



Southwest Border Regional Commission

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 Southwest Border Regional Commission's (SBRC) community and economic development programs in FY 2025. SBRC is charged with investing its resources into transportation infrastructure, basic public infrastructure, telecommunications, workforce training, business development and entrepreneurship, resource conservation and tourism, healthcare and related public services, and energy initiatives within a four-state region.

Annual Appropriations Levels for SBRC				
	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>
Southwest Border Regional Commission	\$0.25 million	\$2.5 million	\$5 million	\$5 million

Background: Established by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, SBRC is a regional economic development agency that represents a partnership between federal, state, and local governments. SBRC's region encompasses 93 counties in Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas. Led by a Federal Co-Chair who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, SBRC's board consists of the Governors representing the four Southwest Border states, who collectively help guide the agency's programmatic activities and investments in their respective states.

SBRC's first Federal Co-Chair was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in December 2022, so the agency is still in the earliest stages of becoming operational. SBRC is working to develop an organizational structure and preparing for the administration of forthcoming programmatic activities aligned with SBRC's enabling legislation.