

FY2011 Programmatic and Language Requests
Rep. Kay Granger

Defense

Administrative Fees

Report Language Request

“The Committee is concerned with the varying percentages, retained by the Department for administrative fees from contracts for the procurement of goods or services. While the Committee understands the need to retain these funds, it expects the process to be implemented in a standardized and universal fashion. Therefore, the Committee directs that for contracts in the amount greater than the simplified acquisition threshold, the Secretary of Defense may not retain more than five percent of the funds appropriated for administrative fees, except if the service acquisition executive concerned approves the retention of more than five percent. Such exemptions shall be reported to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate no later than 30 days after such withhold.”

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Clean Water State Revolving Fund

Bill Language Request

Environmental Protection Agency – State Tribal and Assistance Grants

I am requesting that the following language be included in the bill in order to allow the State of Texas, through the Texas Water Development Board, to effectively implement the enhanced Clean Water State Revolving Fund program:

“Provided further, That notwithstanding section 603(d)(7) of the Act, the limitation on the amounts in a State water pollution control revolving fund that may be used by a State to administer the fund shall not apply to amounts included as principal in loans made by such fund in fiscal year 2011 and prior years where such amounts represent costs of administering the fund to the extent that such amounts are or were deemed reasonable by the Administrator, accounted for separately from other assets in the fund, and used for eligible purposes of the fund, including administration:”

Through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) program, the State of Texas is able to provide over \$300 million in annual financial assistance to Texas communities for wastewater infrastructure. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is able to provide financial assistance at such a high level because State funds are used to supplement the federal capitalization grant through a state match and leveraging. To help implement this enhanced SRF program, the State relies on a fee to recover administrative costs of the program. Federal law imposes a four percent cap on the amount of capitalization grant funds that states may use to administer the SRF program. To cover the costs of the larger leveraged program, TWDB charges a small 1.85 percent administrative cost recovery fee on each loan. Under the

Environmental Protection Agency's interpretation, however, the fee is subject to the four percent spending cap on administration, effectively eliminating the benefits of the fee and the larger financial assistance program it was designed to support. Providing for the use of fee income allows TWDB to provide a larger loan program to Texas communities. The use of fees allows States to further the mission and goals of the Clean Water Act, by enhancing the financial assistance provided under the SRF.

Labor, Health and Human Services and Education

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Core Program Budget

Program Request

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

I am requesting that the subcommittee fund the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's core program budget at \$8.6 billion. Nearly three quarters of the CDC's budget is directed to health departments in our local cities and towns. Communities depend on these funds to help keep people safe, healthy, and free from disease. This funding is even more important now because local governments are already struggling to keep prevention programs funded. An estimated 35,000 to 40,000 jobs per state are reliant upon CDC funding. Supporting proven research-based public health and prevention efforts saves lives, prevents needless disability and suffering, and may help keep health care costs down, so I support funding at this level.

Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education

Program Request

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Resources and Services Administration

I am requesting that the subcommittee fund the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program at \$330 million. This program provides funding for vital training of the next generation of pediatricians, pediatric subspecialists, and pediatric researchers. Independent children's hospitals represent less than one percent of all hospitals, but they train 35 percent of all pediatricians, 50 percent of pediatric subspecialty fellows, and the majority of pediatric researchers. The Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program has been a huge success and I support its funding at this level.

Community Health Centers

Program Request

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Resources and Services Administration

I am requesting that the subcommittee fund the Community Health Centers Program at \$2.56 billion. Community Health Centers serve as health care homes to over 20 million people and provide vital health care services to underserved populations. At a time when health care costs have dramatically increased across the country, health centers have kept their costs well under those of other health care providers. In addition, years of research have shown that health

centers actually save the health system money, and that their patients have better outcomes and use hospital emergency rooms less than those who get their care in other settings. The Community Health Centers Program works and I support its funding at this level.

State and Foreign Operations

Clean Water Programs

Report Language Request

U.S. Agency for International Development – Global Health and Child Survival

Since over 1.8 million people die each year from diarrheal disease spread through contaminated water and poor sanitation, I am requesting report language consistent with past bills and USAID funding efforts to commend USAID for its clean water and household safe drinking water programs. Clean water helps improve global health and reduce child morbidity and mortality. Specifically, I request the following report language:

“The Committee commends USAID for its work to improve access to clean drinking water through competitively-awarded household water treatment and hygiene programs. The Committee notes that these programs help reduce high levels of child morbidity and mortality caused by waterborne illnesses and directs that funding for these programs be increased under a competitive process.”

Iraqi Women’s Democracy Initiative

Program Request

U.S. Department of State

As a Co-Chairman of the Iraqi Women’s Caucus, I request the Subcommittee fully fund programs at the State Department such as the Iraqi Women’s Democracy Initiative as close to its enacted level of \$10 million as possible in the FY11 bill. These programs are critical as the United States assists in Iraqi efforts to incorporate women in stabilizing Iraq and forming its government structure. The FY10 bill included funding for these programs with the intent of building up civil society programs as an essential component for stability as U.S. military operations redeploy out of the country.

Polio Eradication Fund

Program Request

U.S. Agency for International Development – Global Health and Child Survival

I am requesting that the Subcommittee include \$32 million to support USAID’s polio eradication programs around the world. This funding level is consistent with what was included in the FY2010 bill. Through these programs, USAID, in conjunction with CDC, have spared disability to five million people, immunized two billion children, and spared death for over 250,000 people. This funding is necessary for FY11 in order to continue the outbreak containment in West Africa and continue eradication efforts in the remaining affected areas.

Rotary International secured \$555 million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for these efforts, bringing total Rotary Club funding to exceed \$1.2 billion.