



FY 2025 Unfunded Priorities List

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Foreword

I am pleased to present the following report, "FY 2025 Unfunded Priorities List," prepared by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Section 5108 of title 14, 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 Rick Larsen
Ranking Member, House Committee on
Transportation and Infrastructure

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on
Commerce, Science, and Transportation

The Honorable Dave Joyce
Chairman, House Appropriations
Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Henry Cuellar
Ranking Member, House Appropriations
Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Chris Murphy
Chair, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Homeland Security

The Honorable Katie Britt
Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations
Subcommittee on Homeland Security.

I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have, or your staff may contact my Senate Liaison Office at (202) 224-2913 or House Liaison Office at (202) 225-4775.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "L L Fagan".

Linda L. Fagan
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
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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.), 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.”

II. Unfunded Priorities List

Project Name	Funding (\$K)	Project Description
<i>Rebuilding Operational Capability (PC&I)</i>		
Missionized HC-130J Aircraft	\$138,500	Provides funding to purchase one missionized HC-130J aircraft in the Block Upgrade 8.1 configuration, manufactured by Lockheed Martin, and currently missionized by L3 Technologies. This funding supports acquisition costs for one unfunded missionized HC-130J required to continue advancing toward the Coast Guard's current program of record of 22 airframes and initial sparing.
Five MH-60T Aircraft	\$153,500	Provides funding to outfit and assemble five MH-60T aircraft; facilitates a future Air Station transition from MH-65 to MH-60. Aircraft assembled at the Coast Guard's Aviation Logistics Center in Elizabeth City, NC, would be utilized to transition an Air Station to MH-60s in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and replace an MH-60 from Air Station Sitka that was involved in a mishap in November 2023.
Mariner Credentialing Program (Navita) Acquisition	\$11,000	Funds development and implementation of the new mariner credentialing system, U.S. Coast Guard Navita. This new system is critically needed to replace the current Merchant Mariner Licensing and Documentation Database, established in the early 1990s, which is used to credential approximately 200,000 merchant mariners serving on U.S. vessels.
Commercially Available Polar Icebreaker	\$25,000	Provides funding for survey and design activities, modifications, and integrated logistics support required to advance towards full operational capability.
Sparing for Fixed-Wing Aircraft Transitions	\$25,000	Provides initial sparing to establish on-site inventory for HC-130J and HC-27J aircraft planned for delivery to Barbers Point, HI, and Clearwater, FL. This funding includes spare parts for aircraft, sensor suites, depot maintenance materials, and ground support equipment necessary for aircraft operations as well as long lead time material (LLTM) required to accelerate the missionization of HC-27J aircraft.
National Security Cutter (NSC)	\$50,000	Funds follow-on acquisition and program management needs for NSC #11, including Post Delivery Activities (PDA), Post Shakedown Availabilities, testing, evaluation, support, and transition to sustainment activities. These are essential activities to bring each cutter to full operational capability. PDA costs average ~\$100 million per NSC.

<i>Rebuilding Operational Capability (PC&I)</i>		
Special Purpose Craft - Heavy Weather Recapitalization	\$24,000	Funds the acquisition of 52' Heavy Weather Boat (SPC-HWX) replacement for operations in the Pacific Northwest. This request continues the acquisition program into FY 2025 and supports the procurement of two boats and program costs.
Great Lakes Icebreaker - Long Lead Time Material	\$25,000	Funds program management and initial procurement of LLTM for a Great Lakes Icebreaker.
Waterways Commerce Cutter	\$40,000	Accelerates production of the Waterways Commerce Cutter (WCC) fleet. The WCC will be critical to the Nation's inland waterways and Western Rivers, and will provide vital services to the Marine Transportation System.
<i>Subtotal: Rebuilding Operational Capability</i>	<i>\$492,000</i>	

