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Subject: Quick federal update - Appropriations Process

Matt and Reina,

We wanted to give you an update on the Congressional appropriations process, and current proposed funding levels for federal programs.

Background: House and Senate leaders have been working to develop and advance bills to appropriate federal funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019.

We have attached draft appropriations request letters with the most up-to-date information to sign and we will deliver to your congressional representatives. As Congress is moving forward with committee mark-ups and floor consideration, now is a great time to formally communicate your funding priorities to your legislators. **As soon as you are comfortable with the draft letter text, please return signed copies to us and we will deliver and continuously follow up on those priorities throughout the appropriations process.**

Status: House and Senate Appropriations Committees are partway through releasing 12 funding bills each (24 total) with proposed levels. As these bills are released, they begin moving through each chamber's process (committee consideration, floor consideration, floor passage). None have been finalized yet.

- **Our spotlight system shows in green all the areas in which both Senate and House appropriators proposed level or increased funding levels.** Yellow indicates that one of the two chambers recommended our requested levels, and red indicates a proposed cut in both chambers. Some levels will be detailed in additional documentation not yet released. TPA continues to focus on programs in yellow and red to ensure adequate funding in FY19.
- **Thanks to continued advocacy, we are seeing many of the proposed funding levels for FY 2019 to be about the same as the FY 2018 levels, most of which also saw increases in critical areas.**
- Many funding increases trigger better chances of receiving grant funding, both through federal programs and state programs that receive federal dollars. Keep an eye open for these priority grant cycles over the coming year.

Next Steps: Congress will continue to debate these bills before FY 2019 begins on October 1, 2018. TPA is monitoring any potential roadblocks to the passage of all appropriations bills prior to September 30, which Congress has only been able to do without an extension four times in the last 40 years. If history is any indication, and with a Congress this dysfunctional, we may see similar delays this September.

As always, TPA is happy to engage further on ways to take advantage of these opportunities. Let us know if you have any questions. In the meantime, we will continue to keep you updated on our advocacy efforts. Here are some programmatic highlights and status reports:

Housing/Community Development:

Program	FY 2018 enacted	FY 2019 President's Request	FY 2019 House proposed	FY 2019 Senate proposed
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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$3.3 billion	\$0	\$3.3 billion	\$3.3 billion
Economic Development Administration (EDA)	\$302 million	\$0	\$302 million	\$306 million

*** Maintaining and increasing homelessness funding is a major success this year. Top line numbers for homelessness nationwide have been down, but numbers on the West Coast have gone way up. Increasing funding for these programs indicates federal appropriators are specifically prioritizing the homelessness crisis in California and other West Coast states.

Public Safety:

Program	FY 2018 enacted	FY 2019 President's Request	FY 2019 House proposed	FY 2019 Senate proposed
Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)	\$276 million***	\$99 million***	\$226 million***	\$310 million***

*** In response to a lawsuit, COPS has put a hold on several grant programs for the FY18 cycle, including the COPS Hiring program. If the hold is not resolved soon, this could affect appropriations for FY19, including prompting a one-year cut while COPS allocates its delayed FY18 award funding. While congressional appropriators are not currently factoring this in, we are aware of its ability to change over the next few months.

Environment:

Program	FY 2018 enacted	FY 2019 President's Request	FY 2019 House proposed	FY 2019 Senate proposed
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Land Acquisition and State Assistance	\$124 million	\$0	\$122 million	\$124 million
Brownfields Grants	\$80 million	\$62 million	\$80 million	\$80 million

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