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## **APLU FY2011 APPROPRIATIONS PRIORITIES INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES**

### **UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS)**

#### **Water Resources Research Institutes**

##### **APLU Request: \$8.8 million**

(PBR = \$6.5M; FY2010 = \$6.5M; FY2009 = \$6.5M)

WRRIs are essential to solving state, regional and inter-jurisdictional water resources problems with federal funding serving as the driving force of collaboration in water research and education. WRRIs make major contributions in emergency planning and hurricane recovery, protecting groundwater aquifers from sea water intrusion and reducing water treatment costs. The institutes also serve to train the next generation of water resources managers and scientists.

#### **Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Units**

##### **APLU Request: \$22 million**

(PBR = \$19.14M; FY2010 = \$19.31M; FY2009 = \$16.9M)

CRU consists of 40 Units in 38 states and are true federal-state-university-private partnerships. The Units target the interface of science and management and are crucial to successfully addressing the natural resource management challenges of the nation. They also serve to train the next generation of natural resource professionals grounding them in science while giving them a management-orientation with experience at the private, state, and federal levels.

### **NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES (NEH)**

#### **NEH Program Funds**

##### **APLU Request: \$204 million in NEH Program Funds**

(PBR = \$132.8M; FY2010 = \$140M; FY2009 = \$129M)

APLU urges Congress to provide \$204 million in program funds for the NEH in FY2011, including \$144 million for national programs and \$60 million for the federal/state partnership. This would amount to an increase of \$64 million for the NEH in FY2011, including an additional \$36.87 million for the competitive core programs supporting a wide range of institutions and individual scholars, \$19.6 million for the federal-state partnership, and \$7.5 million for a new competitively awarded graduate student-faculty program. The NEH is the lead federal agency focused on the development and support of scholarship in the humanities. NEH is a vital source of competitive, merit-reviewed grants for scholars and researchers whose work helps citizens and policymakers alike better understand and address the social, economic, and political challenges facing the world today.

### **U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)**

#### **Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Grant Program**

##### **APLU Request: \$87.2 million**

(PBR = \$87.2M; FY2010 = \$61.4M; FY2009 = N/A)

The Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program competitively funds research grants and graduate fellowships in numerous environmental science and engineering disciplines, engaging the nation's best scientists and engineers in targeted research to complement EPA's intramural research efforts.