



FY 2026 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 2026 Unfunded Priorities List,” prepared by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Section 5108 of Title 14 and Section 3113 of Title 50, 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 Ted Cruz
Chairman, Senate Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation

The Honorable Mark Amodei
Chairman, House Appropriations
Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Ken Calvert
Chairman, House Appropriations
Subcommittee on Defense

The Honorable Rick Crawford
Chairman, House Permanent Select
Committee on Intelligence

The Honorable Katie Britt
Chairman, Senate Appropriations
Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Chairman, Senate Appropriations
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The Honorable Tom Cotton
Chairman, Senate Select Committee
on Intelligence

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member, House Committee on
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The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on
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The Honorable Lauren Underwood
Ranking Member, House Appropriations
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The Honorable Betty McCollum
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Subcommittee on Defense

The Honorable Jim Himes
Ranking Member, House Permanent Select
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The Honorable Christopher Murphy
Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations
Subcommittee on Homeland Security.

The Honorable Christopher A. Coons
Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations
Subcommittee on Defense

The Honorable Mark R. Warner
Ranking Member, Senate Select Committee
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Please direct report inquiries to my Senate Liaison Office at (202) 224-2913 or House Liaison Office at (202) 225-4775.

Sincerely,



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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.), and Section 3113 of Title 50 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.

50 U.S.C. §3113. Unfunded priorities of the intelligence community: annual report

(a) Annual report

Not later than 10 days after the date on which the budget of the President for a fiscal year is submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, the head of each element of the intelligence community shall prepare and submit to the Director of National Intelligence, the congressional intelligence committees, the Subcommittee on Defense of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, and the Subcommittee on Defense of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives a report on the unfunded priorities of the programs under the jurisdiction of such head.

(b) Elements

(1) In general

Each report under subsection (a) shall specify, for each unfunded priority covered by such report, the following:

(A) A summary description of such priority, including the objectives to be achieved if such priority is funded (whether in whole or in part).

(B) Whether such priority will satisfy a covert action or support collection against requirements identified in the National Intelligence Priorities Framework of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (or any successor mechanism established for the prioritization of programs and activities), including a description of such requirements and the related prioritization level.

(C) The additional amount of funds recommended in connection with the objectives under subparagraph (A).

(D) Budget information with respect to the unfunded priority, including-

- (i) the appropriation account;
- (ii) the expenditure center; and
- (iii) the project and, if applicable, subproject.

(2) Prioritization of priorities

Each report shall present the unfunded priorities covered by such report in overall order of urgency of priority among unfunded priorities.

II. Unfunded Priorities List¹

Project Name	Funding (\$K)	Project Description
<i>Rebuilding Operational Capability (Procurement, Construction, & Improvements)</i>		
Four MH-60 Aircraft	\$220,000	Provides funding for four MH-60 aircraft and facilitates a future Air Station transition from MH-65 to MH-60.
Boats – Response Boat – Small Recapitalization	\$28,000	Accelerates the recapitalization of 40 Response Boats – Small. The Response Boat – Small is the Coast Guard’s high-speed, easily deployable shore-based asset for port and waterway security, search and rescue, drug and migrant interdiction, environmental and other law enforcement missions. The Service’s 370 current generation Response Boats – Small are approaching the end of their service life. (Scalable)
Boats – Response Boat – Medium Service Life Extension	\$26,000	Accelerates the Service Life Extension Program for 12 of the 174 Response Boats – Medium, the Coast Guard’s highly effective shore-based assets.
Counter – Unmanned Aircraft Systems Equipment	\$51,800	Allows the Coast Guard to secure additional deployable counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems equipment for port and waterways security operations and high priority locations throughout the nation. This funding level supports deployable kits (est. 20) and deployable suites (est. 15).
Waterways Commerce Cutter	\$45,000	Supports production of one Waterways Commerce Cutter, accelerating recapitalization of the inland waterways fleet. The Waterways Commerce Cutter will be critical to the Nation's inland waterways and Western Rivers and will provide vital services to support the Marine Transportation System.
In Service Vessel Sustainment Expanded Funding	\$100,000	Expands funding for major maintenance and service life extension projects to enhance the reliability and deployability of existing Coast Guard cutters and the 47’ Motor Life Boat.

¹ When combined with reconciliation resources, funding provided for UPL investments would enable the Coast Guard to invest in capabilities to protect our national security and control, secure, and defend our borders and maritime approaches through the support of vital asset recapitalization, shore infrastructure projects, and other key investments that will optimize Coast Guard personnel and adoption and implementation of new technology.

