



West Virginia Wins in FY2024 Minibus



Labor, Health and Human Services; Financial Services & General Government; Homeland Security; Defense; Legislative Branch; State and Foreign Operations

Senator Manchin's Top Priorities for West Virginia

- **Blocking Drugs at the Border:** Includes language Senator Manchin secured in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Homeland Security funding bill requiring a report on granting Homeland Security Investigations Title 21 authority to investigate drug crimes, as well as Senator Manchin's language requiring a report on designating drug cartels as "Foreign Terrorist Organizations."
- **Stopping the Ban on Gas Stoves:** Includes language secured by Senator Manchin in the FY 2024 Financial Services & General Government funding bill prohibiting the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) from promulgating, implementing, administering, or enforcing any regulation to ban gas stoves.
- **Securing Critical Earmarks for WV (\$138.4 million):** Provides \$138,442,000 in funding for 80 projects Senator Manchin secured through Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Requests, also known as "earmarks", in the Labor, Health, and Human Services; Financial Services & General Government; and Homeland Security FY 2024 appropriations bills.
- **Strengthening Our Border:** Provides \$496 million to hire 22,000 Border Patrol Agents, which is the highest level ever funded. Also provides \$125 million for increases to Border Patrol overtime pay as well funding for 7,500 more detention beds, and \$720 million for ICE deportation and transportation operations, which is \$290 million above funding levels from FY 2023.
- **Fighting for Rural West Virginia:** Includes language requiring the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy to work with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Economic Research Service on implementing a new rural definition that would better capture the mountainous and rugged terrain of Appalachia.
- **Drug Abuse Prevention:** The bill includes language directing the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a report on the extent to which states require the use of evidence-based drug education and prevention programs in schools. The report shall help address challenges schools face in implementing such programs, especially in rural areas. This is reflective of Senator Manchin's *SAFE Kids Act* to improve drug prevention education in schools.

Strengthening Energy Opportunities for West Virginia Families and Businesses

Senator Manchin is proud to serve as Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources (ENR) Committee, where he fights for a commonsense, all-of-the-above energy approach that works for American families and businesses.

- **Price-Anderson Act:** Extends Price-Anderson Act authorities that are critical for new nuclear to come online for 40 years. This will allow both the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Department of Energy to protect reactor licenses and contractors who operate DOE nuclear facilities.
- **Hydrogen:** Includes Chairman Manchin's language reiterating Congressional intent and registering concern that the Department of Treasury is considering limitations and restrictions for the 45V Hydrogen Protection Tax Credit not authorized by law that could threaten the ARCH2 hydrogen hub.
- **LIHEAP:** Provides \$4.025 billion for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Keeping America Safe & Protecting Our National Security

Senator Manchin is proud to serve on the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC), which is charged with providing oversight and assistance to our nation's military. He also serves as ranking member of the Cybersecurity Subcommittee, which oversees policies and programs related to cyber forces and capabilities. Senator Manchin secured more \$500 million in Department of Defense (DoD) direct investments in West Virginia, more than double what the state received last year:

- **West Virginia National Guard:** The bill includes funding for multiple military programs run by the West Virginia National Guard (WVNG), including:

