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Summary

This report provides an overview and analysis of FY2019 appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The primary focus of this report is on congressional direction and funding provided to DHS through the appropriations process. It includes an **Appendix** with definitions of key budget terms used throughout the suite of Congressional Research Service reports on homeland security appropriations. It also directs the reader to other reports providing context for specific component appropriations.

As part of an overall budget that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) estimated to be \$74.88 billion, the Trump Administration requested \$47.43 billion in adjusted net discretionary budget authority through the appropriations process for DHS for FY2018. The request amounted to a \$0.29 billion (0.6%) decrease from the \$47.72 billion in annual appropriations enacted for FY2018 through the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2018 (P.L. 115-141, Division F).

The Administration also requested discretionary funding for DHS components that does not count against discretionary spending limits and is not reflected in the adjusted net discretionary budget authority total. The Administration requested an additional \$6.65 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in disaster relief funding, as defined by the Budget Control Act (P.L. 112-25; BCA), and in the budget request for the Department of Defense (DOD), \$165 million in Overseas Contingency Operations designated funding (OCO) from the Operations and Maintenance budget of the U.S. Navy.

On June 21, 2018, the Senate Committee on Appropriations reported out S. 3109, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2019, accompanied by S.Rept. 115-283. Committee-reported S. 3109 included \$48.33 billion in adjusted net discretionary budget authority for FY2019. This was \$901 million (1.9%) above the level requested by the Administration, and \$611 million (1.3%) above the enacted level for FY2018. The Senate committee-reported bill included the Administration-requested levels for disaster relief funding, and included the OCO funding in an appropriation to the Coast Guard, rather than as a transfer from the U.S. Navy.

This report will be updated as the FY2019 appropriations process continues.

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Introduction

This report describes and analyzes annual appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for FY2019. It compares the enacted FY2018 appropriations for DHS, the Donald J. Trump Administration’s FY2019 budget request, and the appropriations measures developed and considered by Congress in response to it. This report identifies additional informational resources, reports, and products on DHS appropriations that provide context for the discussion, and it provides a list of Congressional Research Service (CRS) policy experts with whom clients may consult on specific topics.

The suite of CRS reports on homeland security appropriations tracks legislative action and congressional issues related to DHS appropriations, with particular attention paid to discretionary funding amounts. These reports do not provide in-depth analysis of specific issues related to mandatory funding—such as retirement pay—nor do they systematically follow other legislation related to the authorizing or amending of DHS programs, activities, or fee revenues.

Discussion of appropriations legislation involves a variety of specialized budgetary concepts. The **Appendix** to this report explains several of these concepts, including budget authority, obligations, outlays, discretionary and mandatory spending, offsetting collections, allocations, and adjustments to the discretionary spending caps under the Budget Control Act (BCA; P.L. 112-25). A more complete discussion of those terms and the appropriations process in general can be found in CRS Report R42388, *The Congressional Appropriations Process: An Introduction*, coordinated by (name redacted) , and the Government Accountability Office’s *A Glossary of Terms Used in the Federal Budget Process*.¹

Describing DHS Funding: Terminology

The annual DHS budget proposal is complex, including a variety of funding mechanisms.² The funding provided through these mechanisms can be totaled in several different ways to summarize what is in the bill. These methods have evolved to answer slightly different questions: how the bill fits into the budget process, the level of resources provided to the agency, and the net cost of the bill to the U.S. government.

- **Discretionary appropriations** include all the discretionary budget authority charged against the appropriations subcommittee’s allocation.³ It excludes specially designated funding (like emergency funding) and mandatory spending.
- **Discretionary funding** is a term used in appropriations committee tables and in this report to indicate a broader total which includes discretionary appropriations, plus specially designated funding (i.e., emergency, overseas contingency operations, or disaster relief designations)—representing a more comprehensive total

¹ U.S. Government Accountability Office, *A Glossary of Terms Used in the Federal Budget Process*, GAO-05-734SP, September 1, 2005, <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-05-734SP>.

² For example, the FY2019 request envisions an appropriations bill that includes discretionary appropriations—budget authority that is provided to the department through appropriations acts; appropriations that are offset by agency collections, such as user fees, resulting in no net effect on the budget; funding that is not subject to the discretionary spending limits due to special designation; transfers of appropriated budget authority between components; appropriations that are considered to be mandatory spending; and rescissions—cancellation of budget authority that otherwise would be available for obligation and thus offsets other spending charged to the bill. Also credited to the discretionary spending in the bill are two elements of “permanent indefinite discretionary spending” that are not included in the actual appropriations bill but are included in the discretionary spending total of the bill because of scorekeeping practices. For a discussion these mechanisms, see the **Appendix**.

³ For a discussion of allocations of discretionary budget authority, see the **Appendix**.

of the resources provided through appropriations measures. This is the definition of the term as it is used in this report.⁴

- When these terms are described as **net**, they are totals net of offsets (such as any offsetting collections and fees)—shifting the description to better reflect the impact on the balance sheet of the U.S. government of a given act rather than the actual level of resources provided by Congress in a given act.

In a departure from the practices of many other agencies, in DHS budget documents, the term **net discretionary budget authority** does not take into account the impact of rescissions—only offsets through collections. Instead, DHS documents refer to **adjusted net discretionary budget authority** to indicate discretionary appropriations net of both offsetting collections and rescissions. This is the total that counts against discretionary spending limits, and it is the total used most commonly in congressional debate about the size of appropriations legislation. To avoid confusion when readers interpret DHS documents, CRS reporting on DHS appropriations uses the latter term to describe that total, rather than the more common usage.

Note on Data and Citations

All amounts contained in the suite of CRS reports on homeland security appropriations represent budget authority. For precision in percentages and totals, all calculations in these reports used unrounded data, which are presented in each report's tables. However, amounts in narrative discussions are rounded to the nearest million (or ten million, in the case of numbers larger than one billion), unless noted otherwise.

Data used in this report for FY2018 amounts are derived from the explanatory statement accompanying P.L. 115-141, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017—Division F of which is the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2018.⁵ The explanatory statement also includes data on FY2018 supplemental appropriations for DHS enacted prior to the development of the consolidated appropriations act for FY2018. Data for the FY2019 requested levels and Senate Appropriations Committee recommendation are drawn from S.Rept. 115-283.

Scoring methodology is consistent across this report, relying on data provided by the Appropriations Committees that has been developed with Congressional Budget Office (CBO) methodology. Comparisons between this data and that developed using Office of Management and Budget (OMB) methodology should be made with caution, as technical scoring differences could result in flawed analysis.

Legislative Action on FY2019 DHS Appropriations

This section provides an overview of the process of enactment of appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for FY2019. It includes the process for the annual appropriations bill from the request through the Senate Appropriations Committee filing its report for the FY2019 DHS Appropriations Act, 2019.

⁴ This definition is drawn from the term's usage in the detail tables provided in multiple House Appropriations Committee reports, conference reports, and explanatory statements. It should be noted that this term has also been used as shorthand for the adjusted net discretionary budget authority in some appropriations committee communications. See https://appropriations.house.gov/uploadedfiles/03.21.18_fy18_omnibus_-_homeland_security_-_summary.pdf for an example.

⁵ The explanatory statement is available in the *Congressional Record* of March 22, 2018, pp. H2544-H2608.

