

Recent Federal Funding Developments

NOTABLE ITEMS FROM FY22 FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS, FY23
PRESIDENTIAL BUDGET, AND FY23 USACE IIJA WORK PLAN

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Highlights of FY22 Federal Appropriations

Energy & Water Appropriations for Army Corps (USACE):

Investigations: \$143 M. In Louisiana, Houma Nav. Canal, Port Fourchon Belle Pass Channel, and Port of Iberia received Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funding for investigations

Construction: \$2.492 B. In Louisiana, Calcasieu River and Pass, J. Bennett Johnston Waterway, and SW Coastal received CDS funding. LCA received the FY22 budgeted amount.

MR&T: \$370 M. Notable CDS for MR&T include \$19.333 M to Morganza to the Gulf and \$5 M for Lower MS River Comprehensive Study

O&M: \$4.57 B. Louisiana projects received a total of \$318.1 M in O&M

Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations for NOAA:

Funded 9 habitat restoration projects totaling \$12.244 M through Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) for NOAA Special Projects

Notes that the IJA provided \$178 M in FY22 for restoring marine, estuarine, coastal, or Great Lakes ecosystem habitat and restoring fish passage

Notes that the IJA provided \$20 M in FY22 to NOAA Fisheries for addressing backlog of ESA, MMPA, and EFH consultations related to permitting.

Highlights of FY23 President's Budget

Department / Agency	FY23 Budget	Change from FY21 enacted	% Change from FY21 enacted
Army Corps	\$6.6 B	- \$1.2 B	- 15%
EPA	\$11.9 B	+ \$2.6 B	+ 29%
NOAA	\$6.9 B	+ \$1.4 B	+ 26%
Dept. of Commerce	\$11.7 B	+ \$2.8 B	+ 31%
Dept. of Energy	\$48.2 B	+ \$6.3 B	+ 15%
Dept. of Interior	\$17.5 B	+ \$2.8 B	+ 19%
Climate Investments	\$44.9 B	+16.7 B	+ 59%

Army Corps, New Orleans District

- Overall New Orleans District budget of \$390.8 M exceeds 5-year budget average of \$289 M
- Investigations: \$0.
- Construction - \$4.5 M for Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) beneficial use of dredged material (BUDMAT) for Calcasieu River & Pass
- MR&T - \$70.7 M plus an estimated \$30 M for regionally shared projects. Investigations for Lafitte Area Flood Risk Management (\$500K) & Lower MS River Study (\$1M). Construction for Atchafalaya Basin (\$1.7M). O&M of \$67.5 M, including for Old River (\$46.2M) and for Atchafalaya Basin (\$14.7M)
- O&M - \$315.5 M plus some funding from regionally shared projects. Largest budgeted item is MS River, BR to Gulf (\$209.1M)

LA Projects in of FY23 USACE IJA Work Plan

FY23 IJA USACE Work Plan Addendum

Investigations:

- Additional \$7.7 M nationwide for specific projects. \$30 M for pilot program for projects in rural or economically disadvantaged communities.
- No additional funding for investigations in Louisiana.

Construction:

- Additional \$1.65 B nationwide.
- For Louisiana, an additional \$115 M for Southwest Coastal to award a design-build contract to elevate structures in the current 25 year flood plain in Calcasieu, Cameron, and Vermilion parishes.

MR&T: IJA funding already allocated.

O&M:

- Additional \$1 B nationwide
- Louisiana projects received a total of \$32.5 M in additional O&M for the following projects: \$16.5 M on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, \$15 M for the J. Bennett Johnston Waterway, and \$1 M for Mermentau River.

Federal Leaders Visit Louisiana in April 2022

Chair Brenda Mallory, White House Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ): April 4 - 6

Executive Director Christine Harada, Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (FPISC/Permitting Council): April 4 - 7

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works Michael Connor (USACE): April 8 & April 20 - 21.



HUD Additional CDBG-DR Funding

- On March 22nd, HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge and Gov. Edwards announced that the state would receive an additional \$450 million for recovery from Hurricanes Laura and Delta and \$1.27 billion for Hurricane Ida.
- Funded through the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021.
- Funding for 2020 hurricanes is on top of initial \$600 million given by HUD.

CDBG-DR Allocations for CY 2021 Most Impacted and Distressed Qualifying Disasters

State	Grantee	Disasters Covered	Disaster Description	Event Period	Allocation
LA	State of Louisiana	4606, 4611	Flood (4606), Hurricane Ida (4611)	May 17, 2021 - May 21, 2021 (4606), August 26, 2021 - September 3, 2021 (4611)	\$1,272,346,000
LA	Lake Charles	4606	Flood	May 17, 2021 - May 21, 2021	\$10,776,000
LA	Baton Rouge	4606	Flood	May 17, 2021 - May 21, 2021	\$4,648,000

Additional CDBG-DR Allocations for CY 2020 Most Impacted and Distressed Qualifying Disasters for Unmet Needs

Grantee	Disasters Covered	Disaster Description	Event Period	Additional Allocation for Unmet Needs and Mitigation
State of Louisiana	4559, 4570	Hurricane Laura (4559), Hurricane Delta (4570)	August 22, 2020 - August 27, 2020 (4559), October 6, 2020 - October 10, 2020 (4570)	\$450,136,000

FEMA's Swift Current Initiative

- On March 21st, Vice President Kamala Harris announced in Sunset, LA, that the state would receive \$40 million through the new Flood Mitigation Swift Current Grant Initiative.
- First FEMA initiative to be funded through the IIIJA to strengthen national preparedness and resilience
- Objective of Swift Current is to expedite flood mitigation grants to residents with either substantially damaged structures or repetitively flood properties insured under NFIP.
- Other states receiving Swift Current funds: New Jersey (\$10 M), Mississippi (\$5 M), and Pennsylvania (\$5 M).
- Harris emphasized the Administration's priority for communities to "build up resilience".



Launch of America the Beautiful Challenge

- On April 11, the White House launched the America the Beautiful Challenge, expressing a goal of \$1 billion directed to restoration and conservation grants through public-private partnerships.
- Anchored by initial \$440 million over next five years from the IJA.
- Administered by National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) as a public-private grant program.
- Directed and funded by White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), Dept. of Interior (DOI), Dept. of Agriculture (USDA), and Dept. of Defense (DOD).
- Provides a one-stop-shop solicitation to streamline the grant application process and coordinate funding for “locally led” ecosystem restoration projects across landscapes, watersheds, and seascapes.
- Aligned with the Biden Administration’s “America the Beautiful Initiative” to voluntarily conserve 30 percent of U.S. lands and waters by 2030.

