

Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2026

The Homeland Security Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 provides a base discretionary total of \$64.4 billion, including \$3.0 billion classified as defense spending and \$61.4 billion as nondefense spending. The bill makes targeted investments to strengthen immigration enforcement and border security operations; enhance disaster preparedness, mitigation, and response capabilities; advance national security missions across land, maritime, and cyber domains; disrupt and dismantle transnational criminal organizations; secure the nation's transportation systems; and protect the American people. The bill also includes \$26.4 billion categorized as for disasters, consistent with statute.

Key Takeaways

- **Supports interior enforcement and border security:** The bill delivers critical resources to DHS to maintain record-low southwest border encounters, support interior enforcement, and prioritize the detention and removal of the most dangerous criminal offenders unlawfully present in the United States.
- **Combatting Transnational Criminal Organizations:** The bill invests in coordinated DHS operations around the world to target transnational criminal organizations responsible for trafficking drugs, weapons, money, and people.
- **Bolsters National Security:** The bill invests in the Department's national security apparatus by expanding operational capacity from the Arctic to the Caribbean and modernizing critical sea-, air-, and shore-based assets.
- **Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness:** The bill fully funds the Disaster Relief Fund and invests in proven preparedness grants that enable states and cities to reduce risk, save lives, and respond swiftly and effectively to natural disasters and other emergencies.
- **Keeps Americans Safe in Daily Life:** The bill invests in frontline security capabilities that enhance transportation security, protect national leaders and democratic processes, and provide Americans with greater safety and confidence as they travel and go about their lives.
- **Defends Critical Infrastructure in the Digital Age:** The bill provides resources to strengthen cyber defenses, improve coordination across government and industry, and protect the systems on which Americans rely from increasingly sophisticated cyber threats.

Bill Highlights

- **Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement:** \$28.0 billion for CBP and ICE to enforce immigration laws, achieve record-low border encounters, and deploy high-tech surveillance and interdiction tools to stop the flow of deadly drugs from transnational cartels.

- **United States Coast Guard:** \$13.9 billion to support the Coast Guard's operational readiness, including funding for essential pay raises for personnel and accelerating the construction of next-generation icebreakers and commerce cutters to secure America's polar interests and inland waterways.
- **Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency:** \$2.6 billion to boost efforts in cyber defense and threat hunting, physical infrastructure protection, and priority emergency communications to ensure the country's most critical services remain resilient against evolving digital and physical threats.
- **Federal Emergency Management Agency:** \$32.0 billion for FEMA to reinforce its commitment to state and local partners. This includes \$26.4 billion for the Disaster Relief Fund, and funding for grant programs that help modernize emergency response, ensure fire departments are adequately staffed, and protect local community organizations from terrorism.
- **Transportation Security Administration:** \$10.1 billion for TSA, which includes funding for competitive pay for frontline workers to reduce turnover and installation of the world's most advanced 3D-imaging and biometric technology to make security lines faster, smoother, and more secure than ever before. In addition, the bill provides Air Traffic Controllers with a pay raise to help combat chronic staffing shortages, reduce fatigue-related risks, and ensure the continued safety and efficiency of our national airspace.
- **Secret Service:** \$3.3 billion for the United States Secret Service to maintain "zero-fail" mission by funding aggressive recruitment and retention to eliminate officer burnout, while modernizing high-tech training facilities and armored fleets to stay ahead of evolving threats to our nation's leaders.