



FY 2024 Unfunded Priorities List

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U.S. Coast Guard

Foreword

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I am pleased to present the following report, “FY 2024 Unfunded Priorities List,” prepared by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Section 5108 of title 14, United States Code, directs the annual submission of a list of approved but unfunded Coast Guard priorities and the funds needed for each priority.

Pursuant to Congressional requirements, this report is provided to the following members of Congress:



The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman, House Committee on
Transportation and Infrastructure

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member, House Committee on
Transportation and Infrastructure

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on
Commerce, Science, and Transportation

The Honorable Dave Joyce
Chairman, House Appropriations
Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Henry Cuellar
Ranking Member, House Appropriations
Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Chris Murphy
Chairman, Senate Appropriations
Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations
Subcommittee on Homeland Security.

I am pleased to answer any further questions you may have, or your staff may contact my Senate Liaison Office at (202) 224-2913 or House Liaison Office at (202) 225-4775.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "L L Fagan".

Linda L. Fagan
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Commandant



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I. Legislative Language

This report responds to the language set forth in Section 5108 of title 14, United States Code (U.S.C.), which states:

14 U.S.C. §5108. Unfunded Priorities List

“(a) In General.-Not later than 60 days after the date on which the President submits to Congress a budget pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a list of each unfunded priority for the Coast Guard.”

“(b) Prioritization.-The list required under subsection (a) shall present the unfunded priorities in order from the highest priority to the lowest, as determined by the Commandant.”

“(c) Unfunded Priority Defined.-In this section, the term "unfunded priority" means a program or mission requirement that-

- (1) has not been selected for funding in the applicable proposed budget;
- (2) is necessary to fulfill a requirement associated with an operational need; and
- (3) the Commandant would have recommended for inclusion in the applicable proposed budget had additional resources been available or had the requirement emerged before the budget was submitted.”

This report also responds to the language set forth in the Manager’s Statement accompanying the Fiscal Year 2023 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Act (P.L. 117-328), which states:

“Unfunded Priorities List (UPL).-The Coast Guard is directed to provide a list of approved but unfunded Coast Guard priorities and the associated funding needs for each priority to the Committees at the time of the fiscal year 2024 budget request submission.”

II. Unfunded Priorities List

Project Name	Funding (\$K)	Project Description
Rebuilding Operational Capability (PC&I)		
One Missionized HC-130J Aircraft	\$138,500	Provides funding to purchase one missionized HC-130J aircraft in the Block Upgrade 8.1 configuration, manufactured by Lockheed Martin, and currently missionized by L3 Technologies. This funding supports acquisition costs for one of the unfunded three missionized C-130Js required to achieve the Coast Guard's current program of record of 22 airframes and initial sparing.
Four MH-60T Aircraft	\$113,000	Provides funding to outfit and assemble 4 MH-60T aircraft that would facilitate a future Air Station transition from MH-65s to MH-60s in FY 2026. These aircraft would be assembled at the Coast Guard's Aviation Logistics Center in Elizabeth City, NC.
Fast Response Cutter (FRC) Economic Price Adjustment (EPA)	\$34,000	Funding aids in reducing unfunded EPA growth resultant from the unprecedented rise in material and labor indices associated with contractual costs for production of hulls 1145 - 1164 and procurement of spares. This amount provides the \$34 million necessary for the projected EPA liability in FY 2024.
Great Lakes Icebreaker - Long Lead Time Material (LLTM)	\$20,000	Funds would accelerate initial procurement of LLTM for a Great Lakes Icebreaker.
Special Purpose Craft - Heavy Weather Recapitalization	\$24,000	Funds the acquisition of the 52' Heavy Weather Boat (SPC-HWX) replacement boat for operations in the Pacific Northwest. This request continues the acquisition program into FY 2024 and supports the procurement of 2 boats and associated program management costs.
Mariner Credentialing Program (Navita) Acquisition	\$11,000	Funds development and implementation of the new mariner credentialing system, U.S. Coast Guard Navita. This new system replaces the current Merchant Mariner Licensing and Documentation system, established in the early 1990s, which is used to credential approximately 200,000 merchant mariners serving on U.S. vessels.

