

**H.R. 8294, FY 2023 Six-Bill Appropriations Minibus**  
*The Bill Invests in America: Jobs, Opportunity, and Working Families*

**Key Points:**

- **This week, the House will consider a Minibus, H.R. 8294, FY 2023 Six-Bill Appropriations Minibus. This package includes the following six appropriations bills: Transportation-HUD; Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA; Energy and Water Development; Financial Services and General Government; Interior-Environment; and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs. It:**
  - **Creates tens of thousands of good-paying American jobs rebuilding our nation’s crumbling infrastructure;**
  - **Makes key investments to better rural economies and makes the food supply more secure and safe;**
  - **Improves our nation’s water infrastructure and makes bold future-focused investments to spur and support innovation;**
  - **Expands access to safe and affordable housing;**
  - **Makes critical investments in clean energy and science initiatives to combat the climate crisis; and**
  - **Honors the sacrifice and commitment of our nation’s veterans, military families and caregivers with robust investments in VA health services and military construction projects here at home and overseas.**
  
- **Transportation-HUD:** Provides critical funding for roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports, and aviation and invests in safe, affordable and fair housing initiatives to help vulnerable populations, including seniors, the disabled, homeless families and youth, domestic violence survivors, and veterans.
  
- **Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA:** Makes critical investments to better the economies of rural America, expands agricultural research, funds conservation initiatives that help farmers and ranchers conserve their land, expands funding for critical child nutrition initiatives, and makes key investments to make the food supply more secure and safe,
  
- **Energy and Water Development:** Makes bold, future-focused investments to spur energy innovation that will create jobs and reinvigorate the economy while working to mitigate and adapt to climate change, improve the nation’s water infrastructure, and strengthen national security.
  
- **Financial Services and General Government:** Supports a range of functions in the Executive and Judicial branches including the Treasury, Executive Office of the President, District of Columbia and Federal Judiciary as well as independent agencies including the CFPB, SBA and Election Assistance Commission.
  
- **Interior-Environment:** Confronts the climate crisis with increased funding to mitigate the changing climate; creates good-paying American jobs through investments in renewable energy development; makes investments to improve education and health care in Indian country; and expands environmental justice efforts.
  
- **Military Construction and Veterans Affairs:** Provides funding for military construction across the country and overseas; makes critical investments in military housing and child care needs, women’s and mental health priorities, and the climate crisis; and responds to the challenges posed by Russian and Chinese aggression.

- **Democrats believe that we should invest in what we value as a nation. With these appropriations bills, we are investing in the American people, American economy and our American values of opportunity, prosperity and justice for all.**

## **DIVISION A: FY 2023 Transportation-HUD**

### **THE FUNDING IN THE BILL**

- In total, the bill provides \$168.5 billion in budgetary resources. Of that, the bill includes \$90.9 billion in discretionary funding, an increase of \$9.9 billion – more than 12 percent – over the FY 2022 enacted level.

### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

- The bill includes a total of \$105.4 billion in total budgetary resources for Department of Transportation programs – an increase of \$2.4 billion above the FY 2022 enacted level and \$942 million more than the President’s budget request.

### **Federal Highway Administration**

- Provides \$61.3 billion in total budgetary resources for the Federal Highway Administration for formula programs funded from the Highway Trust Fund to improve the safety and long-term viability of our nation’s highway systems, including \$1.8 billion for discretionary highway programs.

### **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration & National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

- Provides more than \$2 billion to make our roads safer, including \$1.2 billion for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and \$874 million for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

### **National Infrastructure Investments (RAISE/TIGER/BUILD)**

- Includes \$775 million for the National Infrastructure Investments Program – equal to the current enacted level. This includes \$30 million for grants to assist areas of persistent poverty and an additional \$100 million for the newly created Thriving Communities Program.

### **Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)**

- Provides \$18.7 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration, \$193 million above the FY 2022 level, including \$1.6 billion for Aviation Safety and \$273 million for discretionary Airport Improvement Program grants.

### **Federal Transit Administration**

- Provides \$17.5 billion for the Federal Transit Administration. Within this funding:
  - **Transit Formula Grants:** Provides \$13.6 billion for Transit Formula Grants to expand bus fleets and increase the transit state of good repair.
  - **Capital Investment Grants:** Provides \$3 billion for Capital Investment Grants, an increase of \$764 million above the FY 2022 level.
  - **Transit Infrastructure Grants:** Includes \$646 million for Transit Infrastructure Grants to purchase low and no emission buses, improve urban and rural ferry systems, and adopt innovative approaches to mobility, among other initiatives.

