



# Alternative Fuels & Chemicals Coalition

Advocating for Public Policies to Promote the Development & Production of Alternative Fuels, Renewable Chemicals, Biobased Products, and Sustainable Aviation Fuels

## AFCC News & Reports – February 2020 #1: AFCC Celebrates Success of Its Advocacy for FY2020 Appropriations

The Alternative Fuels & Chemicals Coalition (AFCC) overcame attempts to severely cut or eliminate several priority federal programs, as had been proposed in the President's Budget for fiscal year (FY) 2020.

AFCC's efforts were directed at maintaining prior year funding levels for the 51 programs that AFCC had identified as important to its member companies.

### **AFCC was successful in its efforts.**

The final FY2020 appropriations for the federal agency programs that were the focus of AFCC's efforts were \$36.5 billion more than had been proposed by the President.

The President had proposed eliminating 24 programs that AFCC identified as priorities in the departments of agriculture, commerce, energy, interior, and transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Of these, 21 received funding at or, in four cases, above prior year funding levels.

Two programs for which AFCC advocated that had received funding in FY2019 did not receive funding in FY2020. AFCC is once again advocating to restore prior year funding levels to these programs in FY2021.

AFCC also is advocating to secure additional funding for three U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) loan guarantee programs, for which discretionary funding has been authorized through 2023, but never has been appropriated.

In addition, AFCC is working to restore funding for two USDA programs that have not received funding since FY2017 in one case and FY2018 in another case. Both programs are designed to increase the supply of biomass feedstocks which is important to many of AFCC's member companies.

### **Here are the results:**

- Number of programs for which AFCC advocated: 51
- FY2019 appropriations for these programs: \$113,218,131,964
- The President's proposed budget for these programs: \$74,827,986,963
- AFCC's FY2020 appropriation requests: \$113,481,603,000
- Final FY2020 appropriations for these programs: \$115,914,848,000

A spreadsheet showing the results of AFCC's FY2020 advocacy efforts can be viewed by clicking [this link](#).