Annual Appropriations

Trump Administration FY2019 Request

On February 12, 2018, the Trump Administration released its budget request for FY2019. The enactment of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-123) three days before had established discretionary spending limits for FY2018 and FY2019, replacing the limits prescribed by the Budget Control Act of 2011 (P.L. 112-25). The Administration chose to submit an addendum to their request in a letter accompanying the formal request documentation, which included additional requests for resources for DHS and several other departments and agencies.⁶

The Trump Administration requested \$47.43 billion in adjusted net discretionary budget authority for DHS for FY2019, as part of an overall budget that the Office of Management and Budget estimated to be \$74.88 billion (including fees, trust funds, and other funding that is not annually appropriated or does not score against discretionary budget limits). The request amounted to a \$0.29 billion (0.6%) decrease from the \$47.72 billion in annual appropriations enacted for FY2018 through the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2018 (P.L. 115-141, Division F).

The Trump Administration also requested discretionary funding for DHS components that does not count against discretionary spending limits set by the Budget Control Act (BCA; P.L. 112-25) and is not reflected in the above totals. The Administration requested an additional \$6.65 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in disaster relief funding, as defined by the BCA, and in the budget request for the Department of Defense, \$165 million in Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terror designated funding (OCO), to be transferred to the Coast Guard.⁷

Senate Action

On June 21, 2018, the Senate Appropriations Committee reported out S. 3109, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2019, accompanied by S.Rept. 115-283. Committee-reported S. 3109 included \$48.33 billion in adjusted net discretionary budget authority for FY2019. This was \$901 million (1.9%) above the level requested by the Administration, and \$611 million (1.3%) above the enacted level for FY2018. The Senate committee-reported bill also included the Administration-requested levels for disaster relief funding, and \$163 million in OCO-designated funding directly for the Coast Guard, as had been done in FY2018, rather than as a transfer, as had been requested by the Administration.

⁶ In addition, as FY2018 annual appropriations had yet to be enacted, the request did not include a comparison of the Administration's proposal to an enacted level for the current fiscal year.

⁷ Information on this OCO funding are provided only for reference: annual appropriations provided in other annual appropriations bills for DHS functions is not tracked in the totals or tables for this report.

Summary of DHS Appropriations

Generally, the homeland security appropriations bill includes all annual appropriations provided for DHS, allocating resources to every departmental component.⁸ Discretionary appropriations⁹ provide roughly two-thirds to three-fourths of the annual funding for DHS operations, depending how one accounts for disaster relief spending and funding for overseas contingency operations.¹⁰ The remainder of the budget is a mix of fee revenues, trust funds, and mandatory spending.

Appropriations measures for DHS typically have been organized into five titles.¹¹ The first four are thematic groupings of components, while the fifth provides general direction to the department, and sometimes includes provisions providing additional budget authority.

Prior to the FY2017 act, the legislative language of many appropriations included directions to components or specific conditions on how the budget authority it provided could be used. Similarly, general provisions provided directions or conditions to one or more components. In the FY2017 act, a number of these provisions within appropriations and component-specific general provisions were grouped at the ends of the titles where their targeted components are funded, and identified as “administrative provisions.”¹² This practice continued in the following years.

The DHS Common Appropriations Structure

When DHS was established in 2003, components of other agencies were brought together over a matter of months, in the midst of ongoing budget cycles. Rather than developing a new structure of appropriations for the entire department, Congress and the Administration continued to provide resources through existing account structures when possible.

At the direction of Congress, in 2014 DHS began to work on a new Common Appropriations Structure (CAS), which would standardize the format of DHS appropriations across components. In an interim report in 2015, DHS noted that operating with “over 70 different appropriations and over 100 Programs, Projects, and Activities ... has contributed to a lack of transparency, inhibited comparisons between programs, and complicated spending decisions and other managerial decision-making.”¹³

⁸ Although most appropriations are available for only one year, not all appropriations are spent in the year they are provided. Some appropriations, such as those for Procurement, Construction, and Improvements, are available for multiple years. Others, such as those for the Disaster Relief Fund, never expire, and are available until they are used or rescinded.

⁹ Generally speaking, those provided through annual legislation. For more detail, see the text box above and the **Appendix**.

¹⁰ These items, which qualify for special designation under the Budget Control Act, provide discretionary budget authority to DHS components but are not included in the “appropriations” total for the bill at the end of the detail tables in the committee reports.

¹¹ Although the House and Senate have generally produced symmetrically structured bills in the past, additional titles are sometimes added by one of the chambers to address special issues. For example, the FY2012 House full committee markup added a sixth title to carry a \$1 billion emergency appropriation for the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF). The Senate version carried no additional titles beyond the five described above. For FY2017, the House and Senate committee bills took different approaches to restructuring appropriations and departmental functions, and ultimately, a sixth title was added to provide supplemental appropriations requested by the then-new Trump Administration.

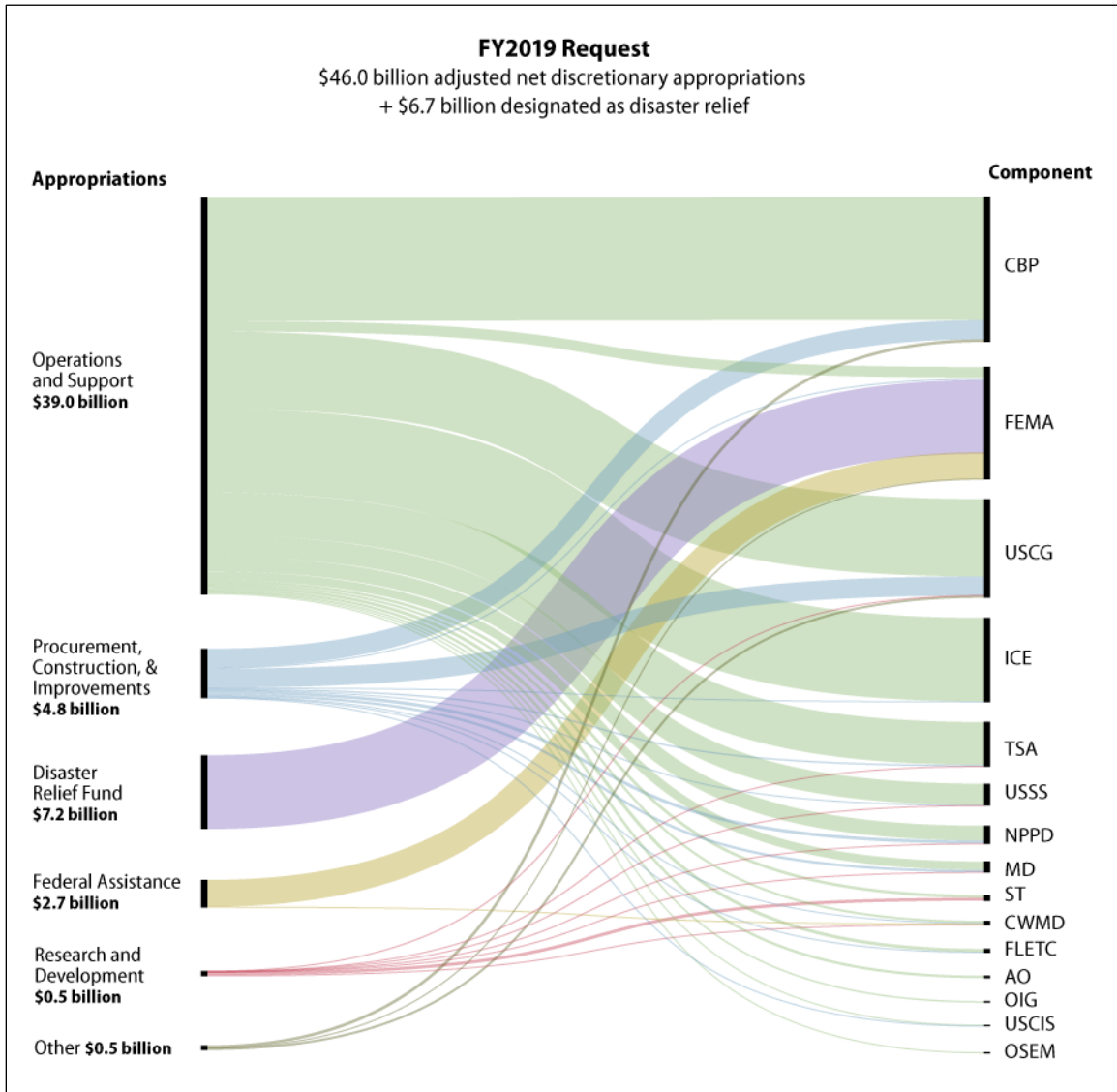
¹² The detail table at the end of the explanatory statement notes the budget authority provided by these provisions, as well as budget authority that scorekeeping rules mandate be included in the act’s total spending.

