



## Fiscal Year 2024 Federal Appropriations Requests

With the goal of advancing smart, cross-sector solutions to flooding and sea level rise within the current fiscal environment, American Flood Coalition Action is working with congressional leaders to advance the following appropriations requests.

### **FEMA: Flood Mapping Funding**

**Description:** Ensuring that FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) reflect the most accurate, up to date, and comprehensive data is essential to save lives and livelihoods, support responsible building and development decisions, and save taxpayer dollars in the wake of catastrophic flooding. FEMA requires continued resources to create comprehensive and accurate FIRMS; according to the Association of State Floodplain Managers, the cost to complete flood mapping for the nation ranges from \$3.2 billion to \$11.8 billion.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, current FIRMs often fail to give a full picture of flood risk; over 40% of flood insurance claims in recent years were for properties outside of the designated floodplain, or were in areas that hadn't been mapped at all.

**AFCA Request:** Provide \$400 million, the authorized level, for FEMA's Flood Hazard Mapping and Risk Analysis program.

### **FEMA: Flood Mapping Data Report Language**

**Description:** Given FIRMs' essential roles in informing and protecting individuals, states, and communities about flood risk, they must reflect best available data and science as well as information on future conditions. Despite past directives, FEMA has been slow to fully incorporate required information that would result in more accurate FIRMs. For example, as of September 2020, less than 1% of mapped miles on FIRMs included information on likely future conditions.<sup>2</sup>

**AFCA Request:** Include report language requiring FEMA to brief Congress on its efforts to improve FIRM accuracy by incorporating best available science and data, particularly with regard to information on likely future conditions.

### **EPA: Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants (OSG) Program Funding**

**Description:** EPA's OSG program provides grant funding for states to award subgrants to localities for projects to manage combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, and other stormwater system issues that impact water quality. Increased funding for this critical grant program will help more communities upgrade sewer systems, make drainage systems more resilient to stormwater impacts, and improve public health.

**Request:** Provide \$50 million (FY23 enacted) or President's FY24 Budget Request — whichever is greater— for EPA OSG grants.

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<sup>1</sup> Association of State Floodplain Managers, "[Flood Mapping the Nation](#),"

<sup>2</sup> GAO, "[FEMA Flood Maps: Better Planning and Analysis Needed to Address Current and Future Flood Hazards](#),"



### **DOT: Transportation Resilience and Adaptation Centers of Excellence Funding and Report Language**

*Description:* As unprecedented federal infrastructure investment reaches states and communities, it is vital that funds benefit communities that are disadvantaged, underserved, small, or rural, and likely lack necessary technical capacity to propose effective, community-driven solutions to their resilience needs. As authorized in the bipartisan infrastructure law, Transportation Resilience and Adaptation Centers of Excellence would serve as hubs for developing and deploying projects, while embedding technical expertise within local, state, and regional governments.

*Request:* Provide \$5 million to establish the national Transportation Resilience and Adaptation Center of Excellence and include report language urging timely action to establish the full network of 10 regional centers.

### **DOT: Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Competitive Grant Program Funding**

*Description:* As states and communities grapple with increasingly frequent and destructive flooding and extreme weather, federal investment is necessary to bolster resilience of their transportation infrastructure. Once established, the PROTECT competitive grant program will allow state, local, and tribal governments to apply directly for funds to reinforce, upgrade, or retrofit existing transportation infrastructure to be more resilient to extreme weather.

*Request:* Provide \$250 million for the PROTECT competitive grant program.