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FY25 Appropriations Schedule

The FY25 House Appropriations bills that allocate funding for State Revolving Funds (SRFs) and Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Grants are scheduled for Committee action in late June and early July with the goal of securing full House approval before Congress recesses in August.

House Republicans are proposing a 6% reduction in non-defense discretionary spending while the Democrat-controlled Senate is calling for additional spending to address inflation.

Since it is doubtful an agreement between the two houses will be reached, it is likely that a Concurrent Resolution will be required in order to continue funding government operations.

FY25 Budget and CWCC Funding Requests

President Biden's Proposed FY25 Budget includes \$1.24 billion for the Clean Water SRFs, \$1.12 billion for the Safe Drinking Water SRFs, \$4 million for WIIN Grants and no SRF earmark funding.

The Clean Water Construction Coalition (CWCC) supports Clean Water SRF funding at a minimum of \$4.49 billion, \$4.37 billion for Safe Drinking Water SRFs and \$20 million for WIIN Grants.

The CWCC opposes earmarks as takedowns from budget allocations and, if earmarks are utilized, supports the smaller earmark levels.

House Republican FY25 Budget Proposal

The House FY25 Budget Resolution calls for limiting overall spending increases and slashing discretionary spending by \$2.5 trillion over a decade. Passage of this measure in the Senate is uncertain.

FY24 Appropriations Recap

The final FY24 Appropriations Act provides \$851 million for Clean Water SRFs, \$494 million for Safe Drinking Water SRFs and \$20 million for WIIN Grants.

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It also included \$787 million in Clean Water SRF earmarks which is a takedown from the base allocation of \$1.63 billion. Safe Drinking Water SRF earmarks of \$631 represent a takedown from the base allocation of \$1.12 billion.

The CWCC is engaging with policy makers and industry partners on future SRF appropriations.

Other Legislative Issues

The CWCC continues to support the "STREAM Act" which would provide \$300 million for water recycling, \$750 million for surface and groundwater storage and conveyance projects, \$150 million for desalination projects, \$100 million for projects to provide drinking water for disadvantaged communities, and \$250 million for environmental restoration projects. While the Coalition is advocating for legislative action on this bill, its future is uncertain.

The Coalition supports Congressman Garamendi's amendment that would allow the EPA to issue National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for certain public works projects for 10 years instead of five years.

Legislation increasing the federal share for Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) funding in areas experiencing extreme drought and disadvantaged communities was introduced in April.

The Coalition is continuing to pursue additional funding for the Alternative Water Source Program and mega recycled water projects.

Key Advocates Report

Included with this notice is Key Advocates' report from May 31, 2024, which provides more detail on these and other issues.