¹³ Office of the Chief Financial Officer, *A Common Appropriations Structure for DHS: FY2016 Crosswalk*, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, February 2, 2015, p. 2.

After several years of work and negotiations with Congress, DHS made its first budget request in the CAS for FY2017, and implemented it while operating under the continuing resolutions funding the department in October 2016. For FY2017 and FY2018, all DHS components requested appropriations under the CAS except for the Coast Guard, due to constraints of its financial management system. For FY2019, all the components' requests generally conformed to the CAS.

A visual representation of the FY2019 requested funding in this new structure follows in **Figure 1**. On the left CAS appropriations categories are listed next to a black bar representing the total FY2018 funding levels requested for DHS for each category. A catch-all "other" category is included for budget authority associated with the legislation that does not fit the CAS categories. Colored lines flow to the DHS components listed on the right, showing how the amount of funding for each appropriations category is distributed across DHS components. Wider lines indicate greater funding levels, so it is possible to understand how components may be funded differently. For example, while Customs and Border Protection (CBP) gets most of its funding from Operations and Support appropriations, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) receives most of its discretionary funding from the Disaster Relief Fund appropriation.

Figure I. FY2019 Requested Annual Appropriations in the Common Appropriations Structure
(adjusted net discretionary budget authority and disaster relief-designated funding)



Source: CRS analysis of DHS FY2019 Budget-in-Brief.

Note: Disaster relief-designated funding makes up a portion of the Disaster Relief Fund element on the left side of the figure, which includes the cost of a variety of Stafford Act activities unrelated to major disasters.

Abbreviations: CBP, Customs and Border Protection; FEMA, Federal Emergency Management Agency; USCG, U.S. Coast Guard; ICE, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; TSA, Transportation Security Administration; USSS, U.S. Secret Service; NPPD, National Protection and Programs Directorate; MD, Management Directorate; ST, Science and Technology Directorate; CWMD, Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office; FLETC, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center; AO, Analysis and Operations; OIG, Office of the Inspector General; USCIS, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; and OSEM, Office of the Secretary and Executive Management.

DHS Appropriations: Summary by Title

The following sections present textual and tabular comparisons among FY2018 enacted appropriations, FY2019 requested appropriations, and the FY2019 appropriations bills being

developed by Congress for the department. The structure of the appropriations reflects the organization outlined in the detail table of the explanatory statement accompanying the FY2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 115-141).

The tables summarize enacted appropriations for FY2018, and those requested by the Administration, and proposed in appropriations committee-developed legislation under development for FY2019.

- Only the formal request for FY2019 annual appropriations is reflected in the “Request” column.
- The tables include data on enacted annual and supplemental appropriations.
- Instances where appropriations are provided for a title’s components in other parts of the bill (such as in general provisions or by transfer) are shown separately. Supplemental appropriations provided with an emergency designation for a given component in FY2018 are displayed after the subtotal of annual appropriations.
- Following the methodology used by the appropriations committees, totals of “appropriations” do not include resources provided by transfer or under adjustments to discretionary spending limits (i.e., for emergency requirements, overseas contingency operations for the Coast Guard or the cost of major disasters under the Stafford Act for the Federal Emergency Management Agency). Amounts covered by adjustments are included with discretionary appropriations in a separate total for “discretionary funding.”
- A subtotal for each component of total estimated budgetary resources that would be available under the legislation and from other sources (such as fees, mandatory spending, and trust funds) for the given fiscal year is also provided at the end of each component section.
- Totals at the bottom of each table indicate the total net discretionary appropriation for the title on its own, the total net discretionary funding from the annual appropriations bill and any supplemental appropriations (when such were provided), and the projected total estimated budgetary resources for each phase in the appropriations process shown in the table.

Title I—Departmental Management and Operations

Title I, Departmental Management and Operations, the smallest of the component-specific titles, contains appropriations for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management, the Management Directorate,¹⁴ Analysis and Operations (A&O), and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). For FY2018, these components received \$1.36 billion in net discretionary funding through the appropriations process, including \$25 million in FY2018 supplemental appropriations.

- The Trump Administration requested \$1.60 billion in FY2019 net discretionary funding for components included in this title.¹⁵

¹⁴ The Management Directorate includes the Office of the Under Secretary for Management (USM), the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, and the Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO).

¹⁵ This includes \$2 million charged to the discretionary score of the bill for a policy provision regarding expenses of primary and secondary schooling for DHS employee dependents. (The provision was included in the House-passed bill as Division E, Section 530, but not in the Senate draft or enacted FY2018 annual appropriation.)

- In addition, \$24 million was requested as a transfer from the FY2019 appropriation for the Disaster Relief Fund to the OIG.
- Not including the transfer, the appropriations request was \$241 million (17.7%) more than the amount provided for FY2018.
- Senate Appropriations Committee-reported S. 3109 included \$1.47 billion in FY2019 net discretionary funding for the components funded in this title.
 - This was \$137 million (8.6%) less than requested by the Trump Administration and \$103 million (7.6%) more than the amount provided for FY2018.
 - S. 3109 includes \$72 million in discretionary budget authority drawn from unobligated prior-year balances from the DRF, but does not include the proposed transfer of FY2019 DRF resources to the OIG. As a result, the gross budgetary resources provided to components funded in Title I is \$89 million (5.5%) less than the request, and \$176 million (12.9%) more than provided in FY2018.

Table 1 shows these comparisons in greater detail. As resources were requested or provided for the Management Directorate and Office of the Inspector General from outside Title I, separate lines are included for each of those components showing a total for what is provided solely within Title I, then the individual items funded outside the title, followed by the total annual appropriation for the components.