<i>MASI – Major Acquisition Systems Infrastructure (PC&I)</i>		
Polar Security Cutter (PSC) Homeport Seattle	\$180,000	Advances Seattle waterfront improvements, including environmental remediation, dredging and structural improvements to piers and wharfs, and additional site preparation necessary for future expansion necessary to homeport three PSCs in Seattle.
Waterways Commerce Cutter Homeports	\$44,000	Supports homeport improvements, modifications, and construction for five WCC homeports. Improvements include waterfront and shoreside infrastructure required for WCCs in Kennewick, WA (\$14M); Buchanan, TN (\$12M); Peoria, IL (\$8M); New Orleans, LA (\$7M); and Mobile, AL (\$3M).
National Security Cutter (NSC) and Ocean-Going Buoy Tender (WLB) Homeport - Honolulu, HI (Phase 2)	\$15,000	Funds expansion of the waterfront footprint and recapitalization of piers, shore ties, and fenders to support WLB and NSC operations and cutter maintenance activities at Base Honolulu.
Offshore Patrol Cutter (OPC) Homeport - NAVSTA Newport, RI (Phase 2)	\$100,000	Funds facility improvements required to homeport OPCs in Newport, RI. Continues the homeport project that received funding in FY 2021 and FY 2022. Phase 2 consists of OPC pier construction and the development of homeport infrastructure needs.
Fast Response Cutter (FRC) Homeport Sitka, AK (Phase 2)	\$25,000	Funds Phase 2 of facility improvements to homeport an FRC in Sitka, AK. Phase 1 plan includes a new 225' x 65' WLB pier with all shore and utility connections, and an FRC floating dock connected to the WLB pier. Phase 2 provides for construction of a Maintenance Weapons Detachment building and industrial support infrastructure.
<i>Subtotal: MASI</i>	<i>\$364,000</i>	

<i>Housing, Family Support, Safety, and Training Facilities (PC&I)</i>		
Training Center Cape May - Multipurpose Recruit Training Facility	\$15,000	Funds survey and design activities to develop a state-of-the-art indoor training facility at Training Center Cape May. This facility will enable year-round physical training and improve recruit throughput and readiness and enhance Service recruiting and retention capabilities.
Training Center Cape May Barracks	\$60,000	Funds the recapitalization of the second of three recruit training barracks at Training Center Cape May, that will include improved berthing and classroom facilities at the Service's sole enlisted accession point.
Saint Paul, AK Hangar for Forward Deployed Operations	\$20,000	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.
Chase Hall Barracks Annex A- Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT	\$29,000	Funds the renovation and modernization of the Chase Hall Barracks Annex A, including habitability upgrades and improvements to utility services to ensure compliance with fire and safety standards. Specific improvements will include fire detection and suppression systems, IT upgrades, public address/warning equipment, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning renovations.
Fort Wadsworth Housing	\$10,000	Funds the continued recapitalization of Coast Guard Family Housing in Fort Wadsworth, NY. This project will meet critical housing needs for personnel assigned to units within the Greater New York operating area. Funding at this level will recapitalize an estimated 10 housing units.
<i>Subtotal: Housing, Family Support, Safety, and Training Facilities (PC&I)</i>	<i>\$134,000</i>	

<i>Shore Construction Addressing Facility Deficiencies (PC&I)</i>		
Sector Facilities – Sector Sault Ste Marie, MI	\$35,000	Funds the recapitalization of Sector facilities that support operations and staffing and to correct existing safety, security, and space deficiencies on a 50-year-old building. The project will improve mission effectiveness, relieve overcrowding, improve life-safety, and enhance the utilization of space for consolidated units.
Consolidated Base Facilities- Base Charleston, SC	\$22,600	Funds utility installation, road construction, environmental remediation, and general site preparation necessary for the Base Charleston buildout. Funding may also offset inflationary impacts on prior year construction projects such as the Medical/Dental Clinic, Unaccompanied Personnel Housing, and Galley facilities.