### **Federal Railroad Administration**

- \$3.8 billion for the Federal Railroad Administration, \$501 million above the FY 2022 level. Within this total:

- **Amtrak:** Provides \$2.3 billion for Amtrak, \$14 million above the enacted level – including \$882 million for Northeast Corridor Grants and \$1.5 billion for National Network Grants.
- **Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail:** \$555 million to support projects that improve, expand or establish passenger rail service – \$455 million above the FY 2022 enacted level.
- **Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements:** Provides \$630 million for passenger and freight rail grants, \$130 million above the President’s budget request.

#### Maritime Administration

- \$987 million for the Maritime Administration, \$147 million above the President’s budget request, including \$318 million for the Maritime Security Program, \$300 million for Port Infrastructure Development Program and \$60 million to establish the Tanker Security Fleet program.

#### Community Projects

- Includes Community projects identified by more than 240 Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle that increase the safety and viability of our airports, highways and transit systems.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

- The bill includes a total of \$62.7 billion for HUD, \$9 billion above the FY 2022 level and \$1.1 billion above the President’s budget request.

#### Office of Public and Indian Housing

- Provides \$41.4 billion for the Office of Public and Indian Housing, which is \$4.06 billion above the FY 2022 level and \$933 million below the President’s request. The funding includes:
  - **Tenant-based Rental Assistance:** \$31 billion for Tenant-based Rental Assistance – to serve more than 2.3 million vulnerable low-income households across the country and expand assistance to more than 140,000 additional low-income households, including individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness, survivors of domestic violence, and veterans.
    - **HUD/VASH for Homeless Veterans & Native American Veterans:** A combined \$55 million is provided in the bill to continue the effort to eliminate homelessness among our nation’s veterans.
  - **Public Housing:** \$8.7 billion for Public Housing – an increase of \$282 million above the current fiscal year, including \$3.4 billion to meet the full annual capital accrual needed in order to improve the quality and safety of public housing for more than 2 million residents.
  - **Native American Programs and Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant:** \$1 billion for Native American Programs, equal to the President’s budget request, and an additional \$10 million for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program.
  - **Choice Neighborhoods Initiative:** \$450 million for the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative – \$100 million above the current fiscal year – to revitalize low-income housing and distressed communities.

#### Office of Community Planning and Development

- The bill provides \$11.8 billion for Community Planning and Development, which is \$2 billion above the FY 2022 level, including:
  - **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:** \$3.3 billion for Community Development Block Grants, equal to the FY 2022 enacted level, including \$1.7 billion for the HOME Investment Partnership Program which has helped preserve 1.33 million affordable homes.

- **Homeless Assistance Grants:** \$3.6 billion for Homeless Assistance Grants, an increase of \$391 million above the FY 2022 level, to provide more than 18,000 new housing options for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness, continue assistance for more than 750,000 people experiencing homelessness and more than 350,000 people in emergency shelters.
- **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS:** \$600 million for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS, an increase of \$150 million above the current funding level and \$145 million above the President's request, to protect housing and services for more than 75,000 low-income people living with HIV.
- **Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement (PRICE):** \$500 million for the PRICE program to support residents of manufactured housing, including manufactured home communities through grants for infrastructure, planning, resident and community services, resiliency and other services.

### Housing Programs

- The bill includes \$16.6 billion in funding for Housing Programs, an increase of \$1.2 billion above the FY 2022 enacted level and \$40 million above the President's budget request. Included in this funding:
  - **Project-based Rental Assistance:** \$14.9 billion for Project-based Rental Assistance, \$1 billion above the current funding level, to continue to house more than 1.2 million low- and very low-income households.
  - **Housing for the Elderly:** \$1.2 billion is provided for Housing for the Elderly to build approximately 3,500 new affordable housing units for low-income seniors.
  - **Housing for Persons with Disabilities:** \$400 million for Housing for Persons with Disabilities to construct approximately 2,100 new affordable housing units for people with disabilities.

### Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity

- **Fair Housing Activities:** \$86 million, which is equal to the President's budget request, to increase enforcement of fair housing.

### Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes

- **Lead Hazard Reduction:** \$415 million for the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes –including \$30 million to conduct lead inspections in Section 8 voucher units, to address health and safety hazards in the home like carbon monoxide, mold, and radon.

