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## Midterm Results / Leadership

See attached for a full summary of results and some insights on what to expect on likely changes to committees and leadership in the next Congress. Sante has provided insights on how the results will impact CWCC priorities.

### \$1.7 Trillion Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act

With the FY23 Continuing Resolution deadline to fund the federal government approaching, Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022. On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, President Biden signed the act into law.

Of note for the CWCC, the Act included:

- \$1.639B (state base funding including earmarks) for the **Clean Water SRF**, which is in addition to the \$2.750B provided in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) aka the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) **totaling \$4.389B for next funding cycle**; and
- \$1.126B (state base funding including earmarks) for the Safe Drinking Water SRF, which is in addition to the \$2.750B provided in the IIJA / BIL **totaling \$3.876B for the next funding cycle**; and
- “Not less than \$20M” for WIIN grants.

This funding **MEET / EXCEEDS** what the CWCC established as priority funding levels for 2022. We will continue to push to “**fully fund commitments**” with both IIJA and Base FY Appropriations. Additional details are included in the attached report.

This SRF FY23 “base” appropriation is slightly complicated by the fact that it includes “earmarked” projects. “Earmarked” funding is essentially subtracted out of the base funding, lowering the base appropriation amount for each state. The actual earmarks are listed in this “[explanatory statement](#)” that accompanies the omnibus appropriations bill, beginning on p. 80 of the pdf. This impacts each state differently depending on the level of projects with “earmarked” funding.

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We are in contact with the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA), who oppose this approach for good reason. This funding scenario lowers the amount of flexibility states have for project making decisions and in the long term, less funding is circulated back into the State SRFs. CWCC members will soon be asked to consider 2023 policy priorities and this funding approach will be one of the items to be considered.

### **CWCC DC “Fly-In” – Save the Date**

We are working on details for the CWCC DC “Fly-In” to be held during [Water Week 2023](#) (April 24-28<sup>th</sup>). We expect to have details set by mid-January and will send around a special announcement with logistical information.

### **Key Advocates Report**

Included with this notice is Key Advocates recent report which is current to December 29, 2022.