



## **SOUTHEAST CRESCENT REGIONAL COMMISSION SUPPORT FUNDING IN THE FY2019 APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS**

**ACTION NEEDED:** Urge your members of Congress, especially those serving on the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, to support funding for the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission's (SECRC) community and economic development programs as part of a final fiscal year (FY) 2019 Energy and Water Development Appropriations measure. The agency's resources are used for transportation and basic infrastructure, job skills training and entrepreneurial development, comprehensive strategy development, advanced technologies and telecommunications, and sustainable energy solutions within the most severely distressed portions of the Southeastern United States.

**BACKGROUND:** SECRC was established through the 2008 Farm Bill (P.L. 110-627) to support community and economic development within the seven-state region of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. The federal-state regional commission is modeled after the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and targets new resources to promote wealth generation and economic growth strategies in the region.

**LATEST ACTION:** Both the House and Senate have approved their respective FY2019 appropriations bills for Energy-Water programs including federal-state regional commissions. The House bill funds SECRC at \$250,000 while the Senate version provides no funding for the agency. The final FY2018 omnibus appropriations bill provided \$250,000 for SECRC.

On February 12, the president released his FY2019 budget proposal which includes \$675,000 for both SECRC and Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

**AREA COVERED:** All counties in the seven-state region of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia that are not already served by ARC or Delta Regional Authority (DRA). If a county is eligible for assistance under more than one commission, it must choose which regional commission it will receive assistance from. No county may receive assistance from more than one federal-state regional commission. In addition, the SECRC is required to review each county in the region and identify those that are distressed, transitional and attainment, as well as isolated areas of distress.

**For a list of members of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees for the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, see next page.**

## U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee

### Majority:

Richard Shelby (R-MS)\*, Chairman  
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)\*  
Lamar Alexander (R-TN) +  
Susan Collins (R-ME)\*  
Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)\*  
Lindsey Graham (R-SC)\*  
Roy Blunt (R-MO)  
Jerry Moran (R-KS)  
John Hoeven (R-ND)\*  
John Boozman (R-AR)  
Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)  
James Lankford (R-OK)  
Steve Daines (R-MT)  
John Kennedy (R-LA)\*  
Marco Rubio (R-FL)  
Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS)

### Minority:

Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Ranking Member  
Patty Murray (D-WA)\*  
Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) #  
Richard Durbin (D-IL)\*  
Jack Reed (D-RI)  
Jon Tester (D-MT)\*  
Tom Udall (D-NM)\*  
Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)\*  
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)\*  
Chris Coons (D-DE)\*  
Brian Schatz (D-HI)  
Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)  
Chris Murphy (D-CT)  
Joe Manchin (D-WV)  
Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

+ *Indicates Chair of the U.S. Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee*

# *Indicates Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee*

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## U.S. House Appropriations Committee

### Majority:

Rodney P. Frelinghuysen (R-NJ), Chair  
Harold Rogers (R-KY)  
Robert B. Aderholt (R-AL)  
Kay Granger (R-TX)\*  
Michael K. Simpson (R-ID) +  
John Abney Culberson (R-TX)  
John R. Carter (R-TX)  
Ken Calvert (R-CA)\*  
Tom Cole (R-OK)  
Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)  
Charles W. Dent (R-PA)  
Tom Graves (R-GA)  
Kevin Yoder (R-KS)  
Steve Womack (R-AR)  
Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)\*  
Tom Rooney (R-FL)  
Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN)\*  
Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)\*  
David Joyce (R-OH)\*  
David Valadao (R-CA)  
Andy Harris (R-MD)  
Martha Roby (R-AL)  
Mark Amodei (R-NV)  
Chris Stewart (R-UT)  
David Young (R-IA)  
Evan Jenkins (R-WV)  
Steven Palazzo (R-MS)  
Dan Newhouse (R-WA)\*  
John Moolenaar (R-MI)  
Scott Taylor (R-VA)

### Minority:

Nita M. Lowey (D-NY), Ranking Member  
Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) #  
Peter J. Visclosky (D-IN)\*  
José E. Serrano (D-NY)\*  
Rosa L. DeLauro (D-CT)  
David E. Price (D-NC)  
Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)  
Sanford D. Bishop Jr. (D-GA)  
Barbara Lee (D-CA)  
Betty McCollum (D-MN)  
Tim Ryan (D-OH)  
C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD)  
Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)\*  
Henry Cuellar (D-TX)  
Chellie Pingree (D-ME)  
Mike Quigley (D-IL)  
Derek Kilmer (D-WA)  
Matt Cartwright (D-PA)  
Grace Meng (D-NY)  
Mark Pocan (D-WI)  
Katherine Clark (D-MA)  
Pete Aguilar (D-CA)\*

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