Table I. Budgetary Resources for Departmental Management and Operations Components, FY2017 and FY2018
(budget authority in thousands of dollars)

Component/Appropriation	FY2018	FY2019	
	Enacted	Request	Senate Committee-Reported S. 3109
Office of the Secretary and Executive Management			
Operations and Support	139,602	128,860	132,904
Total Discretionary Appropriations	139,602	128,860	132,904
Total Discretionary Funding	139,602	128,860	132,904
Total Budgetary Resources	139,602	128,860	132,904
Management Directorate			
Operations and Support	710,297	834,704	824,479
Procurement, Construction, and Improvements	29,569	246,069	117,071
Research and Development	2,545	2,545	2,545
Title I Discretionary Appropriations	742,411	1,083,318	944,095
Appropriations drawn from DRF unobligated balances	0	0	72,000

Component/Appropriation	FY2018	FY2019	
	Enacted	Request	Senate Committee-Reported S. 3109
Title I Net Discretionary Appropriations	742,411	1,083,318	872,095
Financial Systems Modernization (Title V)	41,800	0	39,000
Total Net Discretionary Appropriations	784,211	1,083,318	911,095
Total Net Discretionary Funding	784,211	1,083,318	911,095
Total Budgetary Resources	784,211	1,083,318	983,095
Analysis and Operations			
Operations and Support	245,905	253,253	254,476
Total Discretionary Appropriations	245,905	253,253	254,476
Total Discretionary Funding	245,905	253,253	254,476
Total Budgetary Resources	245,905	253,253	254,476
Office of the Inspector General			
Operations and Support	168,000	138,369	168,000
Title I Discretionary Appropriations	168,000	138,369	168,000
<i>Transfer from FEMA's DRF [Title III]^a</i>	0	24,000	0
FY2018 Supplemental Appropriations			
Operations and Support (emergency, P.L. 115-123)	25,000	0	0
Total Discretionary Appropriations	168,000	138,369	168,000
Total Discretionary Funding (all sources, except transfers)	193,000	138,369	168,000
Total Budgetary Resources	193,000	162,369	168,000
Total Net Discretionary Appropriations: Title I	1,295,918	1,603,800	1,427,475
Total Net Discretionary Funding (all sources, except transfers)	1,362,718	1,603,800	1,466,475
Projected Total Gross Budgetary Resources: Title I Components	1,362,718	1,627,800	1,538,475

Sources: CRS analysis of the DHS FY2019 *Budget-in-Brief*, P.L. 115-141 and its explanatory statement as printed in the *Congressional Record* of March 22, 2018, pp. H2544-H2608, and S.Rept. 115-283.

Notes: FEMA = Federal Emergency Management Agency; DRF = Disaster Relief Fund. Appropriation subtotal lines are shaded, numbers in *italics* do not contribute separately to appropriation subtotals, numbers in **bold** represent appropriations plus emergency, disaster relief, and overseas contingency operations-designated funding, numbers in **bold italics** represent totals of all funding tracked in appropriations committee tables.

- a. The Administration requested a \$24 million transfer from FEMA's DRF to pay for oversight of disaster-related activities of the DHS Office of the Inspector General (OIG) that are reflected in the last line of this section and table.

Title II – Security, Enforcement, and Investigations

Title II, Security, Enforcement, and Investigations, contains appropriations for U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the Coast Guard (USCG), and the U.S. Secret Service (USSS). Title II funding represents the majority of DHS’s budget, comprising roughly three-quarters of the funding appropriated annually for the department.

For FY2018, these components received \$39.52 billion in net discretionary funding, as part of \$47.13 billion in projected total budget authority. This included \$1.06 billion in supplemental appropriations.

- The Trump Administration requested \$38.41 billion in FY2019 net discretionary funding for components included in this title, as part of a total budget request for these components of \$47.08 billion for FY2019.¹⁶
 - The funding request was \$45 million (0.1%) less than the amount provided for FY2018, setting aside FY2018 supplemental appropriations.
 - Again setting aside FY2018 supplemental appropriations, the total resources proposed for FY2019 was \$1.01 billion (2.2%) more than projected for FY2018.
- Senate Appropriations Committee-reported S. 3109 included \$38.68 billion in FY2019 net discretionary funding for the components funded in this title.
 - This was \$271 million (0.7%) more than requested by the Trump Administration and \$227 million (0.6%) more than the amount provided for FY2018, setting aside FY2018 supplemental appropriations.
 - The total budgetary resources projected would be \$614 million (1.3%) less than the Administration’s request (largely due to rejection of a proposed TSA fee increase), but \$391 million (0.8%) more than projected for FY2018, again setting aside FY2018 supplemental appropriations.

Table 2 shows these comparisons in greater detail.

Table 2. Budgetary Resources for Security, Enforcement, and Investigations Components, FY2018 and FY2019

(budget authority in thousands of dollars)

Component/Appropriation	FY2018	FY2019	
	Enacted	Request	Senate Committee-Reported S. 3109
Customs and Border Protection (Annual)			
Operations and Support	11,485,164	12,119,643	11,963,581
Procurement, Construction and Improvements	2,281,357	1,841,548	2,028,872

¹⁶ Other resources that contribute to the budget for these components include mandatory spending, fee revenues, and trust funds.

Component/Appropriation	FY2018	FY2019	
	Enacted	Request	Senate Committee -Reported S. 3109
CBP Services at User Fee Facilities (Permanent Indefinite Discretionary)	9,001	8,941	8,941
Colombia Free Trade Act Collections (Administrative Provision)	242,000	255,000	255,000
Reimbursable Preclearance (Administrative Provision)	39,000	39,000	39,000
Total Annual Discretionary Appropriations	14,056,522	14,264,132	14,295,394
Offsetting Collection (Reimbursable Preclearance)	39,000	39,000	39,000
Total Annual Net Discretionary Appropriations	14,017,522	14,225,132	14,256,394
FY2018 Supplemental Appropriations			
Operations and Support (emergency, P.L. 115-123)	104,494	0	0
Procurement, Construction and Improvements (emergency, P.L. 115-123)	45,000	0	0
Total Net Discretionary Funding	14,167,016	14,225,132	14,256,394
Fees, Mandatory Spending, and Trust Funds	2,300,668	2,455,185	2,297,702
Total Budgetary Resources	16,506,684	16,680,317	16,554,096
Immigration and Customs Enforcement			
Operations and Support	6,993,975	8,220,625	7,139,842
Procurement, Construction, and Improvements	81,899	70,431	70,431
Total Annual Discretionary Appropriations	7,075,874	8,291,056	7,210,273
FY2018 Supplemental Appropriations			
Operations and Support (emergency, P.L. 115-123)	30,905	0	0
Procurement, Construction, and Improvements (emergency, P.L. 115-123)	33,052	0	0
Total Discretionary Funding	7,139,831	8,291,056	7,210,273

