



January 8, 2025

PLEASE BE ADVISED

To all members:

On behalf of the Clean Water Construction Coalition, we would like to wish everyone a happy new year and continued success to your respective organizations in 2025. Staff has been working diligently on the recruitment process for a new lobbyist. We have received several proposals for representation and are eager to bring forth selections to the group.

The Coalition will be holding our next meeting on January 28th, 2025 at 11:00am EST. The meeting will be conducted virtually, so please make effort to attend. We wish to discuss staff's recommendation for our new federal lobbyist, as well as administrative items for 2025. Please contact Kyle England at Kyle@utcanj.org to indicate your attendance.

Though many questions surround the new Administration's views for our priorities, we are excited to get the ball rolling and continue to fiercely advocate for water infrastructure as a collective.

The link for the virtual meeting is forthcoming.

FY25 Continuing Resolution

In late December, the President signed into law an extension to Congress's most recent Continuing Resolution. With his signature, Congress avoids a government shutdown through March 14 and will maintain FY24 funding levels with limited exceptions.

The legislation also includes \$100 billion for disaster relief including \$29 billion for FEMA, \$10 billion for economic aid to farmers, a one-year extension of the Farm Bill, full funding for the Key Bridge replacement in Maryland, and an extension for use of telehealth in Medicare.

2025 Legislative Issues

Considering the politics of the incoming Administration and newly elected Congress, it is shaping up to be challenging times for the Coalition given the historically Democratic support for our main priorities. **Now, more than ever, the CWCC must remain steadfast in its objectives**; not only continuing to spearhead our pending initiatives, but to now defend against funding cuts similar to that of previous Republican Administrations.

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The Coalition will be monitoring the following items with high priority as we head into the new year:

- Final FY25 Appropriations
- Treatment of Earmarks
- Budget Reconciliation
- STREAM Act
- Trump FY26 Budget
- FY26 Appropriations
- BIF Reauthorization
- WIIN Grants

Other Pending Initiatives

It is important to note that effective January 3rd, the following bills “die” and will start from the beginning with our new Congress in 2025. In addition to the priorities listed above, the Coalition will be advocating for the following initiatives:

- Garamendi NPDES Permit Amendment
- S.4134, “DROUGHT Act of 2024”
- Alternative Water Source Program Funding
- Mega Recycled Water Project Funding

FY25 Appropriations General Status

Going into the new Congress, seven bills have been approved by the House Appropriations Committee and five have passed the House. The approach so far has been to provide a 1% increase in defense spending over the FY24 appropriated level and a 6% reduction in non-defense discretionary spending. The Senate is opposed to the approach, arguing that additional funding over and above the debt limit agreement is necessary to accommodate inflation. In the Senate, the Appropriations Committee has approved 11 bills with no floor action.

The Senate Appropriations Committee has passed a bill that would provide \$1.63 billion in overall spending for Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF). Including the reduction from earmarks, Clean Water SRF’s are set to receive a total of \$1.27 billion from the Senate. The House has passed a bill that would provide \$1.2 billion to CWSRF, reduced to \$649 million after earmarks.

Safe Drinking Water SRF’s are slated to receive \$1.12 billion in funding from the Senate bill, if passed, while the House-passed bill appropriates \$883.5 million. Assuming earmarks as a takedown from base funding, allocations for the Safe Drinking Water SRF’s project to be \$883.6 million in the Senate bill and \$404 million in the House legislation.

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FY25 WIIN Grant Appropriations

Of the House and Senate Committee approved appropriations bills, the House has agreed to \$30 million to be allocated for Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Grants, while the Senate has approved \$20 million.

President's FY25 SRF Allocations

Per the President's FY25 budget, \$1.24 billion has been requested for the Clean Water SRF's, \$4 million for the WIIN Grant Program and no funding for the SRF related earmarks.

CWCC Budget Requests

The Coalition continues to advocate for funding at a minimum of \$4.4 billion for Clean Water SRF's, \$4.3 billion for Safe Drinking Water SRF's and minimum \$20 million for WIIN grant funding.

Should earmarks be unavoidable, it is requested they are not used as takedowns, but a separate budget account in the lesser of the House and Senate earmark funding amounts and less than FY24 in total.

Key Advocates Report

Included with this report is Key Advocates' final analysis from December 2024, detailing further information on the initiatives discussed.

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