



West Virginia Wins in the FY 2021 Omnibus



Senator's Manchin's Top Priorities for West Virginia

- **Opioids (\$3.95B):** Billions of dollars in dedicated funding across the government to combat opioids, an increase of \$84.6 million over FY20, including \$1.5B for the State Opioid Response Grant program with 15% set aside for the hardest hit states, including WV.
- **Clean Drinking Water (\$2.74B):** Supports nearly \$2.74 billion in appropriations toward water infrastructure, as well as \$43 million directed to address PFAS chemicals, which have impacted several cities in WV.
- **Suicide Prevention (\$757.6M):** Includes Senator Manchin's Crisis Care Improvement & Suicide Prevention Act, which provides an increase of \$35 million to the Mental Health Services Block Grant, including a 5% set aside for evidence-based crisis care programs.
- **Youth Homelessness (\$303.3M):** \$106.5M (+5M) for McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children & Youth, \$116.8M (+\$3M) for the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program at the Administration for Children & Families, & \$80 million to stop youth homelessness through HUD, as well as language Senator Manchin authored to require schools to provide greater transparency on how funding is spent to assist homeless youth.
- **C-130Js (\$760M):** Procures 8 C-130J aircraft for use around the country. The 130th Airlift Squadron in Charleston, WV was recently selected as one of the recipients to receive the new C-130J aircraft.
- **Appalachian Economic Development (\$198.5M):** \$115M for AML Economic Development Grants (\$25M for WV alone), \$50M for ARC POWER Grants, \$33.5M for EDA's Assistance to Coal Communities (+\$3.5M). WV has received more than \$50M in POWER grants since 2016 and is the largest per capita recipient of EDA funds in the U.S.
- **MQ-4C Triton (\$150M):** Restores funding for 1 MQ-4C Triton UAV. Senator Manchin fought to restore funding for this program, which provides two-thirds of the annual revenue for Aurora Flight Sciences in Bridgeport, one of the key suppliers for this program.
- **Broadband Mapping (\$98M):** As the only member of Congress that received a waiver and successfully challenged the Mobility Fund Phase II program, Senator Manchin has been a strong advocate of funding to implement the Broadband DATA Act, which was passed in 2020 to fix the FCC's flawed broadband coverage maps. The bill provides \$33M in annual and \$65M in emergency funding to address this issue.
- **WV's Federal Workforce (\$80M):** More than \$90M in additional funding for federal facilities in WV, including significant increase in the Bureau of Fiscal Service in Parkersburg (+\$5.3M), the Coast Guard facilities in the Eastern Panhandle (+\$3M), the FBI CJIS Division in Clarksburg (\$24.7M), and the National Energy Technology Laboratory in Morgantown (+\$38M), among others.
- **Fixing Our Country Roads & Bridges (\$75M):** \$15 million for Corridor H for the second straight year as well as \$60 million to repair WV's aging bridges (19% are structurally deficient, 2nd highest in the U.S.).
- **Defense Spending in WV (\$60M):** Direct spending for weapons procurement and R&D in WV includes \$12M for the Allegany Ballistics Laboratory in Rocket Center, \$5M for Constellium, \$5M for a cyber pilot program with the WV National Guard, and \$4M for a portable power generation project at WVU, among others.
- **Land & Water Conservation Fund (\$7.7M):** The enactment of Senator Manchin's Great American Outdoors Act made LWCF funding mandatory. Projected funding in WV includes \$3.5M for Canaan Valley, \$2.1M for the Monongahela National Forest, and \$2.1M for the South Fork of the Lost River.
- **Agricultural Research (\$6.5M):** \$2M for the Wood Education Resource Center in Princeton, \$1.5M for the Pollinator Recovery Center Senator Manchin established in Hinton, \$2M for the National Center for Cool & Cold Water Aquaculture in Leetown, and \$1M for the Appalachian Fruit Research Station in Kearneysville.
- **Broadband Funding (\$5M):** Continues funding for the set-aside Senator Manchin established in FY20 for ARC broadband funding in distressed counties in North and North Central Appalachia, making 17 counties in WV eligible for broadband assistance through ARC. The bill also includes language encouraging USDA to prioritize ReConnect and Community Connect funds to challenging, mountainous areas with higher costs.
- **Defining Rural Areas:** As a result of the state's mountainous terrain, some federal agencies misclassify WV counties as "urban" instead of "rural", denying rural communities, hospitals, & health care centers eligibility for rural grants. Senator Manchin included language encouraging the Economic Research Service to coordinate their research with the Federal Office of Health Policy to ensure a clear definition of rural areas.