### Community Projects

- Includes Community projects identified by more than 290 Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle to support a variety of housing, economic and community development investments.

### Related Agencies

**Federal Maritime Commission:** Includes \$38.2 million for the Federal Maritime Commission – \$5 million above FY 2022 enacted level and \$3.5 million more than the President's budget request – to monitor ocean carriers, marine terminal operators, ports and ocean intermediaries to ensure they maintain just and reasonable practices.

**NeighborWorks:** Provides \$185 million for NeighborWorks to support unique solutions to expand affordable housing options, increase housing counseling assistance and strengthen economic development.

**U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness:** Provides \$4.6 million for the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness to strengthen the Federal coordination of assistance to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

## **DIVISION B: FY 2023 Agriculture-Rural Development-FDA-Related Agencies**

### **THE FUNDING IN THE BILL**

- The bill provides \$27.2 billion in discretionary funding for FY 2023 – an increase of \$2.075 billion – or 8 percent – above the FY 2022 enacted level. In total, the bill includes \$195 billion for both discretionary programs funded on an annual basis and mandatory programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

### **Rural Development and Infrastructure**

- Provides a total of more than \$4.2 billion for Rural Development initiatives to help create an environment for economic growth by providing business and housing opportunities and building sustainable rural infrastructure for the modern economy.
  - **Rural Broadband:** Invests over \$560 million for the expansion of broadband services to provide economic development opportunities and improved education and healthcare services. This includes \$450 million for the USDA's Broadband ReConnect program.
  - **Critical Infrastructure:** Includes responsible investments in infrastructure to help rural areas of the country access basic utilities. This includes \$1.5 billion for rural water and waste program loans, and nearly \$680 million in water and waste grants for clean and reliable drinking water systems and sanitary waste disposal systems, which will provide safe drinking water to millions of rural residents. An additional \$7.9 billion in loan authority is provided for rural electric and telephone infrastructure loans.
  - **Rural Housing Loans & Rental Assistance:** Provides a total of \$30 billion in loan authority for the Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program and \$1.5 billion in direct single family housing loans, which provide home loan assistance to low-income rural families. The bill also provides more than \$1.5 billion for rental assistance and rental vouchers for affordable rental housing for low-income families and the elderly in rural communities, while renewing all existing rental assistance contracts.

### **Food and Nutrition Programs**

- **SNAP** – Provides \$111.18 billion in required mandatory spending for SNAP, including \$3 billion for the SNAP reserve fund, which will serve more than 43.5 million people. The bill provides additional protections for SNAP recipients by providing a “such sums” appropriations for the fourth quarter of FY 2023 to ensure SNAP does not run out of money.
- **Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)** – Provides \$6 billion in discretionary funding for WIC and continues the authority to increase the amounts of fruits and vegetables in the WIC Food Package. In FY 2023, WIC will serve an estimated 6.2 million women, infants, and children.
- **Child nutrition programs** – Provides \$28.6 billion in funding for child nutrition programs. This is an increase of \$1.7 billion above the FY 2022 enacted level. As kids return to the classroom, this funding will support more than 5.6 million school lunches and snacks. In addition, the bill provides \$50 million for the Summer EBT program, \$40 million for school kitchen equipment grants, \$12 million for farm to school grants and \$10 million for school breakfast expansion grants.

### **International Food Assistance**

- Provides \$2.065 billion for international food aid and to promote U.S. agricultural exports overseas. This includes \$1.8 billion for Food for Peace grants and \$265 million for the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition program – the highest funding levels for both programs.

### **Agricultural Research**

- Provides \$3.8 billion in funding to support agricultural research initiatives, including the Agricultural Research Service and National Institute of Food and Agriculture to help mitigate and stop devastating crop diseases, improve

food safety and water quality, increase production, and combat antimicrobial resistance. This funding also includes significant research investments in U.S. land-grant colleges and universities.

#### **Farm Programs**

- Provides \$1.95 billion for farm programs, which is \$84.9 million above the FY 2022 enacted level. This includes \$61.4 million to resolve ownership and succession of farmland issues, also known as heirs' property issues. This funding will continue support for various farm, conservation, and emergency loan programs, and help American farmers and ranchers.