<i>Rebuilding Operational Capability (Procurement, Construction, & Improvements)</i>		
In Service Systems Sustainment – National Security Cutter Command, Control, Communications, Cyber, and Intelligence Recapitalization	\$30,000	Funds initial recapitalization of obsolete or unsupportable Command, Control, Communications, Cyber, and Intelligence systems for National Security Cutters. Items that require recapitalization include Sea Commander, Navigation System Sensor Interface, Radio Frequency Distribution System, TRS-3D multi-mode Air Search Radar, satellite communications systems, and tactical intelligence systems.
Cyber/Enterprise Mission Platform – Case Management	\$15,000	Funding allows the Coast Guard to further develop and integrate its advanced case management system, breaking down information silos and enabling seamless data sharing across diverse missions. The Coast Guard Case Management system will boost operational efficiency, accelerate decision-making, and equip operators with the real-time information they need to successfully accomplish their missions.
Commercially Available Polar Icebreaker Missionization	\$25,000	Provides funding for survey and design activities, modifications, and integrated logistics support required to advance towards full operational capability for Coast Guard Cutter <i>Storis</i> , which was funded in Fiscal Year 2024 and purchased in Fiscal Year 2025.
Great Lakes Icebreaker	\$35,000	Funds completion of the Analyze/Select phase for a Great Lakes Icebreaker; any excess funds would be applied to purchase long-lead time material for a Great Lakes Icebreaker.
Special Purpose Craft – Heavy Weather Recapitalization	\$24,000	Funds the acquisition of two 52' Heavy Weather Boat replacements and program costs for operations in the Pacific Northwest.
<i>Subtotal: Rebuilding Operational Capability</i>	<i>\$599,800</i>	

<i>Major Acquisition Systems Infrastructure (Procurement, Construction, & Improvements)</i>		
Polar Security Cutter Homeport Seattle, WA	\$160,000	Advances waterfront improvements, including environmental remediation, dredging and structural enhancements to piers and wharfs, shoreside improvements, and additional site preparation necessary for future expansion to homeport three Polar Security Cutters in Seattle, WA.
Waterways Commerce Cutter Homeports	\$80,000	Supports homeport improvements, modifications, and construction for two Waterways Commerce Cutter homeports in Memphis, TN (\$50M), and St. Petersburg, FL (\$30M).

<i>Major Acquisition Systems Infrastructure (Procurement, Construction, & Improvements)</i>		
MH-60 Transition Aviation Infrastructure	\$30,000	Shore infrastructure improvements required to support transitioning air stations from MH-65s to MH-60s including San Francisco, CA (\$10M), Miami, FL (\$10M), and Corpus Christi, TX (\$10M).
<i>Subtotal: MASI</i>	<i>\$270,000</i>	

<i>Housing, Family Support, Safety, and Training Facilities (Procurement, Construction, & Improvements)</i>		
Saint Paul, AK, Hangar for Forward Deployed Operations	\$30,000	Provides funding for an aircraft hangar in Saint Paul, AK, to support the forward deployment of Coast Guard aircraft in support of operations in Western Alaska and the Arctic.
Alaska Housing	\$50,000	Provides for additional housing at highest priority homeport locations across Alaska, potentially including Kodiak, Seward, Juneau, and/or Sitka.
Mobile Medical Clinics	\$6,000	Provides and outfits eight mobile medical clinics to support routine medical care, including dental, x-ray, and labs, for use at remote units throughout the continental United States and Alaska.
<i>Subtotal: Housing, Family Support, Safety, and Training Facilities (PC&I)</i>	<i>\$86,000</i>	

<i>Shore Construction Addressing Facility Deficiencies (Procurement, Construction, & Improvements)</i>		
Station Hatteras Inlet – Hatteras, NC	\$48,000	Funds the recapitalization of the 60+ year old and undersized main mission building at Station Hatteras Inlet, NC. This project will address longstanding structural deficiencies and provide an operationally effective and resilient multi-purpose station building.
District Northeast – Boston, MA	\$25,000	Funds the relocation of the Coast Guard District Northeast in Boston, MA. The Government Services Administration is divesting the existing building which requires the District to relocate to another leased facility. Project enables relocation and tenant improvements to establish a command center and secure spaces for 24/7 operational support.