- Ridge Runner Irregular Warfare Exercise: \$7 million for program that brings dozens of foreign partners to WV to train on scenarios that directly counter Russia and China's aggressive tactics.
- Army Interagency Training and Education Center: \$2 million for the WVNG's Army Interagency Training and Education Center's critical infrastructure protection and mission assurance activities to counter physical and cyber threats to our critical infrastructure.
- Locked Shields Exercise: \$2 million for WVNG's leadership of the U.S. team in the Locked Shields Exercise, which is the only international critical infrastructure protection exercise in the world.
- **Constellium**: \$23 million to support increased aluminum armor and aviation production in Ravenswood, WV.
- **Allegany Ballistics Laboratory**: \$20 million for direct support to improve facility development at Allegany Ballistics Laboratory (ABL) in Rocket Center, WV. ABL supports major multi-Service missile production for programs such as the Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System (GMLRS), Patriot Missile, Precision Strike Missile (PrSM), Hellfire Missile, Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM), and Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missile Extended Range (AARGM-ER). Together these programs total more than \$2.8 billion, more than a quarter of which will go to ABL.
- **West Virginia University**: \$10 million for clean hydrogen technology development at WVU.
- **ChalleNGe Academies**: \$157 million combined for the National Guard's ChalleNGe Academies, STARBASE Program and Defense Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCoR) Program.
- **U.S. Coast Guard**: \$14.8 million for the Cyber and Enterprise Mission Platform, many functions of which take place in the Operations System Center in Martinsburg, WV, and aligns with Senator Manchin's chairmanship of the Cybersecurity Subcommittee on the Senate Armed Services Committee.
- **Customs & Border Protection (CBP) Advanced Training Center**: Includes Senator Manchin's language recognizing the importance of the Advanced Training Center in Harpers Ferry, WV and requiring a report on construction of the Instructional Design Center/Distance Learning Center.

Preserving West Virginia's Federal Workforce

There are more than 21,000 federal employees in WV. Through his role on the Appropriations Committee, Senator Manchin is committed to ensuring these agencies have the support they need & our workforce continues to grow and thrive in the state. Some of these facilities include:

- **Job Corps**: The bill includes \$1.76 billion in funding for Job Corps to provide training, room and board for students ages 16 through 24. West Virginia has a Job Corps training program in Charleston and a Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center in Harpers Ferry. The bill also includes language to help streamline application requirements for homeless youth to join Job Corps.
- **Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**: The bill includes \$23.098 million for repairs and alterations for the IRS Enterprise Computing Center in Martinsburg, WV. Also includes language that Senator Manchin secured urging IRS to prioritize the staffing of in-person Taxpayer Assistance Centers, particularly in rural America, which would include centers in Parkersburg, Bridgeport, Huntington, Beckley, and Martinsburg.
- **Bureau of Fiscal Service**: Includes language highlighting the importance that the Bureau of Fiscal Service plays in the Parkersburg community, and encourages the Bureau to bring people back into the office.
- **Bureau of Prisons (BOP)**: Includes Senator Manchin's report language directing OPM to work with BOP to analyze how rates of pay and other benefits can be improved as well as the procedures needed to grant direct hire authority to all BOP facilities.
- **FBI Police**: The FBI Police are responsible for protecting the employees stationed at FBI Clarksburg, which is home to 10% of the Bureau's workforce, as well as all FBI facilities nationwide. The FY 2024 FSGG bill includes language that Senator Manchin secured directing OPM to work with the FBI to develop cost estimates to inform Congress on the resources needed to provide FBI Police with the same rates of pay and retirement benefits as other federal law enforcement officers.
- **U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia**: Senator Manchin secured language reminding the federal judicial system of the importance of filling judicial vacancies in rural communities, including the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia.

Taking Care of our Families and Friends

Miner's Health & Safety

- **Black Lung:** Provides \$425 million for the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund, \$29 million for Special Benefits for Disabled Coal Miners, and \$12.1 million for Black Lung Clinics.
- **Miner Safety & Health Administration (MHSA):** Includes \$387.8 million for MHSA, including \$265.7 million for Mine Safety & Health Enforcement, \$36 million for technical support, and \$39.8 million for Educational Policy & Development.