Rebuilding Operational Capability (PC&I)

Sparing for Fixed-Wing Aircraft Transitions	\$25,000	Provides initial sparring to establish on-site inventory for HC-130J and HC-27J aircraft planned for delivery to Barbers Point, HI, (\$10 million) and Clearwater, FL (\$15 million). This funding includes spare parts for aircraft, sensor suites, depot maintenance material, and ground support equipment necessary for aircraft operations as well as LLTM required to accelerate the missionization of HC-27J aircraft. (Scalable)
National Security Cutter (NSC) – Follow-On Acquisition Funding	\$50,000	Funds follow-on acquisition and program management needs for NSC #11, including Post Delivery Activities (PDA), Post Shakedown Availabilities, testing, evaluation, support, and transition to sustainment activities. These are essential activities to bring each cutter to full operational capability. PDA costs an average of ~\$100 million per NSC. (Scalable)
Four Fast Response Cutters	\$400,000	Funds the acquisition of four FRCs to further the Indo-Pacific Strategy of the United States through expanded presence and engagement to promote a free an open Indo-Pacific. Additional FRCs will begin to transform the Coast Guard from an organization which currently provides episodic presence, to be persistent and visible, strengthening coordination with Allied and partner nations to bolster regional security.
Subtotal: Rebuilding Operational Capability	\$815,500	

MASI – Major Acquisition Systems Infrastructure (PC&I)

Polar Security Cutter (PSC) Homeport Seattle (Phase 1-2)	\$130,000	Funding completes Phase 1 of Seattle waterfront improvements including environmental remediation consisting of dredging and structural improvements to piers and wharfs. Phase 1 is necessary to complete the expansion of Base Seattle to homeport three PSCs in Seattle, WA.
FRC Homeport Astoria (Phase 2)	\$30,000	Funds Phase 2 to construct shoreside support facilities and waterfront upgrades required to homeport three FRCs in Astoria, OR. Phase 1 included dredging and waterfront upgrades. Phase 2 focuses on piers and shore side support, which includes the construction of a Maintenance Augmentation Team/Weapons Augmentation Team building and industrial support infrastructure.
Waterways Commerce Cutter (WCC) Homeports - Sault Ste Marie, MI and Memphis, TN	\$48,000	Funding supports homeport improvements, modifications, and construction for WCC homeports. Improvements include waterfront and shoreside infrastructure required for WCCs in Sault Ste Marie, MI, (\$13 million) and Memphis, TN (\$35 million). (Scalable)

MASI – Major Acquisition Systems Infrastructure (PC&I)		
NSC and Ocean-Going Buoy Tender (WLB) Homeport - Honolulu, HI (Phase 2)	\$15,000	Funds Phase 2 expansion along the waterfront to include recapitalization of piers, shore ties, and fenders to support 225' WLB and NSC operations, in addition to cutter maintenance activities at Base Honolulu, HI.
Offshore Patrol Cutter (OPC) Homeport - NAVSTA Newport, RI (Phase 2)	\$100,000	Funds Phase 2 of waterfront and pier construction required to homeport OPCs in Newport, RI. Continues the homeport project that received funding in FY 2021 and FY 2022. Phase 2 consists of OPC pier construction and the development of homeport infrastructure needs.
Subtotal: MASII	\$323,000	

Housing, Family Support, Safety, and Training Facilities (PC&I)		
Training Center Cape May - Multipurpose Recruit Training Facility	\$130,000	Funds the construction of a state-of-the-art indoor training facility at Training Center Cape May. This facility will enable year-round physical training and improve recruit throughput and readiness. Currently, 41 percent of recruit physical fitness training opportunities are being impacted due to inadequate facilities, which exacerbates Service recruiting and retention challenges.
Alaska Housing	\$26,000	Funds construction of additional Phase 4 housing units in Kodiak where the local community housing inventory is inadequate to support current and projected Coast Guard workforce requirements. Funding will also support safety, habitability, and quality of life upgrades to other existing Coast Guard housing units in the region.
Subtotal: Housing, Family Support, Safety, and Training Facilities (PC&I)	\$156,000	

Shore Construction Addressing Facility Deficiencies (PC&I)		
Sector Facilities – Sector Sault Ste Marie, MI	\$35,000	Funds the recapitalization of Sector facilities that support operations and staffing and corrects existing safety, security, and space deficiencies on the 50-year-old building. The project will improve mission effectiveness, relieve overcrowding, improve safety, and modernize the utilization of space for consolidated units.
Consolidated Base Facilities - Base Charleston, SC	\$22,600	Funds utility installation, road construction, environmental remediation, and general site preparation necessary for the Base Charleston buildout. Funding will also be applied to the Medical/Dental Clinic that was funded in FY 2022.