<i>Shore Construction Addressing Facility Deficiencies (PC&I)</i>		
Station Waterfront - Station Rockland, ME	\$40,700	Funds the recapitalization of the Station Rockland facility and associated support infrastructure. The original Station Rockland waterfront was constructed in 1881, has greatly surpassed its usable service life, and is structurally deficient and unsafe. A new waterfront is required to meet operational demands in coastal Maine.
<i>Subtotal: Shore Construction Addressing Facility Deficiencies</i>	<i>\$98,300</i>	

<i>Indo-Pacific Expansion (PC&I)</i>		
270' WMEC SLEP	\$60,000	Funds service life extension program for one 270' cutter, enabling the Coast Guard to deploy an additional Indo-Pacific Support Cutter to the region.
FRC Logistical Support	\$15,000	Funds increased parts, maintenance, and critical communications equipment for FRCs operating in the region.
Forward Operating Locations	\$56,250	Provides additional funding to support survey and design, land acquisition, and construction for forward operating locations to enhance FRC and Indo-Pacific Support Cutter deployments throughout the Indo-Pacific region.
<i>Subtotal: Indo-Pacific Expansion (PC&I)</i>	<i>\$131,250</i>	
PC&I Total:	\$1,219,550	

<i>Indo-Pacific Expansion (O&S)</i>		
Indo-Pacific Support Cutter	\$34,700	Provides operations and maintenance funding for 270' WMECs operating in the Indo-Pacific theater and funds shore infrastructure improvements to support Indo-Pacific Support Cutter homeport development. Investment also enables continued operations for 210' WMEC fleet by providing the necessary maintenance funds to sustain these assets, enabling their continued use in other mission areas. Funds also support homeport study aimed at identifying 270' WMEC homeporting locations across the region.
Indo-Pacific FRC	\$7,500	Funds will support port visits and associated logistics throughout Indo-Pacific region. The FRC is uniquely equipped for critical regional engagement in small, remote ports.
Indo-Pacific Workforce Support	\$1,200	Funds increase housing, medical, and childcare access and capacity in Hawaii and Guam, in support of workforce growth in the region associated with the Service's increased Indo-Pacific presence.

<i>Indo-Pacific Expansion (O&S)</i>		
Indo-Pacific MH-65 Deployments	\$27,600	Facilitates MH-65 deployments on 270' WMECs in the Indo-Pacific by providing funds to sustain MH-65. Funding provides critical bridging to support patrols during period of expanding presence in the region.
Indo-Pacific Maritime Governance – Marine Transportation System	\$18,600	Funds personnel to enhance a Marine Transportation System Assessment Team which will support economic prosperity in the region by performing vital Ports and Waterways Safety Assessments, Port Access Route Studies, and Waterways Analysis and Management System (WAMS) studies. Team will assist partners to ensure the free flow of commerce within the Indo-Pacific. An initial team is funded in the FY 2025 President's Budget.
Indo-Pacific – Enhance Training – Regional Search and Rescue and Law Enforcement Training	\$6,333	Funds personnel to enhance a Maritime Engagement Team that will provide Indo-Pacific countries training on Search and Rescue, Emergency Management, and Law Enforcement policy, procedure, and tactics to bolster their capabilities. Team provides engagement and training with regional partners throughout the Indo-Pacific, enhancing critical partnerships. An initial team is funded in the FY 2025 President's Budget.
Indo-Pacific – Regional Engagement	\$3,000	Funds further increase presence of regional Coast Guard Maritime Advisors, Liaison Officers, Attachés, and other foreign engagement positions throughout the Indo-Pacific. Also includes funding to increase Coast Guard international affairs and planning capacity, expertise, and foreign policy advisement, which supports this increased regional engagement. An initial investment is included in the FY 2025 President's Budget.
Indo-Pacific – Planning and Communications	\$1,650	Funds fleet liaisons, a regional public affairs team, and country clearance team, all necessary to support increased Coast Guard presence in the region. Funding also supports the Service's ability to transfer cutters to partner nations, bolstering regional partnerships.
<i>Subtotal: Indo-Pacific Expansion</i>	<i>\$100,583</i>	

<i>Operations and Support (O&S) - Personnel Readiness</i>		
Accountability & Transparency Review	\$11,800	Funds directed actions related to the Accountability and Transparency Review to address workforce support through a new recruit preparatory course, increased leadership courses, Integrated Primary Prevention, a victim mentor program, and core values updates and communication.

