

TITLE VI

INVESTING IN AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE, JOBS, TRUST
RESPONSIBILITIES, AND NATIONAL RESOURCES

This title contains the additional resources necessary to strengthen infrastructure and create jobs in our local communities, protect treasured natural and cultural resources, fulfill our Nation's trust responsibilities to Native Americans, and address climate change and water quality. The post-sequester level resources provided in the Congressional Budget Resolution, which set the allocations provided to the Committee and its Subcommittees, are insufficient to meet the needs of the Nation. Congress and the President should negotiate a bipartisan budget agreement as soon as possible that meets national security needs while supporting infrastructure and appropriate stewardship of the American people's public lands.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

LAND ACQUISITION

The recommendation includes an additional \$21,078,000 for the Bureau of Land Management's land acquisition program. This amount fully funds the list of projects requested by the President through the Land and Water Conservation Fund to consolidate Federal land ownership and create management efficiencies and to improve the American public's ability to enjoy their public lands.

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The recommendation includes an additional \$29,000,000 for the Fish and Wildlife Service's Resource Management programs to restore proposed cuts to operating programs and providing targeted increases to combat wildlife trafficking and support wildlife refuges.

LAND ACQUISITION

The recommendation includes an additional \$14,613,000 for the Fish and Wildlife Service's land acquisition program. This amount fully funds the list of projects requested by the President through the Land and Water Conservation Fund to consolidate Federal land ownership and create management efficiencies and to improve the American public's ability to enjoy their public lands.

COOPERATIVE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND

The recommendation includes an additional \$10,300,000 for the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund, which fully funds the President's request for the Land and Water Conservation Fund to assist States and localities in habitat conservation planning grants, endangered species conservation grants, and related land acquisition.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

The recommendation includes an additional \$191,858,000 for operations of the National Parks, which will be used to hire more than 1,000 more seasonal rangers to perform maintenance, visitor services, and law enforcement. These funds will create jobs and improve infrastructure and the visitor experience during the National Park Service Centennial year of 2016.

CONSTRUCTION

The recommendation includes an additional \$58,030,000 for construction in National Parks. These funds will be used to address some of the Park Service's estimated \$11,500,000,000 deferred maintenance backlog, creating jobs and improving infrastructure and the visitor experience during the National Park Service Centennial year of 2016.

LAND ACQUISITION AND STATE ASSISTANCE

The recommendation includes an additional \$13,393,000 for the National Park Service's land acquisition program, which fully funds the President's request for the Land and Water Conservation Fund to consolidate Federal land ownership and create management efficiencies and to improve the American public's ability to enjoy their public lands.

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION

OPERATION OF INDIAN PROGRAMS

The recommendation includes an additional \$151,172,000 for the operations of Indian programs account, which will fully fund requested by the President to fulfill the Nation's trust responsibilities to American Indians and Alaska Natives, including making additional investments in tribal programs such as education, broadband access, and natural resources programs.

CONSTRUCTION

The recommendation includes an additional \$53,769,000 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education's construction account, which will fully fund the President's request for tribal school construction and renovation, improving educational infrastructure and creating jobs in Indian country.

INDIAN LAND AND WATER CLAIMS SETTLEMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS
PAYMENTS TO INDIANS

The recommendation includes an additional \$27,001,000 for Indian land and water claim settlements, which will fully fund the President's request for tribal land and water settlement claims.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The recommendation includes an additional \$30,690,000 for science and technology, which fully funds the President's request for the Environmental Protection Agency's core science and research programs that are critical for addressing environmental protection needs such as climate change and water quality.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT

The recommendation includes an additional \$123,506,000 for environmental programs and management, which would restore troubling cuts to Environmental Protection Agency operating programs, including key regulatory, legal, and enforcement work necessary to protect our air, water, and other natural resources. Within this amount, \$26,000,000 is provided to allow the Environmental Protection Agency to provide technical assistance to States for developing Clean Power Plan strategies and \$34,000,000 is provided to address other critical needs of communities, such as water quality and water infrastructure financing.

STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

The recommendation includes an additional \$557,887,000 for State and tribal assistance grants. This amount would provide \$25,000,000 requested by the President for new grants to States to implement the Clean Power rule. It would provide \$401,887,000 for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, which is the number one source of funding for communities to build or replace sewer and clean water infrastructure. It would also provide \$131,000,000 for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, which is the number one source of funding for communities to build or replace drinking water systems. Together, these investments in the State revolving funds will result in 230 more water infrastructure projects, 14,000 more jobs, and \$1,000,000,000 more in matching fund investments from states than the current funding level in the bill.

RELATED AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

LAND ACQUISITION

The recommendation includes an additional \$26,550,000 for the Forest Service's land acquisition program, which fully funds the list of projects requested by the President through the Land and Water Conservation Fund to consolidate Federal land ownership and create management efficiencies and to improve the American public's ability to enjoy their public lands.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

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The recommendation includes an additional \$137,477,000 for Indian health services, which will provide increases for purchased and referred care for tribal patients at non-IHS facilities, suicide prevention programs, and provide additional increases for medical programs to fulfill the Nation's trust responsibilities to American Indians and Alaska Natives.

INDIAN HEALTH FACILITIES

The recommendation includes an additional \$117,907,000 for Indian health facilities, which will provide the President's request for tribal health facility construction, creating jobs in Indian country, and improving health infrastructure.

OTHER RELATED AGENCIES

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

FACILITIES CAPITAL

The recommendation includes an additional \$70,025,000 for Smithsonian facilities capital, which will fully fund the President's request to renovate the National Air and Space Museum, other Smithsonian museums on the National Mall, and other critical facilities, creating jobs, and improving infrastructure and the visitor experience for our national museum complex.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

REPAIR, RESTORATION AND RENOVATION OF BUILDINGS

The recommendation includes an additional \$10,000,000 for National Gallery of Art repair, restoration, and renovation activities to fully fund the President's request for infrastructure improvement that will allow the Gallery to reopen all of its galleries for its seventy-fifth anniversary in 2016.

JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

CAPITAL REPAIR AND RESTORATION

The recommendation includes an additional \$3,600,000 for the Kennedy Center's capital repair and restoration to fully fund the President's request for infrastructure improvement that will create jobs and improve the visitor experience at our national center for the performing arts.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

GRANTS AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommendation includes an additional \$1,928,000 for the National Endowment for the Arts, to fully fund the President's request to support arts institutions at the State and local level and to support an initiative to provide art therapy for veterans.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

GRANTS AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommendation includes an additional \$1,921,000 for the National Endowment for the Humanities, to fully fund the President's request to support cultural institutions at the State and local level.

GENERAL PROVISION

SEC. 601. Bill language is included limiting the availability of funds in this title until enactment of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, an act increasing the post-sequester discretionary caps contained in the Budget Control Act of 2011.