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### RECENT TRP ACTIVITIES

- Participated in the County Commissioners Miami-Dade County fly-in day, including briefing Commissioners and staff on relevant discussion topics
- Shared comprehensive memo on important changes occurring at FEMA that could impact disaster recovery efforts this summer and into the future
- Alerted County staff that the Corps of Engineers FY25 Work Plan did not include funding for the Back Bay CSRM
- Shared links to Congressional Delegation's websites that include community project funding requests
- Provided County staff with a summary of the House Reconciliation Package
- Discussed IRA energy tax provisions with County staff, including changes to direct pay in the reconciliation bill that could cost the County funding
- Provided daily *Tip Sheet* and periodic *TRP Grants Newsletter*

### CAPITOL HILL UPDATE

#### **Senate Begins Work on Reconciliation Bill**

Congress will return this week as Senate Republicans look to rewrite, and ultimately pass, the One Big, Beautiful Bill Act ([H.R. 1](#)). As of right now, Senate Republicans are not expected to hold reconciliation markups in the same way the House did and are instead expected to negotiate within the Conference in coordination with the White House. Several difficult issues that arose during the House process are already coming to a head in the Senate, including cuts to public benefit programs like Medicaid and SNAP, phasing out various Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) clean energy credits, policy priorities within the tax title, and the overall cost of the package. As talks among Senate Republicans intensify, here's a list of senators to watch on the key issues they've raised with Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD):

- Deficit/Debt Concerns Rand Paul (R-KY), Ron Johnson (R-WI), Mike Lee (R-UT), and Rick Scott (R-FL).
- Medicaid. Josh Hawley (R-MO), Susan Collins (R-ME), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), and Jim Justice (R-WV).
- IRA Energy Credits. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), John Curtis (R-UT), Thom Tillis (R-NC), and Jerry Moran (R-KS).

- Click [here](#) to read their letter to Leader Thune in support of these credits.
- TCJA Permanency. Steve Daines (R-MT).

Leader Thune is currently pushing to get the reconciliation package to the Senate floor as early as next week, but the week of June 16 is also on the table depending on how quickly Senate Republicans can come to a consensus on changes. GOP leadership is aiming to get the reconciliation package to the president's desk by July 4, but this timing could shift if the Senate GOP needs more time to reach an agreement. However, with the Treasury Department estimating that the federal government could run out of borrowing power at some point between mid-July and September, Republicans will need to get a bill passed before the August break if they still intend to take a "go-it-alone" approach on raising the debt ceiling.

### **HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS TO KICK OFF FY 2026 MARKUPS**

This Thursday, the House Appropriations Committee will hold its first subcommittee markups of pending FY 2026 spending bills, starting with Agriculture-FDA and Military Construction-VA.

- Click to view the subcommittee and full committee markup [schedule](#) for each of the 12 FY 2026 appropriations bills.
- Click [here](#) to view the recently-released appendix to the FY 2026 budget. The full budget request is still forthcoming.

### **OTHER RELEVANT NEWS**

#### **POLITICO: Trump tells Congress what to chop in 22 percent budget slashing**

President Donald Trump sent the nitty-gritty of his budget proposal to Congress on Friday, fleshing out which programs he wants Republicans to cut deeply — or wipe out entirely — when they vote to fund the government in September. Expanding upon the so-called skinny budget the White House transmitted to Capitol Hill earlier this month, the new documents detail the White House's ambitions for spending cuts across government agencies. They show which accounts the president wants GOP lawmakers to target as Trump seeks non-defense funding cuts of more than 22 percent in the upcoming fiscal year and a flat military budget. Besides the White House's release Friday of a more than 1,200-page appendix to Trump's May 2 budget request, individual agencies also posted their own "budget in brief" documents.

#### **POLITICO: EPA budget cuts eviscerate state grants, slash watershed programs in blue states**

The Trump administration unveiled additional details Friday about what work it wants to cut at EPA as part of its proposal to slash the agency's budget by 55 percent, including significant cuts to watershed programs in blue states. The "budget in brief" puts additional flesh on the bones of the budget outline the White House released earlier this month. The most affected category would be state and tribal grants — money that flows through EPA to states and tribes to pay for staff, environmental clean-ups and other work. For fiscal 2025, Congress gave almost \$4.4 billion to such grants, nearly half the agency's budget for the year.

For fiscal 2026, the Trump administration has proposed eliminating all but a handful of the grant programs, slashing that spending by 83 percent, down to just \$745 million.

**E&E News: Chaos at FEMA, NOAA as hurricane season starts**

The nation enters the 2025 hurricane season with significant fear about the federal government's ability — and willingness — to help with natural disasters. Yet much of the worry isn't centered on hurricanes. Rather, state and local officials are concerned the Trump administration won't provide much, if any, assistance to U.S. communities after less-than-catastrophic disasters, which previously have received federal aid. Democratic-led states also fear President Donald Trump will cut off disaster aid if they spurn his efforts to deport undocumented immigrants. At the same time, the nation's vaunted weather forecasting and warning system is eroding, experts say, as personnel cuts limit the use of sophisticated equipment such as weather balloons and aircraft that collect atmospheric data. A recent reduction in launches of National Weather Service weather balloons — caused by staff cuts — has led to a slight decline in the past few weeks of the accuracy of U.S. weather models, a former NWS chief says.