Component/Appropriation	FY2018	FY2019	
	Enacted	Request	Senate Committee -Reported S. 3109
Fees, Mandatory Spending, and Trust Funds	376,610	525,600	318,000
Total Budgetary Resources	7,516,441	8,816,656	7,528,273
Transportation Security Administration			
Operations and Support	7,207,851	7,075,950	7,302,455
Procurement, Construction, and Improvements	167,314	139,629	189,629
Research and Development	20,190	20,594	20,594
Total Annual Discretionary Appropriations	7,395,355	7,236,173	7,512,678
Offsetting Collections (Operations and Support)	2,470,000	3,190,000	2,670,000
Total Net Discretionary Appropriations	4,925,355	4,046,173	4,842,678
FY2018 Supplemental Appropriations			
Operations and Support (emergency, P.L. 115-123)	10,322	0	0
Total Net Discretionary Funding	4,935,677	4,046,173	4,842,678
Fees, Mandatory Spending, and Trust Funds	490,559	489,855	489,855
Total Budgetary Resources	7,896,236	7,726,058	8,002,563
U.S. Coast Guard^a			
Operations and Support ^b	7,488,188	7,593,138	7,792,409
Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) Adjustment—included in Operations and Support ^c	163,000	0	165,000
Environmental Compliance and Restoration	13,397	*d	13,429
Procurement, Construction, and Improvements	2,694,745	1,886,750	2,169,260
Research and Development	29,141	19,109	20,109
Health Care Fund Contribution (Permanent Indefinite Discretionary)	204,136	199,360	199,360
Coast Guard Continuation of Pay (Administrative Provision)	2,000	0	0

Component/Appropriation	FY2018	FY2019	
	Enacted	Request	Senate Committee -Reported S. 3109
Total Discretionary Appropriations (does not include OCO)	10,268,607	9,698,357	10,194,567
FY2018 Supplemental Appropriations			
Operating Expenses	112,136	0	0
Environmental Compliance and Restoration	4,038	0	0
Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements	718,919	0	0
Total Discretionary Funding (includes emergency and OCO)	11,266,700	9,698,357	10,194,567
Fees, Mandatory Spending, and Trust Funds	1,676,117	1,739,844	1,739,844
Total Budgetary Resources	12,942,817	11,438,201	11,934,411
U.S. Secret Service			
Operations and Support	1,915,794	2,084,308	2,093,684
Procurement, Construction, and Improvements	90,480	64,816	83,531
Research and Development	250	2,500	2,500
Total Discretionary Appropriations	2,006,524	2,151,624	2,179,715
Total Discretionary Funding	2,006,524	2,151,624	2,179,715
Fees, Mandatory Spending, and Trust Funds	265,000	265,000	265,000
Total Budgetary Resources	2,271,524	2,416,624	2,444,715
Total Net Discretionary Appropriations: Title II	38,291,882	38,412,342	38,518,627
Total Net Discretionary Funding: Title II Components (All Sources)	39,513,748	38,412,342	38,683,627
Projected Total Gross Budgetary Resources: Title II Components	47,131,706	47,077,856	46,464,058

Sources: CRS analysis of the DHS FY2019 Budget-in-Brief, P.L. 115-141 and its explanatory statement as printed in the *Congressional Record* of March 22, 2018, pp. H2544-H2608, and S.Rept. 115-283.

Notes: Appropriation subtotal lines are shaded, numbers in *italics* do not contribute separately to appropriation subtotals, numbers in **bold** represent appropriations plus emergency, disaster relief, and overseas contingency operations-designated funding, numbers in **bold italics** represent totals of all funding tracked in appropriations committee tables. Fee revenues included in the “Fees, Mandatory Spending, and Trust Funds” lines are projections, and do not include budget authority provided through general provisions.

- a. FY2019 was the first year that appropriations were requested for the USCG in the Common Appropriations Structure (CAS). This table shows FY2018 annual appropriations redistributed into the CAS.
- b. In the FY2019 budget request this appropriation incorporates the former Operating Expenses, Reserve Training, and Environmental Compliance and Restoration appropriations. In the Senate-reported bill, Environmental Compliance and Restoration was maintained as a separate appropriation. The Table reflects the Senate-reported structure.
- c. \$165,000,000 was requested by the Trump Administration for the Coast Guard from the Navy's OCO Operations and Maintenance appropriation (see pp. 359-366 of *Department of the Navy Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Estimates, Justification of Estimates, February 2018, Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) Request*, at http://www.secnav.navy.mil/fmc/fmb/Documents/19pres/OCO_BOOK.pdf).
- d. \$13,429,000 for Environmental Compliance and Restoration was included as part of the Trump Administration's FY2019 request for USCG Operations and Support.

Title III—Protection, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery

Title III, Protection, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery, contains appropriations for the National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD), the Office of Health Affairs (OHA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). It is the second largest of the component-specific titles.

For FY2018, these components received \$7.22 billion in net discretionary appropriations and \$7.37 billion in specially designated funding for disaster relief through the annual appropriations process. In addition to that annual funding, \$58.23 billion was provided for FEMA in emergency supplemental appropriations in FY2018. Incorporating all these elements, the total net discretionary funding level for all Title III components was \$72.61 billion for FY2018.

- The Trump Administration requested \$6.19 billion in FY2019 net discretionary appropriations for components included in this title, and \$6.65 billion in specially designated funding for disaster relief as part of a total net discretionary funding level for these components of \$12.84 billion for FY2019.¹⁷
 - Setting aside the \$58.23 billion in FY2018 supplemental appropriations, the appropriations request was \$1.54 billion (10.7%) less than the amount provided for FY2018 in net discretionary funding.
- Senate Appropriations Committee-reported S. 3109 included \$13.54 billion in FY2019 net discretionary funding for the components funded in this title.
 - This was \$694 million (5.4%) more than requested by the Trump Administration and \$847 million (5.9%) less than the amount provided for FY2018, setting aside supplemental funding.
 - The total budgetary resources projected would be \$718 million (3.8%) more than the Administration's request, but \$1.29 billion (6.2%) less than projected for FY2018, setting aside supplemental funding.
 - The Senate committee-reported bill included within these totals the requested disaster relief funding of \$6.65 billion, and offset \$228 million in its Federal Assistance appropriation from unobligated DRF balances.

¹⁷ In addition to the appropriations provided in Title III, the appropriation for a FEMA grant program in Title V to help pay the costs of presidential protection, and the funding for disaster relief (\$24 million of which was requested to be transferred to the OIG), roughly \$1.73 billion is provided through offsetting collections to the Federal Protective Service and FEMA—but as it is funded through offsetting collections, it is not visible in the net discretionary appropriations total. Other resources that contribute to the budget for these components include mandatory spending, fee revenues, and trust funds, including the National Flood Insurance Fund.

Table 3 shows these comparisons in greater detail. As some annually appropriated resources were provided for FEMA from outside Title III in FY2018, a separate line is included for FEMA showing a total for what is provided solely within Title III, then the non-Title III appropriation, followed by the total annual appropriation for FEMA.

