

Army Corps of Engineers releases president's Fiscal Year 2002 budget

SEATTLE—The US Army Corps of Engineers Seattle District could receive an estimated \$53 million for fiscal year 2002 civil works if the president's proposed budget is approved by Congress. Approximately \$12 million will come from national Corps programs. Still to be determined amounts will come from federal agencies under the environmental support for others program, and local sponsors in cost-shared projects.

The district's civil works boundaries cover 99,000 square miles and include 4,700 miles of shoreline. Boundaries include the Columbia River system upstream of the confluence with the Yakima, much of Washington, northern Idaho and western Montana.

The district's civil works budget for 2002 falls into five program categories:

General Investigations — A requested \$2.8 million would fund studies, design, coordination, and data collection. Current ongoing district projects include:

- Bellingham Bay Environmental Restoration — Project to assist with clean-up of contaminated sediments in Bellingham Bay with full coordination of project design with interested federal, state and local agencies: \$200,000.
- Centralia Flood Damage Reduction – Provide flood damage reduction for the Centralia and Chehalis River area: \$500,000.
- Chehalis River Basin — Projects would combine flood control and environmental restoration and protection throughout the Chehalis River basin: \$250,000.
- Duwamish/Green River Environmental Restoration — Project emphasizes restoration of critical habitat within the basin with full coordination of project design with interested federal, state and local agencies: \$250,000.
- Howard Hanson Dam Additional Water Storage — Project purposes are municipal and industrial water supply and downstream low flow augmentation for fish rearing enhancement: \$500,000.
- Kootenai River at Bonners Ferry – Study to reduce flooding problems along the Kootenai River within Boundary County Idaho: \$50,000.
- Lake Washington Ship Canal/Water Conservation — Multiple agencies interested in the project that includes ecosystem restoration: \$254,000.
- Ocean Shores Storm Damage Reduction – Project seeks solution to storm-caused flooding in Ocean Shores, Wash: \$50,000.
- Puget Sound Confined Disposal — Project consists of developing an action plan for creating one or more multi-user disposal sites for contaminated sediments associated with navigation-related dredging and Puget Sound cleanup actions: \$225,000.
- Puget Sound Near Shore Marine Habitat Restoration – Project looking at restoring marine habitat along the Puget Sound shoreline with full coordination of project design with interested federal, state and local agencies: \$200,000.
- Skagit River Flood Control — Project looking at ways to reduce flood damage in the Skagit River valley: \$200,000.
- Skokomish River Basin — Project would combine flood control and ecosystem restoration: \$50,000.
- Stillaguamish River Basin Fish and Wildlife Restoration — Project would emphasize the restoration of critical habitat within the entire basin from tidal estuaries to the spawning and wildlife areas in the upper basin: \$50,000.

Construction General — Under this section, \$11.7 million will continue ongoing construction projects. Of this amount, about \$3.3 million will be used to continue the dam safety assurance project at Mud Mountain Dam on the White River, near Enumclaw, Wash. About \$325,000 will be used to continue a navigation project in Grays Harbor. An estimated \$8 million will be used to continue the development of the nation's water resources as part of the popular Continuing Authorities Program. There are 21 ongoing projects in the areas of flood damage reduction, navigation, beach erosion, environmental restoration and emergency bank protection.

Regulatory Program — A requested \$3.7 million would go to the district's permit program for regulating dredge and fill material in the waters and wetlands of Washington state.

Flood Control and Coastal Emergency — Approximately \$0.5 million would fund preparations for response to and recovery from disasters.

Operations and Maintenance — An estimated \$34.7 million budget would fund the operation and upkeep of existing projects which include hydropower facilities, locks and dams, recreation areas and navigable waterways. Additional estimated funding of \$30 million would come directly from Bonneville Power Administration for the hydropower portion of the district's multipurpose projects.

For information on the total Corps' budget proposal, please visit the headquarters homepage at <http://www.hq.usace.army.mil/cepa/releases/2002budget.htm>