

Congress Passes FY 2015 Funding – Civilian Highlights, Part 1

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The U.S. Congress passed an omnibus funding bill for the remainder of fiscal year (FY) 2015 that includes \$1.1 trillion in total in discretionary federal funds, roughly half of which goes to federal civilian departments and agencies.

Federal News Radio [reported](#) that the Senate voted 56-40 late Saturday for the bill that will fund most agencies through September, the end of FY 2015. The House of Representatives had voted two days earlier on the spending measure, passing it 219-206.

The [final bill](#) removes concerns over the possibility of government shutdowns for the rest of the fiscal year and address funding for each of the agencies covered under the twelve individual appropriations bills that traditionally make their way through Congress. The only exception in full-year funding is the Department of Homeland Security, which is funded by at continuing resolution (CR) levels through Feb. 27, 2015, due to congressional concerns over White House immigration plans. Future funding will be taken up by the next Congress.

Department/Agency	FY 2014 (\$B)	FY 2015 (\$B)	FY 2015 (\$B)
	(Enacted)	(Request)	(Omnibus)
Health and Human Services	\$80 (approx)	\$77.10	\$80 (approx)
Education	\$70.60	\$68.60	\$70.50
Veterans Affairs	\$63.20	\$65.30	\$65
State & USAID	\$49.0	\$50.2	\$49.0
Homeland Security	\$39.3	\$38.2	\$39.3(CR)
Housing and Urban Development	\$32.8	\$46.7	\$35.6
Justice	\$27.3	\$27.4	\$26.7
Energy	\$27.2	\$27.9	\$27.9
Agriculture	\$20.9	\$23.7	\$20.6
Transportation	\$17.8	\$22.6	\$17.8
NASA	\$17.6	\$17.5	\$18.0
Laor	\$12.0	\$11.8	\$11.9
Interior	\$11.6	\$11.9	\$11.8
Treasury	\$11.90	\$12.40	\$12.50
Commerce	\$8.2	\$8.8	\$8.5

Source: House and Senate Appropriations Committees

Department Highlights

Energy

Department of Energy funding of \$27.9B supports programs across the department's five primary mission areas: science, energy, environment, nuclear non-proliferation, and national security.

- **National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA):** Funding for NNSA sees an increase of \$200M over FY 2014 levels to maintain the safety, security, and readiness of the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile. This increase brings NNSA's funding to \$11.4B for FY 2015.
- Funding includes \$8.2B for weapons activities as well as \$1.2B for naval reactors. Advanced simulation and computing efforts receive \$598.0M, including \$50.0M for activities related to the exascale initiative.
- **Energy Programs:** Support for programs that encourage U.S. competitiveness drive an increase of \$22M over FY 2014 enacted levels, bringing funding for Energy Programs at DOE to \$10.2B.
- **Science Research:** Funding for energy science research is maintained at FY 2014 levels, providing \$5,071M to strengthen innovation and support basic energy research, development of high-performance computing systems, and exploration into next generation clean energy solutions.
- **Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E):** The advanced research organization ARPA-E receives \$280.0M, \$45M below the level requested for FY 2015.

Commerce

Department of Commerce funding of \$8.5B marks an increase of \$286M above the level enacted for FY 2014.

- **Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):** \$3,458M for the U.S. Patents and Trademark Office, the full estimated amount of offsetting fee collection for FY 2015. The Patents and Trademark Office had nearly \$651M in unobligated balances at the end of FY 2014.
- **National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST):** \$675.5M for the scientific and technical core programs at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).
 - This amount includes \$15M for the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence and up to \$60.7M for cybersecurity research and development.

- National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education receives \$4M. These funds also provide \$16.5M for the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace (NSTIC), which includes up to \$6M for the lab-to-market program and up to \$2M for urban dome programs.
- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA):** \$5,441M for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). This amount includes \$3,333.4M for coastal, fisheries, marine, weather, satellite, and other programs.
- **Census Bureau:** \$1,088M for the Bureau of the Census, which includes \$840M for periodic censuses and programs.
- **International Trade Administration:** \$472M in total program resources for the International Trade Administration. \$10M of those funds are expected to be offset by fee collection, resulting in a direct appropriation of \$462M. Of those funds, up to \$9M ins for the Interagency Trade and Enforcement Center, up to \$10M is for SelectUSA, and Global Markets are funded at levels at least equal to FY 2014.

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