Shore Construction Addressing Facility Deficiencies (PC&I)

Coast Guard Yard Upgrade: Ship Handling Facility - Baltimore, MD (Phase 1)	\$60,000	Funds Phase 1 construction of a ship handling facility capable of completing emergent repairs, major maintenance availabilities, and service life extension projects for the Coast Guard surface fleet. Reconstitutes large cutter ship handling facilities at the Coast Guard Yard in Baltimore, MD, to include demolition, dredging, utilities, and waterfront structural improvements to piers. Upgrades necessary to facilitate future addition of a floating drydock capable of accommodating current and future fleet of Coast Guard cutters.
Sector Facilities - Sector Lower Mississippi River - Memphis, TN	\$37,000	Funds the recapitalization and relocation of Sector Facilities that manage and support operations along inland rivers and waterways. Relocates and constructs a new facility at Naval Support Activity Millington, TN, to accommodate Sector, electronics systems support detachment, and Station members.
Station Waterfront - Station Rockland, ME	\$40,700	Funds the recapitalization of the Station Rockland facility and associated support infrastructure. The original Station Rockland waterfront was constructed in 1881, has greatly surpassed its projected service life, and is structurally deficient and unsafe. A new waterfront is required to meet operational demands in Coastal Maine.
Subtotal: Shore Construction Addressing Facility Deficiencies	\$195,300	

Shore Construction Supporting Operational Assets and Maritime Commerce (PC&I)

Mission Support Facility (MSF) - Joint Base Andrews, MD (Phase 3)	\$20,000	Funds Phase 3 of the MSF at Joint Base Andrews, MD, project, which includes recapitalization of living and common spaces, as well as equitable locker room facilities. Hangar facility provides a new single-Rotary Wing Air Intercept (RWAI) aviation unit responsible for National Capitol Region and Presidential support.
Subtotal: Shore Construction Supporting Operational Assets and Maritime Commerce	\$20,000	
PC&I Total:	\$1,509,800	

Operations and Support (O&S) - Personnel Readiness		
Recruiting & Retention	\$9,000	Supports focused efforts to recruit and retain a skilled and diverse workforce to include enhanced outreach to underrepresented minority communities and women.
Modernized Learning Management System	\$3,050	Funds one-time costs necessary for the Coast Guard to transition to a modernized Learning Management System, which will be used across the Service to provide virtual mandated training to the workforce.
Subtotal: Personnel Readiness	\$12,050	

Operations and Support (O&S) - Asset Readiness		
National Security Cutters Operational Support Initiatives	\$9,676	Provides three deployable Link 16 "fly away" kits, enabling NSC interoperability with Department of Defense (DoD) and Allied assets in support of National Defense missions. Additionally, provides 11 low-profile battery-powered tugs to traverse MH-60Ts when shipboard deployed – a capability necessary to hangar the aircraft while underway.
Operations and Defense Industrial Base	\$42,000	Funding to sustain increased operations and heightened Coast Guard utilization of the defense industrial base support, to include ship repair, aviation material, and maintenance contracts.
Subtotal: Asset Readiness	\$51,676	
O&S Total	\$63,726	
Total across all appropriations	\$1,573,526	

Appendix: Abbreviations

Abbreviations	Definition
CGIS	Coast Guard Investigative Service
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DOD	Department of Defense
FRC	Fast Response Cutter
EPA	Economic Price Adjustment
FY	Fiscal Year
HITRON	Helicopter Interdiction Squadron
LINK 16	Tactical Data Link
LLTM	Long Lead Time Material
MFoS	Minotaur Family of Services
MTS	Marine Transportation System
NAVITA	Mariner Credentialing Program
NSC	National Security Cutter
O&S	Operations and Support
OPC	Offshore Patrol Cutter
PC&I	Procurement, Construction, and Improvements
PDA	Post Delivery Activities
PSC	Polar Security Cutter
RFF	Remote Fixed Facility
U.S.C.	United States Code
WCC	Waterways Commerce Cutter
WLB	Ocean-Going Buoy Tender