



West Virginia Wins in Commerce, Justice, Science & Related Agencies; Interior, Environment & Related Agencies; Transportation, Housing & Urban Development & Related Agencies; and State & Foreign Operations FY25 Appropriations Markup.

Maintaining Regular Order in the Appropriations Process

A member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Manchin joined his bipartisan colleagues in marking up and reporting the next four Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Appropriations bills out of committee: the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development & Related Agencies Appropriations Act; The Commerce, Justice, Science and & Agencies Appropriations Act, the State & Foreign Operations & Related Agencies Appropriations Act; and the Interior, Environment & Related Agencies Appropriations Act. 2024 was the first time since 2018 that the Senate reported all 12 annual appropriations bills to the full Senate, and this markup is the next step towards accomplishing the same for Fiscal Year 2025.

Connecting West Virginia Communities

As a member of the **Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies** subcommittee, Senator Manchin proudly advocates for funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Transportation, including the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Federal Rail Administration (FRA), and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The FY25 bill provides **\$98.7 billion** in discretionary funding, in addition to obligating billions of dollars for transportation programs originally secured in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that Senator Manchin negotiated.

- **Congressionally Directed Spending:** Includes \$50.2 million Senator Manchin secured for 36 Congressionally Directed Spending projects, including funding for the Capital Sports Complex in Charleston, terminal modernization at Yeager International Airport, and improvements at the Boy Scouts Summit Bechtel Reserve.
- **Corridor H:** Provides \$350 million to continue work on the Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS), which includes the \$250 million in annual funding Senator Manchin secured in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
- **Railroad Safety:** Provides \$1.3 billion for Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) grant programs, a key source of funding for West Virginia railways. Additionally, following the release of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)'s investigation into the East Palestine disaster, provides language and funding to implement a number of the NTSB's safety recommendations.
- **Rural Air Service:** Includes \$423 million for the Essential Air Service (EAS) program, consistent with the significant increase in authorized funding Senator Manchin pushed for in this year's FAA reauthorization. The EAS program connects small communities to major airports and metropolitan areas through dedicated funding for small airports.
- **Homeless Assistance Grants:** In addition to \$4.9 billion for Homeless Assistance Grants, Senator Manchin secured language making it easier for children and youth to access housing and supportive services from HUD funded providers. Additionally, Senator Manchin secured language

allowing grants to be awarded every two years rather than annually, giving West Virginians more time to prepare their applications and implement the funding they've received.

- **Ensuring State Control of Public Housing:** In recent years, HUD has proposed administering public housing projects, like Section 8, on a regional basis rather than on a state or local level. Senator Manchin secured funding to ensure that administration of these properties will continue to be done on a state-by-state basis, rather than regionally, preserving local control over public housing.

Conserving Wild & Wonderful West Virginia while Securing our Energy Future

The **Interior, Environment and Related Agencies** subcommittee funds the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), totaling **\$44.6 billion** in funding. Senator Manchin worked to include critical provisions in the Interior and Environment spending bill to ensure that West Virginia can continue its wild and wonderful outdoor legacy, all while maintaining our energy independence and making our communities across the state better and safer places to live.

- **Congressionally Directed Spending:** Includes \$30 million Senator Manchin secured for 21 Congressionally Directed Spending projects, including funding for New River Gorge National Park gateway communities, restore aquatic habitats, and ensure communities across the state have access to clean water.
- **LWCF and Great American Outdoors Act:** Allocates \$900 million in mandatory funding for Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Federal and State programs, and \$1.9 billion in mandatory funding provided by the Great American Outdoors Act, and funds from the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration fund for West Virginia Projects, including:
 - \$20,000,000 for the New River Gorge Park and Preserve for trail and bridge repair;
 - \$1.69 million for Monongahela National Forest Deferred Maintenance;
- **Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization (AMLER):** Provides \$130 million for the AMLER program. West Virginia uses this money to support economic development projects on or adjacent to abandoned mine land sites throughout the state.
- **National Conservation Training Center:** \$26.9 million for the National Conservation Training Center located in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.
- **West Virginia Fish & Wildlife Staffing:** Senator Manchin secured language to ensure that funding for Fish and Wildlife Service reviews are prioritized and that states experiencing significant delays, such as West Virginia, are given additional resources.
- **Toxic Substances Control Act (TCSA):** Included language Senator Manchin called for requiring the EPA to develop and implement a plan to improve the efficiency of new chemical reviews, a win for West Virginia's chemical manufacturing industry.
- **Critical Minerals:** Includes Senator Manchin's bipartisan amendment that would allow the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to explore additional critical minerals for potential inclusion on DOI's critical minerals list.
- **Methane Emissions Reporting:** Senator Manchin successfully secured language ensuring that facility owners and operators will not be assessed methane emissions fees if they can demonstrate to the EPA that those emissions are not actually occurring, rather than relying solely on default agency emissions estimates for their facilities.

