



Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Appropriations Recommendations for Priority Programs

Forest Stewardship

\$22 million to the **Forest Stewardship** program will help state forestry agencies equip thousands of forest landowners with the information they need to sustainably manage their forests for timber and biomass production, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.

State and Volunteer Fire Capacity

\$85 million to the **State Fire Assistance** program and \$25 million to the **Volunteer Fire Assistance** program will ensure state and local fire departments have the resources they need to manage wildland fire and conduct hazardous fuels treatments to reduce wildfire risk.

Urban and Community Forestry

\$42 million to the **Urban and Community Forestry** program will enable state forestry agencies to provide critical technical and financial assistance to communities and municipalities managing local forestry resources.

Landscape Scale Restoration

\$20 million to the **Landscape Scale Restoration** program to help states collaboratively address critical, landscape-scale forestry concerns identified in Forest Action Plans.

Forest Health

\$39.43 million to the **Forest Health Management Program on Cooperative Lands** will leverage state efforts to improve the long-term health and resilience of all forested landscapes.

Forest Inventory and Analysis

\$32.4 million to the **Forest Inventory and Analysis** program will ensure the most comprehensive inventory of the nation's trees and forests—and the threats they face—is conducted and available to decision-makers. NASF recommends Congress work with the USDA Forest Service to establish a BLI for FIA salaries and expenses.

Forest Legacy

\$128 million to the **Forest Legacy** program will provide critical federal assistance to states, private landowners, and conservation groups to protect working forests through permanent conservation easements and fee acquisitions.

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NASF FY 2025 Draft Appropriations Recommendations (in \$ millions)

NASF Priority Programs	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	Program Increase FY20-21	FY21 Enacted*	FY22 Enacted*	FY23 Enacted*	FY24 House Draft	FY24 Senate Draft	FY24 NASF Recom.	FY25 NASF Recom.
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Forest Stewardship Program	\$20.05	\$20.50	\$20.50	\$21.00	\$0.00	\$11.90	\$12.00	\$12.50	\$12.00	\$12.50	\$22.00	\$22.00
State Fire Assistance	\$78.00	\$80.00	\$81.00	\$82.00	\$1.00	\$73.43	\$75.00	\$76.00	\$79.00	\$76.00	\$79.00	\$85.00***
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$15.00	\$16.00	\$17.00	\$18.00	\$1.00	\$19.00	\$20.00	\$21.00	\$22.00	\$21.00	\$22.00	\$25.00***
Urban and Community Forestry	\$28.04	\$28.50	\$29.50	\$32.00	\$8.00	\$31.91	\$36.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$42.00	\$42.00
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$0.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$17.00	\$16.00	\$17.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Forest Health on Cooperative Lands	\$39.00	\$41.00	\$42.00	\$44.00	(\$0.68)	\$30.75	\$32.00	\$33.00	\$30.00	\$33.00	\$39.43	\$39.43
Forest Inventory and Analysis**	\$77.00	\$77.00	\$77.00	\$77.00	\$0.55	\$17.62	\$22.20	\$32.20	\$32.20	\$32.20	\$32.40	\$32.43
Forest Legacy Program	\$62.35	\$67.00	\$63.99	\$63.99	\$30.26	\$94.25	\$88.88	\$77.94	\$94.20	\$95.20	\$128.00	\$128.00

NOTES:

* Beginning in FY21, enacted levels reflect the new USDA Forest Service budget structure. Salaries and expenses, as well as Forest Service "operations account" are separated from program dollars. Only program dollars are noted. Column "F" reflects net programmatic increases during the transition to the new budget structure from FY20 to FY21.

** NASF asks that Congress work with the USDA Forest Service to establish a budget line item for FIA salaries and expenses.

*** The BIL/IJUA provides dedicated funding for SFA (\$17.6M annually FY22-26) and VFA (\$4M annually FY22-26). Accordingly, NASFs funding request has been adjusted to factor the end of BIL/IJUA funding in FY26 in order to maintain positive growth and momentum for these critical programs.

NASF supports establishing a State Forest Action Plan Implementation authorization in the 2023 Farm Bill. This funding authorization would allow for more streamlined allocation of the \$200M in State and Private Forestry funding provided in the BIL/IJUA specifically for state Forest Action Plan implementation.