UNITED STATES ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION $1,530,000

The FY 2009 Budget Request for the United States Arctic Research Commission (USARC) is $1.53 million, an increase of $60,000, or 4.1 percent, over the FY 2008 Estimate of $1.47 million.

U.S. Arctic Research Commission Funding

(Dollars in Millions)

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Estimate	FY 2009 Request	Change over FY 2008 Estimate Amount	Percent
U.S. Arctic Research Commission (USARC)	$1.45	$1.47	$1.53	$0.06	4.1%

The USARC was created by the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984, (as amended, P. L. 101-609), to establish the national policy, priorities, and goals necessary to construct a federal program plan for basic and applied scientific research with respect to the Arctic, including natural resources and materials, physical, biological and health sciences, and social and behavioral sciences. This request provides funds to promote Arctic research, to recommend Arctic research policy, and to communicate research and policy recommendations to the President and the Congress, as well as supporting close collaboration with the National Science Foundation (NSF) as the lead agency responsible for implementing Arctic research policy and supporting cooperation and collaboration throughout the Federal Government. In addition, USARC gives guidance to the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC) to develop national Arctic research projects and a five-year plan to implement those projects. USARC also supports interaction with Arctic residents, international Arctic research programs and organizations, and local institutions, including regional governments, in order to obtain the broadest possible view of Arctic research needs. USARC is an independent federal agency, funded through NSF's appropriations, specifically as an activity in the Research and Related Activities account.

The USARC is requesting an increase of $60,000 above the FY 2008 Estimate. Currently, there are five FTE funded at the USARC, with a total of seven FTE authorized.

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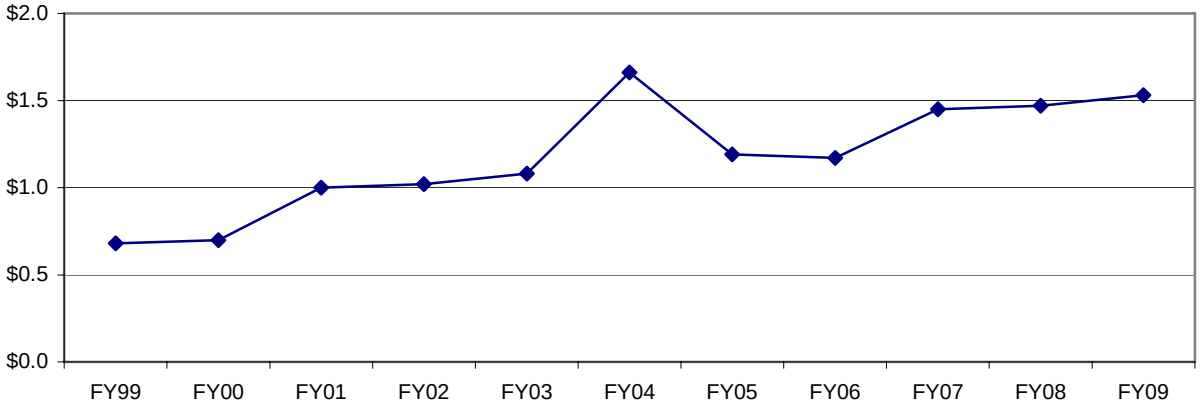

Note: The increase in FY 2004 reflects a one-time recovery of $370,000.