

Appropriations for the Stewardship of God's Creation

U.S. Congress appropriates funding for programs that support the stewardship of God's creation, promoting clean air and water, productive land, biological diversity, and healthy human communities. Congress also funds major international development initiatives that empower communities affected by climate change, as well as domestic and international efforts to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. These environmental programs are essential to the food security, welfare, and economic productivity of human populations across the globe.

The Episcopal Church's General Convention policy supports clean air and water and climate change mitigation. Our policy urges Episcopalians to support environmental stewardship, and equipped with this mandate you can advocate for critical environmental programs funded through the appropriations process. We believe that cuts to these programs will have serious negative impacts on at-risk and low-income communities, while appropriate funding levels will allow these programs to effectively steward our environment while safeguarding those most in need.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

The EPA rigorously investigates, creates, and implements standards for clean air, land, and water and works to promote public health within human communities throughout the United States. **For Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18), we request \$8.27 billion to fund the EPA and its programs**, including:

- Clean Air and Climate, which implements the Clean Air Act (through working to decrease harmful atmospheric pollution), promotes climate change science, and mitigates greenhouse gas emissions (FY18 funding ask: \$469.1 million).
- State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) and Categorical Grants, which are awarded to organizations that support Tribal governments to implement environmental laws and standards (FY18 funding ask: \$3.28 billion)

The Department of Energy (DOE)

The Department of Energy oversees research, development, and implementation of critical renewable energy and energy efficiency programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. For FY18, **we request that congressional appropriators authorize \$32.5 billion to fund the DOE** and its programmatic initiatives, including:

- The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, which invests in research and development for programs that promote clean transportation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy (FY18 funding ask: \$4.23 billion)

The Department of State

The State Department oversees the United States' contributions to the Green Climate Fund (GCF), an important financial instrument that promotes climate change mitigation and adaptation in developing countries and supports the goals of the international Paris Agreement. For FY18, **we request \$750 million for the GCF**.

The Department of Interior (DOI)

The DOI manages our nation's public lands and waterways, furthering the protection of endangered species, and environmental conservation. This agency also works to honor commitments made by the federal government to Alaska Natives and American Indians. For FY 18, **we urge Congress to appropriate \$13.4 billion to the DOI**.