Improving the Health of our Communities

- **National Institutes of Health:** Provides \$48.6 billion for the National Institutes of Health, an increase of \$300 million. Including:
 - \$75 million increase for mental health research
 - \$100 million increase for Alzheimer's disease research
 - \$120 million increase for cancer research
 - \$5 million increase for opioid research through the HEAL initiative
 - \$430 million, an increase of \$5 million over FY23 for Institutional Development Awards or IDEA. West Virginia is an IDEA and receives roughly \$23 million annually through this program.
- **Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health:** Provides \$1.5 billion for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) to continue investment into medical research and development
- **Community Health Centers:** Provides \$1.86 billion for Community Health Centers, health centers in West Virginia serve 1 in 3 patients
 - Includes \$55 million for school-based health centers
- **Appalachian Regional Commission:** Provides \$1.5 billion for the Appalachian Regional Commission to provide direct support for underserved rural communities with health care service improvements
- **Rural Hospital Stabilization Pilot Program:** Provides \$4 million for Rural Hospital Stabilization Pilot Program to help prevent the further closures of rural hospitals
- **Health Professions Workforce Development:** Provides \$1.4 billion for Health Professions Workforce Development to help address the health care workforce shortage
- **Public Health Infrastructure:** Provides \$350 million for public health infrastructure and capacity, maintaining a 75% increase from FY23
- **Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response:** Provides \$3.6 billion for the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) to help bring domestic manufacturing of medicines back to the United States, includes:
 - \$65m increase for the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA)
 - \$10m to establish ongoing funding for industrial base manufacturing and supply chain activities

Moving West Virginia Forward: Senator Manchin believes in investing in the next generation of West Virginians to give children a head start and a leg up at school and home.

- **Disadvantaged Students:** \$1.19 billion for Federal TRIO Programs to fund college outreach services to low-income, first-generation students, including students with disabilities, homeless students, youth in and aging out of the foster care system as well as military veterans and other adult learners. Also includes \$388 million for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) in FY 24 Labor, Health and Human Services funding for this cost-effective college readiness program, which has helped millions of low-income students progress on the pathway to college and build a more stable future for themselves, their communities and our nation.
- **Child Care and Development Block Grants:** \$1 billion increase for early learning programs over fiscal year 2023, including \$8.75 billion for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG), a \$725 million increase over FY 23. It also provides \$12.7 billion for Head Start, a \$275 million increase over FY 2023 to support Head Start teachers and staffing shortages.
- **FAFSA:** Includes language to ensure the Department of Education provides clear and timely communication to students, families, educators, college access counselors, and schools to mitigate impacts of the 2024-2025 FAFSA delay.
- **Homeless Youth:** \$18.4 billion for Department of Education Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) to provide services to the most vulnerable students, including those experiencing homelessness, to purchase clothing, immunizations, food, medical services, tutoring, transportation, and other needs.

- Supporting West Virginia Businesses: Includes language that Senator Manchin secured to improve H-2B visa processing and report on the shortage of visas in West Virginia and across the country; also includes language that requires U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) justify fee increases for H-2B and H-2A visas that harm small businesses

Fighting the Drug Epidemic

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program: \$298.6 million for HIDTA, which will ensure our law enforcement has the resources necessary to reduce the supply of illicit drugs like fentanyl, prevent overdoses, protect communities and save lives across the Mountain State. The bill also includes language secured by Senator Manchin directing the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to prioritize states with the highest overdose death rates when deciding new HIDTA designations and ensure that technical assistance is provided to entities that did not receive a designation in past award cycles.
- Designating Foreign Drug Cartels: Includes Senator Manchin's language secured in FY 2024 Homeland funding bill requiring a report on how designating foreign drug cartels as "Foreign Terrorist Organizations" could improve U.S. efforts to dismantle illegal drug importations.
- Marshall University: Includes language encouraging Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) to continue working with Marshall University to develop a program to combat opioid trafficking on the dark web.
- \$4.6 billion for substance use prevention and treatment efforts
 - \$2 billion for the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant
 - \$1.575 billion for State Opioid Response grants to provide critical funding to states to ensure they have the necessary resources to address the drug epidemic from every angle, as well as language including a 15 percent set aside for states with the highest age-adjusted mortality rate related to substance abuse disorders.
 - \$145 million for the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program
- \$1 billion for the Mental Health Block Grant
 - Includes \$153 million for Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program, and a 5 percent set aside for states to implement crisis care programs.
- \$18 million for the 988 Suicide Prevention Lifeline
- \$385 million for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
- \$160 million to U.S. Department of Education to address school-based mental health professionals for K-12 schools