



Great Lakes Authority

SUPPORT ROBUST FUNDING IN THE FY 2025 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

Congressional Action Needed: NADO encourages members of Congress, especially those serving on the U.S. House and Senate Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittees, to support robust funding for the Great Lake Authority’s community and economic development programs for FY 2025. The Great Lakes Authority will invest its resources into economic and infrastructure development, consisting of areas in the watershed of the Great Lakes and the Great Lakes System (as such terms are defined in Section 118(a)(3) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(a)(3)).

Annual Appropriations Levels for the Great Lakes Authority				
	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>
Great Lakes Authority	\$15 million	\$15.1 million	\$17 million	\$17 million

Background: Established by The Denali Commission Act of 1998, the Denali Commission is an independent federal agency designed to provide critical utilities, infrastructure, and economic support throughout Alaska. Led by a Federal Co-Chair, who is appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Denali’s board consists of: the Governor of Alaska, who serves as State Co-Chair (or whose designated representative serves in this role); the University of Alaska President; the Alaska Municipal League President, the Alaska Federation of Natives President, the Alaska State AFLCIO President, and the Associated General Contractors of Alaska President.

Since the Denali Commission’s inception, bulk fuel safety and security, energy reliability and security, transportation system improvements, and health care projects have commanded the vast majority of the Denali Commission’s projects.

The Denali Commission also uses its transfer authority to receive funding from other federal agencies. The Denali Commission then makes grants within its geographic region on behalf of those agencies.