



U.S. Coast Guard Fact Sheet

Fiscal Year 2019 President's Budget

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BACKGROUND: The FY 2019 President's Budget requests **\$11.65 billion** for the Coast Guard, including **\$9.70 billion** in discretionary funding. The Budget sustains the most critical Coast Guard operations and continues our Service's highest priority recapitalization efforts for cutters, boats, aircraft, infrastructure, and other equipment and systems. The Budget efficiently allocates resources to optimize performance across all mission programs and activities.

BUDGET PRIORITIES:

- Provides funding to *Invest in the 21st Century Coast Guard*—recapitalization and continued investment in our Service's future is a top budget priority in FY 2019.
- *Sustains Mission Excellence* and ensures the Coast Guard can conduct today's highest priority frontline operations in support of national priorities.
- *Maximizes Value to the Nation* by efficiently allocating resources across all mission programs. The Coast Guard continues to meet evolving mission requirements and remains a trusted steward of public resources.

INVEST IN THE 21st CENTURY COAST GUARD: The FY 2019 Budget requests **\$1.9 billion** for *Procurement, Construction, and Improvements (PC&I)*. Budget highlights include:

- **\$1,544 million** for vessels, including: \$750 million to award a contract for detail design and construction of new polar icebreakers, supporting delivery of the first new heavy icebreaker in 2023; \$400 million for construction of the second Offshore Patrol Cutter (OPC), scheduled for delivery in 2022, as well as long lead time materials for the third OPC; \$240 million for procurement of four Fast Response Cutters (FRC); and \$5 million to support acquisition planning activities for the Waterways Commerce Cutter (WCC), which will replace an obsolete fleet of inland tenders and barges commissioned between 1944 and 1990.
- **\$148 million** for aircraft, including: \$25 million to support service life extensions for MH-60T helicopters; \$20 million for H-65 helicopter enhancements/upgrades; \$97 million for conversion and sustainment of fixed-wing HC-27J and HC-144A aircraft; and \$6 million for small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS).
- **\$135 million** for shore and major systems acquisition infrastructure projects, including funding for: barracks renovations at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy; housing construction at the Wailupe Housing Complex, HI; pier and infrastructure improvements to support the OPC homeports at San Pedro, CA and Kodiak, AK and the NSC homeport at Charleston, SC; and hangar improvements to support HC-130J aircraft at Air Station Barbers Point, HI.

SUSTAIN MISSION EXCELLENCE: The FY 2019 Budget requests **\$7.8 billion** for *Operations and Support (O&S)* to operate and maintain Coast Guard assets, sustain critical frontline operations, and fund pay and benefits for the Coast Guard's active duty, civilian, and reserve workforces. Budget highlights include:

- **\$101 million** to maintain parity with DOD for military pay and fund increases for military allowances and health care, as well as civilian benefits and retirement contributions.
- **\$63 million** for new assets and infrastructure including: operations and maintenance of NSC #8 and FRCs #31-36; cutter crews for FRCs #34-38; shore-side maintenance personnel to support NSCs #7-8 and FRCs #31-38; maintenance support personnel for the C-27J fleet; and operations, maintenance, and flight crews for HC-130J aircraft #10-11.
- **\$49 million** to annualize FY 2018 funding for new assets and initiatives.

MAXIMIZE VALUE TO THE NATION: In FY 2019, the Coast Guard will make sound, risk-based decisions to efficiently allocate resources while investing in critical recapitalization initiatives. Budget highlights include:

- **\$36 million** to replace aircraft equipment and systems necessary to comply with FAA 2020 airspace requirements, to address obsolete communications and connectivity equipment on cutters and aircraft, and to maintain mission essential system information technology infrastructure to improve cyber security of Coast Guard networks.
- **\$7 million** to build capacity within the Coast Guard's professional acquisition workforce to support new and ongoing recapitalization projects and programs.
- **\$32 million in savings** associated with the elimination of the Crew Rotation Concept (CRC) pilot program, which standardizes NSC fleet operations and avoids costly and ineffective implementations in two other NSC homeports.
- **\$16 million in savings** associated with the planned decommissioning of four HC-130H aircraft. These assets are being replaced by new, more capable HC-130J aircraft.

View the Coast Guard's 2019 Budget Overview and 2017 Performance Highlights document and FY 2019 Congressional Justification document at: <https://www.uscg.mil/budget/>