<i>Operations and Support (O&S) - Personnel Readiness</i>		
Legal Support and Oversight	\$10,000	Funds initiatives critical to expanding the Coast Guard’s legal support and oversight, including travel and expert witness support for courts martial, training and coordination, recruiting, reserve support, licensure requirements, technology modernization, and advice related to sexual assault and sexual harassment in the maritime industry.
<i>Subtotal: Personnel Readiness</i>	<i>\$21,800</i>	

<i>Operations and Support (O&S) - Asset Readiness</i>		
Talent Management Transformation – Human Resources IT	\$17,500	Enables next-generation personnel staffing analytics by implementing a common data platform for Human Resource IT systems. Modernizes antiquated systems for cloud-based data analytics, creating valuable insights and informing more effective decision-making throughout the Coast Guard.
Surface Maintenance	18,500	Provides funding to complete the first full center-section overhauls and associated propulsion system maintenance on the NSC fleet. This substantial maintenance event will be completed on each of the 11 NSCs. Additionally, this request provides funding to complete the replacement of obsolete and unsupported MK 75 Gun Weapons System and MK 92 Fire Control System with the MK 38 Mod 3 Gun Weapons System on the six 270’ WMEC not slated to undergo a Service Life Extension Program.
Shore Maintenance	\$50,100	Provides funding to reduce the Coast Guard’s significant shore infrastructure maintenance backlog, which includes critical depot-level maintenance and repair projects at facilities supporting frontline operations. With more than half of the Service’s shoreside and waterfront infrastructure operating beyond its service life, completion of these maintenance and repair projects is fundamental to preserving the Coast Guard’s operational readiness.

<i>Operations and Support (O&S) - Asset Readiness</i>		
Data and Technology	\$25,000	Provides critical personnel and funding to deploy, operate, and sustain modernized sensors, data networks, and the SeaWatch navigation system deployed on operational assets. Funding will mitigate declining functionality, integrity, and capability of vital surface assets through hardware recapitalization, modernized software development, and cybersecurity improvements. Funds will enable deployment of the next generation of SeaWatch software, enhancing functionality, integrity, and improved cyber resiliency while standardizing configuration across the entire surface fleet. Funding supports the integration of multi-spectrum data feeds into a common operating picture to increase maritime domain awareness of dark targets and vessels with low or no electromagnetic signature.
<i>Subtotal: Asset Readiness</i>	<i>\$111,100</i>	
<i>O&S Total</i>	<i>\$233,483</i>	
<i>Total across all appropriations</i>	<i>\$1,453,033</i>	

Appendix: Abbreviations

Abbreviations	Definition
C5I	Command, Control, Communication, Computer, Cyber, and Intelligence
FRC	Fast Response Cutter
FY	Fiscal Year
HITRON	Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron
IC	Intelligence Community
LLTM	Long Lead Time Material
NSC	National Security Cutter
O&S	Operations and Support
OPC	Offshore Patrol Cutter
PC&I	Procurement, Construction, and Improvements
PDA	Post Delivery Activities
PSC	Polar Security Cutter
SPC-BTD	Specialized Boarding Team Delivery Boats
SPC-HWX	Special Purpose Craft - Heavy Weather
UAS	Unmanned Aircraft System
U.S.C.	United States Code
WCC	Waterways Commerce Cutter
WLB	Ocean-Going Buoy Tender
WMEC	Medium Endurance Cutter
WMSL	National Security Cutter