Table 3. Budgetary Resources for Protection, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Components, FY2018 and FY2019

(budget authority in thousands of dollars)

Component/Appropriation	FY2018	FY2019	
	Enacted	Request	Senate Committee-Reported S. 3109
National Protection and Programs Directorate			
Operations and Support	1,482,165	1,470,340	1,568,718
Procurement, Construction, and Improvements	414,111	302,964	369,778
Research and Development	15,126	47,847	11,126
Federal Protective Service	1,476,055	1,527,110	1,527,110
Total Discretionary Appropriations	3,387,457	3,348,261	3,476,732
Offsetting Collections (Federal Protective Service)	1,476,055	1,527,110	1,527,110
Total Net Discretionary Appropriations	1,911,402	1,821,151	1,949,622
Total Discretionary Funding	1,911,402	1,821,151	1,949,622
Total Budgetary Resources	3,387,457	3,348,261	3,476,732
Office of Health Affairs^a			
Operations and Support	121,569	0	121,569
Total Discretionary Appropriations	121,569	0	121,569
Total Discretionary Funding	121,569	0	121,569
Total Budgetary Resources	121,569	0	121,569
Federal Emergency Management Agency			
Operations and Support	1,030,135	1,036,282	1,054,838
Procurement, Construction, and Improvements	85,276	103,349	128,349
Federal Assistance	3,293,932	2,644,733	3,272,939

Component/Appropriation	FY2018	FY2019	
	Enacted	Request	Senate Committee -Reported S. 3109
Disaster Relief Fund ^b	7,900,720	7,234,000	7,234,000
<i>Disaster relief designation</i>	7,366,000	6,652,000	6,652,000
DRF base funding	534,720	582,000	582,000
<i>Transfer to DHS Office of Inspector General</i>	0	24,000	0
Subtotal: Net disaster relief funding	7,900,720	7,210,000	7,234,000
National Flood Insurance Fund (NFIF)	203,500	201,691	201,691
Disaster Assistance Direct Loan Program	0	3,000	3,000
Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program (Administrative Provisions)	-1,024	-665	-665
Title III Discretionary Appropriations (does not include transfers, emergency or disaster relief-designated funding)	5,146,539	4,570,390	5,242,152
Presidential Residence Protection (Title V)	41,000	0	0
Total Annual Discretionary Appropriations	5,187,539	4,570,390	5,242,152
Appropriations drawn from DRF unobligated balances (Federal Assistance)	0	0	228,000
Offsetting Collections (NFIF)	203,500	201,691	201,691
Total Annual Net Discretionary Appropriations	4,984,039	4,368,699	4,812,461
FY2018 Supplemental Appropriations			
Operations and Support (emergency, P.L. 115-123)	58,800	0	0
Procurement, Construction, and Improvements (emergency, P.L. 115-123)	1,200	0	0
Disaster Relief Fund (emergency, P.L. 115-56 (FY2017), P.L. 115-72, P.L. 115-123)	42,170,000	0	0

Component/Appropriation	FY2018	FY2019	
	Enacted	Request	Senate Committee-Reported S. 3109
National Flood Insurance Fund (emergency, P.L. 115-72)	16,000,000	0	0
Total Discretionary Funding (includes emergency and disaster relief-designated funding)	70,580,039	11,020,699	11,464,461
Fees, Mandatory Spending, and Trust Funds	4,779,036	4,484,683	4,484,683
Total Budgetary Resources	75,562,575	15,481,382	15,949,144
Total Net Discretionary Appropriations: Title III	7,179,510	6,189,850	6,883,652
Total Discretionary Funding: Title III Components (All Sources)	72,613,010	12,841,850	13,535,652
Projected Total Gross Budgetary Resources: Title III Components	79,071,601	18,829,643	19,547,445

Sources: CRS analysis of the DHS FY2019 Budget-in-Brief, P.L. 115-141 and its explanatory statement as printed in the *Congressional Record* of March 22, 2018, pp. H2544-H2608, and S.Rept. 115-283.

Notes: Appropriation subtotal lines are shaded, numbers in [brackets] are subtotals presented for convenience of the reader, numbers in *italics* do not contribute separately to appropriation subtotals, numbers in **bold** represent appropriations plus emergency, disaster relief, and overseas contingency operations-designated funding, numbers in **bold italics** represent totals of all funding tracked in appropriations committee tables. Fee revenues included in the “Fees, Mandatory Spending, and Trust Funds” lines are projections, and do not include budget authority provided through general provisions.

- a. The Administration proposed reorganizing the Office of Health Affairs (OHA) and Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) into the Office of Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction. The Senate Appropriations Committee did not object to the restructuring, but continued to present OHA appropriations in the old structure, as the authorizing committees had not ratified the move.
- b. This line is a subtotal of the “Base” line and the “Major Disasters” line (also known as the disaster relief adjustment)—it represents the total resources provided to the DRF. Amounts covered by the disaster relief adjustment (or other adjustments, such as those for emergency requirements or overseas contingency operations) are not included in appropriations totals, but are included in discretionary funding and other budget authority totals, per appropriations committee practice.

Title IV—Research and Development, Training, and Services

Title IV, Research and Development, Training, and Services, the second smallest of the component-specific titles, contains appropriations for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), the Science and Technology Directorate (S&T), and the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO). In FY2018, these components received \$1.57 billion in net discretionary funding, as part of a projected total budget of \$5.92 billion. This included \$10 million in supplemental appropriations for FLETC.

- The Trump Administration requested \$1.53 billion in FY2019 net discretionary funding for components included in this title, as part of a total budget for these components of \$6.11 billion for FY2018.
 - The funding request was \$36 million (2.3%) less than the amount provided for FY2018, setting aside supplemental appropriations, although the overall budget request was \$201 million (3.3%) higher than the annual budget projected for FY2018 (again, setting aside supplemental funding). This is due to changes in anticipated fee collections for USCIS and reorganization of most of the Office of Health Affairs and DNDO into the new CWMD component reflected in the request.
- Senate Appropriations Committee-reported S. 3109 included \$1.53 billion in net discretionary funding for components included in this title, as part of a projected total budget of \$6.23 billion.
 - This was \$115 million (7.5%) more than requested, and \$79 million (5.0%) less than the amount provided for FY2018, not including supplemental funding.
 - The total budgetary resources projected would be \$115 million (1.9%) more than the administration’s request, and \$316 million (5.3%) more than projected for FY2018, setting aside supplemental funding.

Table 4 shows these comparisons in greater detail.

Table 4. Budgetary Resources for Research and Development, Training, and Services Components, FY2018 and FY2019
(budget authority in thousands of dollars)

Component/Appropriation	FY2018	FY2019	
	Enacted	Request	Senate Committee-Reported S. 3109
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services			
Operations and Support	108,856	109,081	109,081
Procurement, Construction, and Improvements	22,657	22,838	22,838
H2B Returning Worker (Administrative Provision)	0		
Immigration Authorization Extensions (Administrative Provision)	1,000		
Total Annual Discretionary Appropriations	132,513	131,919	131,919
Total Discretionary Funding	132,513	131,919	131,919
Fees, Mandatory Spending, and Trust Funds	4,350,526	4,587,651	4,587,651

Component/Appropriation	FY2018	FY2019	
	Enacted	Request	Senate Committee-Reported S. 3109
Total Budgetary Resources	4,483,039	4,719,570	4,719,570
Federal Law Enforcement Training Center			
Operations and Support	254,000	296,557	275,666
Procurement, Construction, and Improvements	0	85,577	85,577
Total Annual Discretionary Appropriations	254,000	382,134	361,243
FY2018 Supplemental Appropriations			
Operations and Support (emergency, P.L. 115-141)	5,374	0	0
Procurement, Construction, and Improvements (emergency, P.L. 115-141)	5,000	0	0
Total Discretionary Funding	264,374	382,134	361,243
Total Budgetary Resources	264,374	382,134	361,243
Science and Technology			
Operations and Support	331,113	271,803	308,520
Research and Development	509,830	311,480	504,596
Total Discretionary Appropriations	840,943	583,283	813,116
Total Discretionary Funding	840,943	583,283	813,116
Total Budgetary Resources	840,943	583,283	813,116
Domestic Nuclear Detection Office			
Operations and Support	54,664	0	54,664
Procurement, Construction, and Improvements	89,096	0	89,096
Research and Development	145,661	0	145,661
Federal Assistance	46,019	0	46,019
Total Discretionary Appropriations	335,440	0	335,440
Total Discretionary Funding	335,440	0	335,440