#### **Conservation Initiatives**

- Provides \$1.15 billion to help farmers, ranchers, and other private landowners conserve and protect their land. This includes \$100 million for infrastructure for watershed and flood protection and watershed rehabilitation projects, \$13.5 million for the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Program, and \$10 million for the Healthy Forests Reserve Program.

#### **Marketing Programs**

- Contains \$244 million, \$16 million above the FY 2022 enacted level and \$10 million above the President's request, to facilitate the movement of agriculture products and to open market opportunities. This includes \$22.8 million for the National Organic Program and \$30.2 million for the oversight and enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act.

#### **Animal and Plant Inspection Service**

- Includes \$1.16 billion – \$54 million above the FY 2022 enacted level – for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. This funding will support programs to help control or eradicate plant and animal pests and diseases that can be crippling to U.S. producers.

#### **Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**

- Provides \$3.647 billion in discretionary funding for the FDA, an increase of \$343 million above the FY 2022 enacted level and \$4 million above the President's budget request.
- Within this total, the bill provides a targeted increase of \$64 million to address the opioid crisis, medical supply chain surveillance, drug safety surveillance and oversight, and increasing and strengthening in-person inspections of foreign drug manufacturers in India. It also provides a targeted increase of \$77 million to better avoid or more quickly respond to food outbreaks, improve the animal food inspection system, and address heavy metals in baby foods.

#### **Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)**

- Includes \$1.18 billion for the Food Safety and Inspection Service. The funding provided will maintain more than 8,700 frontline inspection personnel for meat, poultry, and egg products at more than 6,500 facilities across the country.

#### **Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC)**

- Provides \$365 million for the CFTC – \$17 million below the FY 2022 enacted level and equal to the President's budget request.

### **DIVISION C: FY 2023 Energy and Water Development**

#### **THE FUNDING IN THE BILL**

- The bill provides \$56.275 billion in discretionary spending – an increase of \$3.4 billion above the FY 2022 levels.

### **Army Corps of Engineers**

- Includes \$8.889 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers – an increase of \$545 million above the current enacted level and \$2.288 billion above the President’s request. Within this total:
  - The Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) is funded at \$2.318 billion – \$269 million above the FY 2022 enacted level and \$592 million more than the President’s request. This bill provides funds in accordance with the budgetary adjustments made by the CARES Act and WRDA 2020.
  - Construction projects receive \$2.475 billion – \$1.254 billion above the President’s budget request.
  - Operations and Maintenance is funded \$5.15 billion, which is \$580 million above the current enacted level.

### **Department of the Interior: Bureau of Reclamation**

- Provides \$1.913 billion for the Department of the Interior – \$479.7 million above the President’s request.
- Included in this allocation is \$1.891 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation – an increase of \$476.7 million above the request. Within this total is:
  - \$451 million in additional funding for water resources projects including those authorized in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act;
  - \$189.3 million for WaterSMART programs – \$49.8 million above FY 2022 and \$126.9 million above the President’s request – to assist western states and communities as they respond to the historic drought; and
  - \$54 million above the budget request for rural water projects.

### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

- The bill provides a total of \$48.2 billion in discretionary funding for the Department of Energy – an increase of \$3.3 billion above FY 2022.

### **Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

- Includes \$4 billion for EERE – \$800 million above FY 2022. This funding provides for clean, affordable and secure energy and ensures American leadership in the transition to a global clean energy economy. Within this funding is \$562 million for state and community energy programs to support the Weatherization Assistance Program, Weatherization Readiness Fund, State Energy Program, Local Government Energy Program and Energy Future Grants.

### **Defense Production Act Domestic Clean Energy Accelerator**

- Provides \$100 million for activities at the Department of Energy using the Defense Production Act to accelerate domestic manufacturing of key clean energy technologies – including solar panels and transformers.

### **Department of Energy Office of Science**

- Includes \$8 billion in funding – \$525 million above the FY 2022 enacted level and \$201 million above the President’s budget request. The Office of Science funds basic science research in physics, biology, chemistry and other science disciplines – supporting nearly 29,000 researchers at more than 300 institutions nationwide.

### **Advanced Research Projects Agency - Energy**

- The bill provides \$550 million for ARPA-E, an increase of \$100 million over the current enacted level.
- ARPA-E supports breakthrough domestic clean energy innovations, providing early-stage funding to leverage private investments.

### **Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response**

- Includes \$205 million – \$19 million above the FY 2022 level. This funding provides for efforts to secure the nation’s energy infrastructure against all hazards, reduce the risks of and impacts from cybersecurity events, and assist with restoration activities.