Keeping our Country Safe while Moving West Virginia Forward

As a member of the **Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies subcommittee**, Senator Manchin worked to ensure that West Virginia priorities were included in funding for the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Department of Commerce (DOC), and the National Science Foundation (NSF). The bill includes **\$74 billion** in total funding, including **\$38 billion** for the DOJ, **\$10.8 billion** for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), **\$11.5 billion** for the DOC, and **\$9.55 billion** for the NSF.

- **West Virginia's Federal Facilities:** Maintains strong funding for salaries, operations, and research at federal facilities throughout West Virginia, including:
 - **NASA IV&V:** \$39 million for NASA's Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) Program located in Fairmont, West Virginia to assure the safety and success of software on NASA's highest-profile missions.
 - **NOAA High Performance Computing:** \$50 million for NOAA High Performance Computing capacity, including at the NOAA facility in Fairmont, West Virginia.
 - **Green Bank Observatory:** \$10.8 million for the Green Bank Observatory located in Green Bank, West Virginia, allowing them to continue conducting groundbreaking research, advanced instrumentation, and education and public outreach programming.
 - **Criminal Justice Information Services:** Language instructing the FBI to fully fund the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) facility located in Clarksburg, West Virginia.
 - **ATF National Services Center:** Language emphasizing the importance of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF)'s West Virginia National Services Center in Martinsburg.
 - **FCC Hazelton:** Directs the Bureau of Prisons to channel funding towards fully staffing high security facilities such as FCC Hazelton. This funding will be used to support BOP correctional officers, including through the 25% Retention Incentive for FCC Hazelton Staff previously secured by Senator Manchin.
- **International Trade Commission:** At Senator Manchin's urging, includes report language stressing the importance of filling all vacancies on the International Trade Commission (ITC).
- **Combating Illegal Opioids:** Includes report language encouraging the DEA to finalize rules targeting suspicious opioid orders and encourage them to better cooperate on ways to utilize digital evidence with state and local law enforcement partners.
- **Stopping School Violence:** \$197 million for the DOJ's STOP School Violence Program, which provides grants to schools and law enforcement partners across West Virginia to reduce violent crime in and around schools.
- **Enhanced Immigration Screening:** Increases funding for immigration judges, which will ensure that illegal immigrants without a legal basis to be in the U.S. are quickly removed. This will protect the asylum process while reducing the incentive to travel to the U.S. illegally.
- **NICS Initiative Grants:** \$315 million to assist West Virginia and other states in improving the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) by addressing gaps in federal and state records, accelerating implementation of Senator Manchin's *Bipartisan Safer Communities Act*.

Projecting Strength at Home and Abroad

The **State and Foreign Operations and Related Agencies** subcommittee funds the Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and humanitarian assistance programs. The FY25 bill provides **\$61.6 billion** for programs across these agencies. The United States remains the world's preeminent superpower because we have the world's strongest military, and these programs help ensure we never fight alone.

- **Supporting our Allies:** Keeps West Virginians safe by funding the critical agencies of our government that maintain our extensive system of allies and partners and ensure our businesses and industries can trade freely across the globe.
- **Spreading Democracy Worldwide:** Provides \$315 million for the National Endowment for Democracy and \$345 million for the Democracy fund, reflective of the United States' commitment to liberty, democracy, and the rule of law.
- **Preventing Chaos at the Border:** Funding and language to improve programs that stem the tide of people at our border by talking to them before they leave – preventing criminals from using crowds of asylum seekers turning themselves in to hide illicit activity, using taxpayer money more efficiently, and saving migrants from the dangerous journey to the U.S.