.3055** - Commerce, Justice, Science, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2020
  - \$260 million proposed