### **Electricity**

- Includes \$350 million – \$73 million above the FY 2022 level. This funding will advance technologies to increase the resiliency and efficiency of the nation’s electricity delivery system with capabilities to incorporate growing amounts of clean energy technologies.

### **Nuclear Security and Nuclear Nonproliferation**

- Provides \$21.2 billion for the Department of Energy’s nuclear security programs – funding to maintain a safe, secure and credible nuclear deterrent while addressing the threat of nuclear proliferation and terrorism. Within the National Nuclear Security Administration:
  - Weapons Activities: \$16.3 billion, \$413 million above the current enacted level, to maintain a safe and reliable nuclear deterrent.
  - Nuclear Nonproliferation: \$2.42 billion, an increase of \$70 million above FY 2022 and \$77 million above the request – to secure nuclear material at home and abroad, combats the threat of nuclear terrorism and provides emergency response capabilities.
  - Naval Nuclear Reactors: \$2 billion, \$82 million above the FY 2022 level, to continue safe reliable operation of the Navy’s nuclear-powered fleet.

### **Environmental Management**

- Provides \$7.88 billion – an increase of \$45 million above the President’s request, for nuclear-cleanup work at 15 locations across the country.

### **Independent Agencies**

- **Appalachian Regional Commission**
  - Provides \$220 million, \$25 million above FY 2022, to fund efforts in the Appalachian Region to promote economic and community development, education and job training, and critical infrastructure.
- **Northern Border Regional Commission**
  - Provides \$38 million, \$3 million above FY 2022 and \$2 million above the President’s request to fund the economic development needs of distressed portions of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York.
- **Southeast Crescent Regional Commission**
  - Provides \$33 million, \$28 million above FY 2022 and \$26 million above the request, to target the economic development needs of distressed portions of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

## **DIVISION D: FY 2023 Financial Services and General Government**

### **THE FUNDING IN THE BILL**

- The bill provides \$29.8 billion to assist taxpayers, support small businesses, empower the District of Columbia, increase consumer protection, and protect and strengthen our elections. This is \$4.3 billion – 17 percent – above the current FY 2022 enacted level.

### **Election Assistance Commission**

- This bill provides \$400 million for election security grants to the states to improve security of elections for federal office – an increase of \$325 million above the FY 2022 level. In addition, \$34 million is included for EAC operating expenses, an increase of \$14 million above the FY 2022 enacted level.

## Treasury Department

- This bill includes \$15.6 billion to fund the Treasury Department – \$1.3 billion above the current FY 2022 level.
  - **IRS:** \$13.6 billion, \$1 billion above the FY 2022 level. Within this amount is \$3.4 billion for taxpayer services, including tax counseling for the elderly, low-income taxpayer clinics, and community volunteer income tax assistance; \$6.1 billion for Enforcement efforts; \$3.8 billion for Operations Support; and \$310 million for Business Systems and Modernization
  - **Community Development Financial Institutions:** \$336 million for CDFI Fund which is \$41 million above the current enacted level. Within this total is \$217 million for financial and technical assistance grants and \$10 million to increase the availability and affordability of small-dollar loans.
  - **Inspectors General:** Includes \$253 million, an increase of \$13 million above the FY 2022 level, for IG offices for the Treasury Department to ensure robust oversight of Departmental policies and practices.
  - **Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) and Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence (TFI):** Provides \$210 million for FinCEN, an increase of \$49 million above the FY 2022 level, to boost efforts to combat terrorist financing and money laundering and \$217 million for TFI, \$22 million above the current level and \$5 million above the budget request, to continue investments to protect the integrity of the financial system and administer and enforce economic and trade sanctions.

## Judiciary

- This bill provides \$8.6 billion for the Judiciary which is an increase of \$587 million above the current enacted level. Within this total is \$5.9 billion for Courts of Appeals, District Courts and Other Judicial Services to support court operations and increased workload demands and \$1.4 billion for defender services, an increase of \$66 million over the FY 2022 level, to ensure the right of individuals to retain counsel.

## District of Columbia

- This bill includes \$794 million for the District of Columbia which is \$18 million above the FY 2022 level. Included in this allocation is \$8 million to fund D.C. Water and Sewer Authority infrastructure improvements and \$5 million for HIV/AIDS Testing and Treatment to help prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in the District.
- Importantly, this bill eliminates the ban on D.C. using its own local funds to support women’s health services, needle exchanges and marijuana legalization. It also restricts the President’s ability to federalize the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department.