Component/Appropriation	FY2018	FY2019	
	Enacted	Request	Senate Committee-Reported S. 3109
Total Budgetary Resources	335,440	0	335,440
Office of Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction			
Operations and Support	0	209,264	0
Procurement, Construction, and Improvements	0	74,896	0
Research and Development	0	80,443	0
Federal Assistance	0	64,663	0
Total Discretionary Appropriations	0	429,266	0
Total Discretionary Funding	0	429,266	0
Total Budgetary Resources	0	429,266	0
Total Net Discretionary Appropriations: Title IV	1,562,896	1,526,602	1,641,718
Total Discretionary Funding: Title IV Components (All Sources)	1,573,270	1,526,602	1,641,718
Projected Total Gross Budgetary Resources for Title IV Components	5,923,796	6,114,253	6,114,253

Source: CRS analysis of the DHS FY2019 Budget-in-Brief, P.L. 115-141 and its explanatory statement as printed in the *Congressional Record* of March 22, 2018, pp. H2544-H2608, and S.Rept. 115-283.

Notes: Appropriation subtotal lines are shaded, numbers in *italics* do not contribute separately to appropriation subtotals, numbers in **bold** represent appropriations plus emergency, disaster relief, and overseas contingency operations-designated funding, numbers in **bold italics** represent totals of all funding tracked in appropriations committee tables. Fee revenues included in the “Fees, Mandatory Spending, and Trust Funds” lines are projections.

Title V—General Provisions

As noted above, the fifth title of the act contains general provisions, the impact of which may reach across the entire department, affect multiple components, or focus on a single activity. Rescissions of prior-year appropriations—cancellations of budget authority that reduce the net funding level in the bill—are found in this title.¹⁸

For FY2018, Division F of P.L. 115-141 included \$489 million in rescissions. For FY2019, the Administration proposed rescinding \$300 million in prior-year funding from the DRF. S. 3109

¹⁸ As noted elsewhere, general provisions also may provide funding. Incidences where this occurs in the act are reflected in Tables 1-4.

included \$137 million in rescissions from other appropriations, but specifically directed the \$300 million the Administration had proposed rescinding to other activities within DHS.

In FY2018, funding was also included in Title V for the Financial Systems Modernization initiative and a grant program for Presidential Residence Protection costs, which are reflected in the tables for Title I and Title III, respectively, as those titles fund the components that manage these resources. For FY2019, S. 3109 only funded the Financial Systems Modernization initiative in Title V.

For Further Information

For additional perspectives on FY2019 DHS appropriations, see the following:

- CRS Report R44604, *Trends in the Timing and Size of DHS Appropriations: In Brief*;
- CRS Report R44052, *DHS Budget v. DHS Appropriations: Fact Sheet*; and
- CRS Report R45262, *Comparing DHS Component Funding, FY2019: In Brief*.

Readers also may wish to consult CRS’s experts directly. The following table lists names and contact information for the CRS analysts and specialists who contribute to CRS DHS appropriations reports.

Table 5. DHS Appropriations Experts

Component/Issue Area	Name	Background Report
DHS Annual and Supplemental Appropriations, Overall	William Painter	
Departmental Management, Personnel Issues	(name redacted)	CRS Report R44847, <i>Selected Homeland Security Issues in the 115th Congress</i>
DHS Headquarters Consolidation	William Painter	CRS Report R42753, <i>DHS Headquarters Consolidation Project: Issues for Congress</i>
Analysis and Operations	William Painter (acting)	
Office of the Inspector General	(name redacted)	CRS Report R43814, <i>Federal Inspectors General: History, Characteristics, and Recent Congressional Actions</i>
U.S. Customs and Border Protection	(name redacted)	CRS Report R42138, <i>Border Security: Immigration Enforcement Between Ports of Entry</i>
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement	(name redacted)	CRS Report R44627, <i>Interior Immigration Enforcement: Criminal Alien Programs</i>
Transportation Security Administration	(name redacted)	CRS Report R45082, <i>Security of Air Cargo Shipments, Operations, and Facilities</i> ; and CRS Report RL33512, <i>Transportation Security: Issues for the 115th Congress</i>
U.S. Coast Guard	(name redacted)	CRS Report R44566, <i>The Coast Guard’s Role in Safeguarding Maritime Transportation: Selected Issues</i>
U.S. Secret Service	(name redacted)	CRS Report RL34603, <i>The U.S. Secret Service: History and Missions</i>

Component/Issue Area	Name	Background Report
National Protection and Programs Directorate		
Cybersecurity	(name redacted)	CRS In Focus IF10683, <i>DHS's Cybersecurity Mission—An Overview</i>
Infrastructure Protection	(name redacted)	
Federal Protective Service	(name redacted)	CRS Report R43570, <i>Federal Building and Facility Security: Frequently Asked Questions</i>
Office of Health Affairs	(name redacted)	CRS Report R44786, <i>Science and Technology Issues in the 115th Congress</i>
Federal Emergency Management Agency		
Operations and Mitigation	(name redacted)	CRS Report R41981, <i>Congressional Primer on Responding to Major Disasters and Emergencies</i>
Preparedness Grants	(name redacted)	CRS Report R44669, <i>Department of Homeland Security Preparedness Grants: A Summary and Issues</i>
Firefighter Assistance Grants	(name redacted)	CRS Report RL32341, <i>Assistance to Firefighters Program: Distribution of Fire Grant Funding</i> ; and CRS Report RL33375, <i>Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response: The SAFER Grant Program</i>
Disaster Relief Fund	(name redacted)	
Disaster Declarations	(name redacted)	CRS Report R42702, <i>Stafford Act Declarations 1953-2016: Trends, Analyses, and Implications for Congress</i>
National Flood Insurance Program	(name redacted)	CRS Report R44593, <i>Introduction to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)</i>
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services	(name redacted)	CRS Report R44038, <i>U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Functions and Funding</i>
Science and Technology	(name redacted)	CRS Report R44786, <i>Science and Technology Issues in the 115th Congress</i>
Domestic Nuclear Detection Office	(name redacted)	CRS Report R44786, <i>Science and Technology Issues in the 115th Congress</i>

Appendix. Appropriations Terms and Concepts

Budget Authority, Obligations, and Outlays

Federal government spending involves a multistep process that begins with the enactment of budget authority by Congress. Federal agencies then obligate funds from enacted budget authority to pay for their activities. Finally, payments are made to liquidate those obligations; the actual payment amounts are reflected in the budget as outlays.

Budget authority is established through appropriations acts or direct spending legislation and determines the amounts that are available for federal agencies to spend. The Antideficiency Act¹⁹ prohibits federal agencies from obligating more funds than the budget authority enacted by Congress. Budget authority also may be indefinite in amount, as when Congress enacts language providing “such sums as may be necessary” to complete a project or purpose. Budget authority may be available on a one-year, multiyear, or no-year basis. One-year budget authority is available for obligation only during a specific fiscal year; any unobligated funds at the end of that year are no longer available for spending. Multiyear budget authority specifies a range of time during which funds may be obligated for spending, and no-year budget authority is available for obligation for an indefinite period of time.

