



## U.S. Coast Guard Fact Sheet

### Fiscal Year 2018 President's Budget

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**BACKGROUND:** The FY 2018 President's Budget requests **\$10.67 billion** for the Coast Guard, including **\$8.75 billion** in discretionary funding. This Budget sustains Coast Guard operations and continues recapitalization efforts for cutters, boats, aircraft, systems and infrastructure. The Budget also efficiently allocates resources to optimize Coast Guard mission performance.

#### KEY POINTS:

- Provides **\$1.2 billion** to *Invest in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Coast Guard*. Recapitalization and continued investment in our future is a top budget priority in FY 2018.
- *Sustains Mission Excellence* through funding for operational, support, and administrative activities focusing Coast Guard resources and capabilities on the Nation's highest priorities.
- Funds current services requirements to *Maximize Value to the Nation*, including resources to operate and maintain new assets, and funding for personnel, pay and benefit increases.

**INVEST IN THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY COAST GUARD:** The budget requests **\$1.2 billion** for *Acquisition, Construction and Improvements (AC&I)*. Notably:

- **\$877.1 million** for vessels, including \$500 million to begin construction of the first Offshore Patrol Cutter (OPC), which is scheduled for delivery in 2021, as well as Long Lead Time Materials for the second OPC; procurement of four Fast Response Cutters (FRC); continued efforts towards awarding a contract for detail design and construction of a Polar Icebreaker in 2019, supporting its delivery in 2023; and pre-acquisition activities to replace Inland Waterways and Western Rivers Tenders.
- **\$82.6 million** for aircraft, including funding for H-65 helicopter enhancements/upgrades; initial funding to support service life extensions for MH-60T helicopters; and missionization of HC-27J and HC-130J airframes.
- **\$75 million** for shore projects, including funding for pier and infrastructure improvements to support FRC homeports at Apra Harbor, Guam and Astoria, OR; boat maintenance and storage facility at Station Vallejo, CA; and replacement runway lighting system at Elizabeth City, NC.

**SUSTAIN MISSION EXCELLENCE:** In FY 2018, the Coast Guard will make sound, risk-based reductions while investing in critical recapitalization initiatives. Notably:

- Enhance Coast Guard Mission Essential System information technology infrastructure to improve cyber security of Coast Guard networks.
- Support requirements for new military Blended Retirement System and increase frequency of personnel security and suitability background investigations.
- Decommission three Island Class Patrol Boats and one High Endurance Cutter. These assets are being replaced by new, more capable FRCs and NSCs respectively.

**MAXIMIZE VALUE TO THE NATION:** The budget requests **\$7.21 billion** to operate and maintain Coast Guard assets and sustain essential front-line operations.

- **\$98.6 million** to operate new assets and infrastructure to include follow-on costs for Surface and Air assets (e.g. FRC #26-30, C-27J support, HC-130J #8-9, MH-60T #45, O&M for NSC #7 & Crew for NSC #8), shore facilities, CG-LIMS, and the Coast Guard Academy's Ship Control and Navigation Training System (SCANTS).
- **\$58.3 million** to annualize FY 2017 funding for new assets and initiatives.
- **\$109.8 million** to fund increases for civilian pay, and maintain parity with DoD Services for military pay, allowances and health care.