## Small Business Administration

- This bill includes \$1.1 billion to fund the SBA – an increase of \$77 million above the FY 2022 enacted level.
- **Entrepreneurial Development Programs:** \$326 million for EDP, an increase of \$36 million above the current level – including funding for Small Business Development Centers, Microloan Technical Assistance, Federal and State Technology Partnership Program, Growth Accelerators, Regional Innovation Clusters, and Women’s Business Centers.

## Consumer Protection Agencies

- **Consumer Product Safety Commission:** \$166.3 million, an increase of \$27.3 million above the FY 2022 enacted level, including \$2.5 million for Virginia Graeme Baker Pool Safety grants.
- **Federal Trade Commission:** \$490 million, an increase of \$113 million above the FY 2022 enacted level, to bolster antitrust and consumer protection work.
- **Securities and Exchange Commission:** \$2.2 billion, an increase of \$207 million above the FY 2022 enacted level, for the SEC to monitor the capital and securities markets, ensure full disclosure of appropriate financial information, and combat financial fraud and malpractice.

## **KEY POLICY PROVISIONS INCLUDED IN THE BILL**

- Strengthens our democracy by:
  - Eliminating three provisions that limit transparency into political spending
  - Requiring OMB to make apportionments of appropriations publicly available in a timely manner
  - Improving budget execution by requiring budget authority be made available prudently for obligation, executive agencies to provide budget and appropriations information to the GAO promptly, and agencies to notify Congress of certain delays or restrictions in apportionment of appropriations
  - Continues a provision related to recordkeeping requirements for certain GAO audits
- Makes Dreamers eligible for Federal employment.
- Eliminates provisions preventing Federal Employee Health Benefit Plans from covering abortion services.
- Creates a commission to identify and recommend name changes or removal of Federal property that is inconsistent with the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

## **DIVISION E: FY 2023 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies**

### **THE FUNDING IN THE BILL**

- The bill provides \$44.8 billion in regular appropriations, an increase of \$6.8 billion – or 18 percent – above the FY 2022 enacted level. There is also an additional \$2.55 billion of funding for the wildfire suppression reserve fund.

### **Department of the Interior**

- Provides \$16.6 billion (non-LWCF) in discretionary funding for the Interior Department, \$2.1 billion more than the FY 2022 enacted level.

### **National Park Service**

- Provides \$3.6 billion for the National Park Service, an increase of \$378 million above the FY 2022 enacted level.
- This includes \$171 million for the Historic Preservation Fund, including \$82 million for State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, \$38 million for Save America's Treasures grants, \$28 million for competitive grants to preserve the sites and stories of underrepresented communities' civil rights struggles, and \$10 million for grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

### **Bureau of Land Management**

- Provides \$1.5 billion in discretionary funding for the Bureau of Land Management, \$135 million above the FY 2022 enacted level.
- Within this amount is \$81 million for sage-grouse conservation, \$70 million for the National Landscape Conservation System, and \$156 million for the Wild Horse and Burro program.

### **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

- Contains \$1.9 billion for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, \$230 million above the FY 2022 enacted level, including \$355 million for Ecological Services, \$574 million for National Wildlife Refuge System and \$25.5 million for Multinational Species Conservation Fund.

### **Environmental Protection Agency**

- Includes \$11.5 billion for the Environmental Protection Agency, which is \$2 billion above the FY 2022 enacted level.
  - **Clean Water and Safe Drinking State Revolving Funds** are funded at \$2.88 billion – \$113 million above the FY 2022 enacted level. This includes \$934.7 million in Community Project Funding for 419 drinking water, waste water and storm water management projects across the country.
  - **Supports scientific and regulatory work on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)**, needed to establish drinking water and cleanup standards, providing \$126 million; this funding builds on the \$74 million the EPA received in 2022.
  - **Superfund site cleanups** are funded at \$1.31 billion – an increase of \$81 million over the FY 2022 enacted level.
  - **Provides \$301 million for Environmental Justice activities**, an increase of \$201 million above the FY 2022 enacted level.

#### **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)**

- Allocates \$900 million for land acquisition and support for state recreation programs.
- The LWCF has strong bipartisan support. It has protected conservation and recreation land in every state and supported tens of thousands of state and local projects.