<i>Shore Construction Addressing Facility Deficiencies (Procurement, Construction, & Improvements)</i>		
Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center – Atlantic Relocation – Virginia Beach, VA	\$22,000	Supports local relocation of Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center – Atlantic into a comparable facility with appropriate secure spaces and utilities ahead of existing use agreement termination in Fiscal Year 2028.
Aids to Navigation Team - Saugerties, NY	\$28,000	Supports facility improvements and the expansion of more resilient shore infrastructure in response to recent storm damage.
Station Siuslaw River - Florence, OR	\$22,000	Funds construction of a new boat bay and covered mooring for Coast Guard surface assets assigned to Station Siuslaw River, OR. The new waterfront improvement will protect operational Coast Guard assets and provide a work area for personnel performing boat maintenance.
Sector San Francisco, CA	\$25,000	Funds repairs to the Sector San Francisco, CA, waterfront and stabilization of the surrounding hillside. Project addresses damage sustained during recent severe weather events.
Base Los Angeles / Long Beach, CA	\$90,000	Rehabilitates Building 25 to support homeported Offshore Patrol Cutters and consolidates the dispersed Base footprint. Project includes establishing unaccompanied personnel housing and administrative spaces and conducting seismic retrofit.
<i>Subtotal: Shore Construction Addressing Facility Deficiencies</i>	<i>\$260,000</i>	
<i>Procurement, Construction, and Improvements Total</i>	<i>\$1,215,800</i>	

<i>Personnel Readiness (Operations and Support)</i>		
Child Care Support	\$60,000	Funds an increase to childcare fee assistance programs, establishes the Back-Up Care Program, and expands fee assistance to include Child Care in Your Home program to provide parity across the workforce with Department of Defense services and standards.
Enhance Tricare Availability	\$36,000	Provides Coast Guard members and dependents with the ability to maximize use of private providers where possible and use of Department of Defense Military Treatment Facilities in fleet concentration areas.
Medical Corps Growth	\$100,000	Grows the Coast Guard medical workforce by 332 positions to better meet the healthcare needs of the Service’s military workforce.

<i>Personnel Readiness (Operations and Support)</i>		
Accession Capacity	\$90,000	Increases accession capacity at all initial accession points and training centers to meet the Force Design 2028 direction to increase the Service's military workforce by at least 15,000 members.
Recruiting Capacity	\$80,000	Provides an additional 150 production recruiters to staff 15 new recruiting offices. Increases support staff and marketing funds to grow the military workforce at an accelerated rate to meet all mission demands.
Commandant's Directed Actions Enhancements	\$18,400	Provides resources for additional physical security enhancements at the Coast Guard Academy including enhanced video retention and electronic locking system improvements. Funding also supports the development of a modernized SAPPR/Bystander Intervention Training curriculum and expedited delivery to the entire Coast Guard workforce. These investments build upon the Commandant's Directed Actions to cultivate and maintain a workplace free of sexual assault and other harmful behaviors.
Recruiting and Retention Bonuses	\$60,000	Provides funding to continue critical recruiting and retention bonuses across the Service for key rates and specialties to ensure the Coast Guard sustains the experienced workforce necessary to meet all mission demands.
<i>Subtotal: Personnel Readiness</i>	<i>\$444,400</i>	

<i>Service Capabilities (Operations and Support)</i>		
Unmanned Aircraft Systems for Maritime Domain Awareness	\$100,000	Provides funding for contractor-owned/contractor-operated unmanned systems to control, secure, and defend the United States border and maritime approaches.
National Security Cutter Technical Refresh	\$18,500	Provides funding for critical technical refresh of National Security Cutter shipboard communications, sensors, and other Command and Control systems to maintain interoperability with Department of Defense.
Cybersecurity	\$42,000	Establishes one additional Cyber Protection Teams and a second National Mission Team and National Support Team (interoperable with United States Cyber Command teams) to enhance cybersecurity preparedness and protection across the Marine Transportation System. Provide additional capacity for the Maritime Cyber Readiness Branch.

<i>Service Capabilities (Operations and Support)</i>		
Tactical Communications Refresh	\$39,400	Funds the short-range communications obsolescence replacement for over 1,500 assets and the high frequency radio refresh for reliable comms in a denied environment, boat crew communication system refresh and standardization for better tactical integration, and technical refresh of mobile incident command posts. Investment enables critical communications refresh to support interoperability with the Department of Defense and law enforcement partners on cutters, boats, and command centers.
<i>Subtotal: Service Capabilities</i>	<i>\$199,900</i>	
<i>Operations and Support Total</i>	<i>\$644,300</i>	
<i>Total Across All Appropriations</i>	<i>\$1,860,100</i>	