Obligations are incurred when federal agencies employ personnel, enter into contracts, receive services, and engage in similar transactions in a given fiscal year—which create a legal requirement for the government to pay. *Outlays* are the funds that are actually spent during the fiscal year.²⁰ Because multiyear and no-year budget authorities may be obligated over a number of years, outlays do not always match the budget authority enacted in a given year. Additionally, budget authority may be obligated in one fiscal year but spent in a future fiscal year, especially with certain contracts.

In sum, budget authority allows federal agencies to incur obligations and authorizes payments, or outlays, to be made from the Treasury. Discretionary funded agencies and programs, and appropriated entitlement programs, are funded each year in appropriations acts.

Discretionary and Mandatory Spending

Gross budget authority, or the total funds available for spending by a federal agency, may be composed of discretionary and mandatory spending. Discretionary spending is not mandated by existing law and is thus appropriated yearly by Congress through appropriations acts. The Budget Enforcement Act of 1990²¹ defines *discretionary appropriations* as budget authority provided in annual appropriations acts and the outlays derived from that authority, but it excludes appropriations for entitlements. *Mandatory spending*, also known as *direct spending*, consists of budget authority and resulting outlays provided in laws other than appropriations acts and is typically not appropriated each year. Some mandatory entitlement programs, however, must be

¹⁹ 31 U.S.C. §§1341, 1342, 1344, 1511-1517.

²⁰ Appropriations, outlays, and account balances for various appropriations accounts can be viewed in the end-of-year reports published by the U.S. Treasury titled *Combined Statement of Receipts, Outlays, and Balances of the United States Government*. The DHS portion of the report can be accessed at <http://fms.treas.gov/annualreport/cs2005/c18.pdf>.

²¹ P.L. 101-508, Title XIII.

appropriated each year and are included in appropriations acts. Within DHS, Coast Guard retirement pay is an example of appropriated mandatory spending.

Offsetting Collections²²

Offsetting funds are collected by the federal government, either from government accounts or the public, as part of a business-type transaction such as collection of a fee. These funds are not considered federal revenue. Instead, they are counted as negative outlays. DHS *net discretionary budget authority*, or the total funds appropriated by Congress each year, is composed of discretionary spending minus any fee or fund collections that offset discretionary spending.

Some collections offset a portion of an agency's discretionary budget authority. Other collections offset an agency's mandatory spending. These mandatory spending elements are typically entitlement programs under which individuals, businesses, or units of government that meet the requirements or qualifications established by law are entitled to receive certain payments if they establish eligibility. The DHS budget features two mandatory entitlement programs: the Secret Service and the Coast Guard retired pay accounts (pensions). Some entitlements are funded by permanent appropriations, and others are funded by annual appropriations. Secret Service retirement pay is a permanent appropriation and, as such, is not annually appropriated. In contrast, Coast Guard retirement pay is annually appropriated. In addition to these entitlements, the DHS budget contains offsetting Trust and Public Enterprise Funds. These funds are not appropriated by Congress. They are available for obligation and included in the President's budget to calculate the gross budget authority.

302(a) and 302(b) Allocations

In general practice, the maximum budget authority for annual appropriations (including DHS) is determined through a two-stage congressional budget process. In the first stage, Congress sets overall spending totals in the annual concurrent resolution on the budget. Subsequently, these totals are allocated among the appropriations committees, usually through the statement of managers for the conference report on the budget resolution. These amounts are known as the *302(a) allocations*. They include discretionary totals available to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations for enactment in annual appropriations bills through the subcommittees responsible for the development of the bills.

In the second stage of the process, the appropriations committees allocate the 302(a) discretionary funds among their subcommittees for each of the appropriations bills. These amounts are known as the *302(b) allocations*. These allocations must add up to no more than the 302(a) discretionary allocation and form the basis for enforcing budget discipline, since any bill reported with a total above the ceiling is subject to a point of order. The 302(b) allocations may be adjusted during the year by the respective Appropriations Committee issuing a report delineating the revised suballocations as the various appropriations bills progress toward final enactment. No subcommittee allocations are developed for conference reports or enacted appropriations bills.

Table A-1 shows comparable figures for the 302(b) allocation for FY2018, based on the adjusted net discretionary budget authority included in Division F of P.L. 115-141, the President's request for FY2019, and the House and Senate subcommittee allocations for the Homeland Security appropriations bills for FY2019.

²² Prepared with assistance from (name redacted), Analyst in American National Government.

Table A-I. FY2017 and FY2018 302(b) Discretionary Allocations for DHS
(budget authority in billions of dollars)

FY2018 Comparable	FY2019 Request Comparable	FY2019 House Allocation	FY2019 Senate Allocation	FY2019 Enacted Comparable
47.723	41.194	51.403	48.334	n/a

Sources: CRS analysis of S.Rept. 115-288, *Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2019*, and H.Rept. 115-779, *Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2019*.

Notes: These allocations do not include funding designated as an emergency requirement, designated as being for overseas contingency operations, or designated as being for the costs of major disasters under the Stafford Act (“disaster relief”).

The Budget Control Act, Discretionary Spending Caps, and Adjustments

The Budget Control Act established enforceable discretionary limits, or caps, for defense and nondefense spending for each fiscal year from FY2012 through FY2021. Subsequent legislation, including the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013,²³ amended those caps. Most of the budget for DHS is considered nondefense spending.²⁴

In addition, the Budget Control Act allows for adjustments that would raise the statutory caps to cover funding for overseas contingency operations/Global War on Terror, emergency spending, and, to a limited extent, disaster relief and appropriations for continuing disability reviews and control of health care fraud and abuse.

Three of the four justifications outlined in the Budget Control Act for adjusting the caps on discretionary budget authority have played a role in DHS’s appropriations process. Two of these—emergency spending and overseas contingency operations/Global War on Terror—are not limited.

The third justification—disaster relief—is limited. Under the Budget Control Act, the allowable adjustment for disaster relief was determined by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), using the following formula until FY2019:

Limit on disaster relief cap adjustment for the fiscal year = Rolling average of the disaster relief spending over the last ten fiscal years (throwing out the high and low years) + the unused amount of the potential adjustment for disaster relief from the previous fiscal year.

The disaster relief allowable adjustment for FY2018 was \$7.366 billion, and was used to support appropriations to FEMA’s Disaster Relief Fund (DRF).²⁵ The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 amended the above formula, increasing the allowable size of the adjustment by adding 5% of the amount of emergency-designated funding for major disasters under the Stafford Act, calculated by OMB as \$6.296 billion.²⁶ The act also extended the availability of unused adjustment capacity.

²³ P.L. 113-67.

²⁴ Most of the defense spending in the DHS budget is in the budget for the National Protection and Programs Directorate. Other defense spending is also included in the budgets for the U.S. Coast Guard and Federal Emergency Management Agency.

²⁵ Office of Management and Budget, *OMB Final Sequestration Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2017*, Washington, DC, May 19, 2017, pp. 7-8, https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/omb/sequestration_reports/2017_final_sequestration_report_may_2017_potus.pdf.

²⁶ Letter from Mick Mulvaney, Director, OMB, to the Honorable Patrick Leahy, Vice Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, United States Senate, April 23, 2018.

OMB plans to release a sequestration update report for FY2019 in August 2018, which is to include the new official estimate for the FY2019 allowable adjustment.²⁷

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