#### **Wildland Fire Management**

- Provides \$6.43 billion for wildland fire management funding – \$762.2 million above the current enacted level – including \$2.55 billion in cap-adjusted fire suppression funding.

#### **Tribal Programs**

- **Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Education, and Office of Special Trustee:** Provides \$4.4 billion for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Education, and Office of the Special Trustee, an increase of \$787 million above the FY 2022 enacted level.
- **Indian Health Service:** Provides \$8.1 billion for the Indian Health Service, an increase of \$1.5 billion above the FY 2022 enacted level.

#### **National Endowment for the Arts & National Endowment for the Humanities**

- Provides \$207 million each for the NEA and NEH – an increase of \$27 million each above the FY 2022 enacted levels.

#### **United States Holocaust Memorial Museum**

- Includes \$65.2 million for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, an increase of \$2.6 million above the current enacted level.

### **DIVISION F: FY 2023 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs**

#### **THE FUNDING IN THE BILL**

- The bill provides \$150.5 billion in total discretionary funding for FY 2023 which is an increase of \$23 billion above the current enacted level.

#### **Military Construction**

- Includes \$15.1 billion for military construction – \$153 million above the current enacted level and \$2.9 billion above the President’s budget request. Within this amount:
  - **Reserve Components:** \$1 billion for construction and alteration of Guard and Reserve facilities in states and territories – \$379.3 million above the budget request.

- **Child Development Centers:** \$274.4 million for child development center projects – \$49.7 million above the current enacted level and \$186 million above the President’s budget request – to support increased child care capacity and better facilities for the 1.2 million children of active duty servicemembers worldwide.
- **Family Housing Construction:** \$2.1 billion for family housing – \$168.8 million above the President’s request; including \$373 million for Family Housing Support and Management to address issues such as mold, vermin and lead in military family housing.
- **NATO Security Investment Program (NSIP):** \$220.1 million for NSIP, an increase of \$4.3 million above the current enacted level and \$10 million above the request – for infrastructure necessary for wartime, crisis and peace support and deterrence operations and training requirements.
- **Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC):** \$574.7 million for BRAC – \$45 million above the FY 2022 level and \$290 million above the President’s budget request. Included in this funding is \$200 million for clean-up of PFAS on military installations.

### **Veterans Affairs**

- This bill provides \$135 billion in discretionary funding for VA programs – \$22.8 billion more than the current enacted level and \$48 million below the President’s budget request.
- Continues to advance appropriations for VA medical programs by including \$128.1 billion in discretionary funding for FY 2024.

### **VA Medical Services**

- This division provides \$118.8 billion for VA medical care – an increase of \$21.8 billion above the current enacted level and \$66 million above the President’s budget request – this will provide care for 7.3 million patients expected to be treated by VA in FY 2023. Within this total:
  - \$13.9 billion for mental health care services – \$743.8 million above the FY 2022 level and \$1.5 million more than the request – including \$498 million for suicide prevention outreach.
  - \$2.7 billion for homelessness assistance initiatives, an increase of \$531 million above the FY 2022 level and equal to the President’s request.
  - \$911.1 million for gender-specific care services for women – \$70.7 million above the current enacted level and \$10 million more than the budget request.
  - \$662.8 million for opioid abuse recovery and prevention, an increase of \$41.5 million above the FY 2022 level and equal to the request.
  - \$85.9 million for Whole Health Initiatives – an increase of \$2.3 million above the current enacted level and \$10 million above the President’s request.

### **Electronic Health Record Modernization (EHRM)**

- Provides \$1.76 billion to continue implementation of VA’s new electronic health record system, designed to be interoperable with the system being developed for the Department of Defense. These funds will allow VA to support the continued deployment at VA medical centers to ensure that veterans’ medical data is interoperable between the VA, DOD, and the private sector.

### **Veterans Benefits Administration Disability Claims**

- \$3.9 billion for operating expenses of the VBA, an increase of \$409 million above the current enacted level, to ensure the prompt processing of disability claims.

### **Construction**

- Provides \$2 billion for major and minor construction projects – including \$1.4 billion is for Major Construction and \$626 million is for Minor Construction.

#### **Medical and Prosthetic Research**

- Provides \$926 million for Medical and Prosthetic Research – an increase of \$44 million over the current enacted level and \$10 million above the President’s budget request. This funding will allow VA to exceed the budget request’s target of funding approximately 2,697 total projects and partnering with more than 200 medical schools and academic institutions.