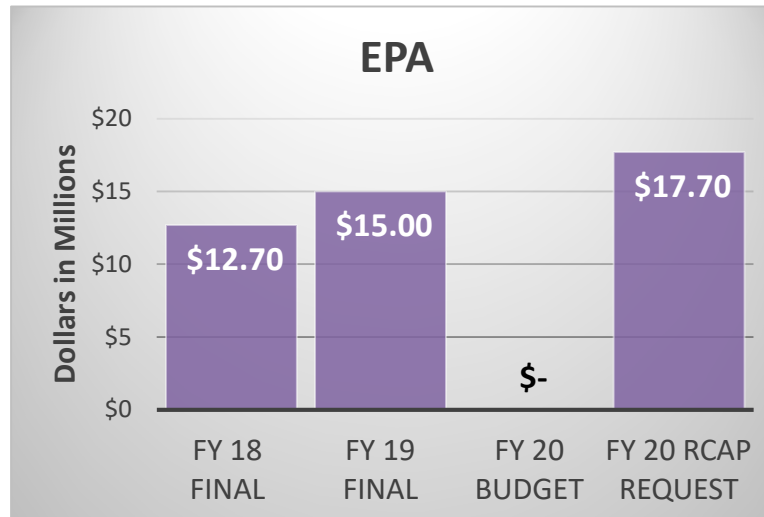
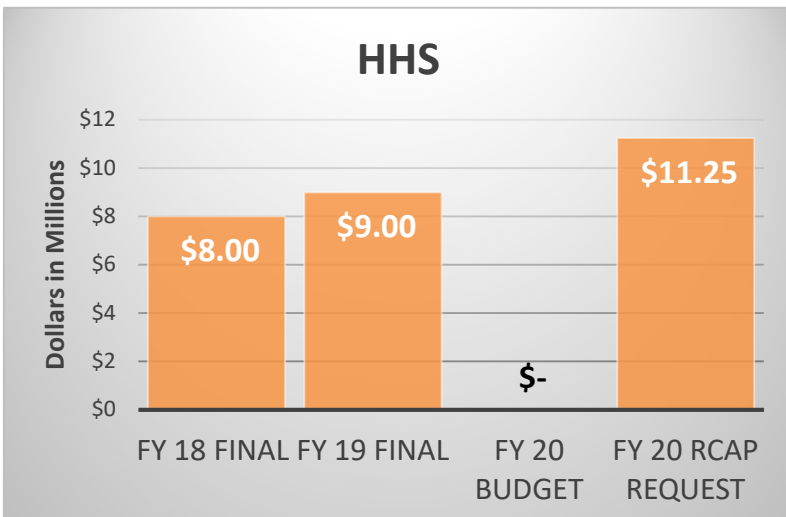
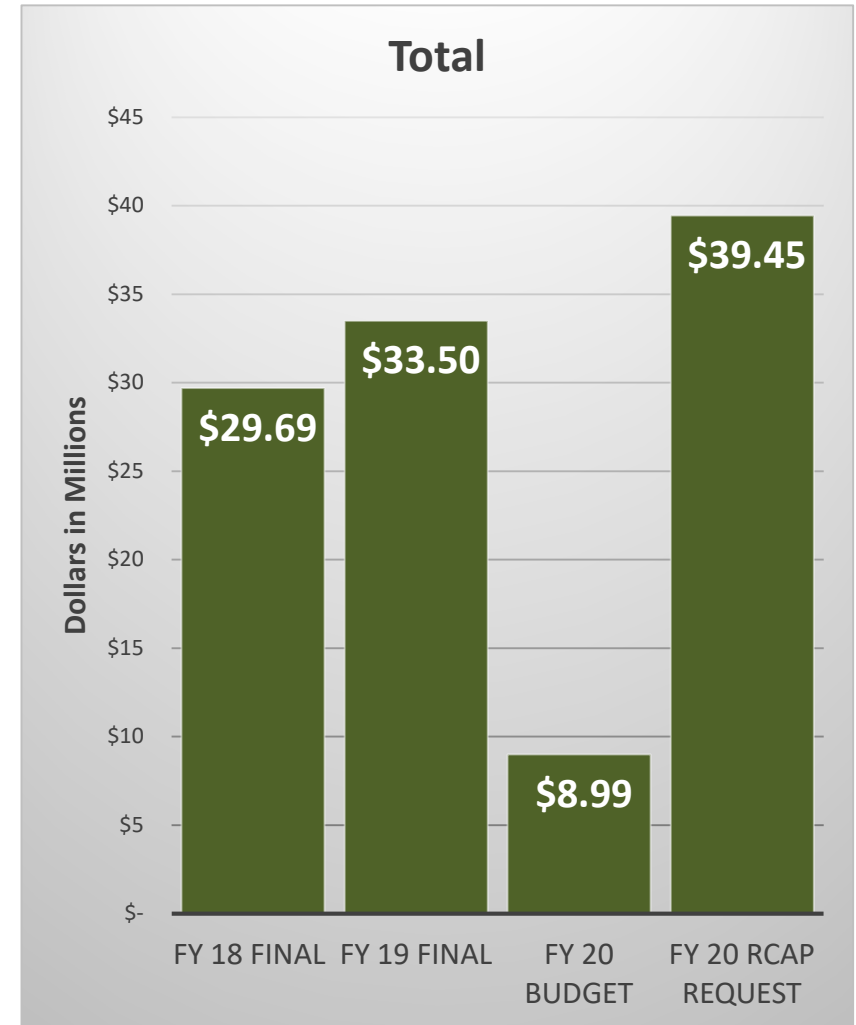
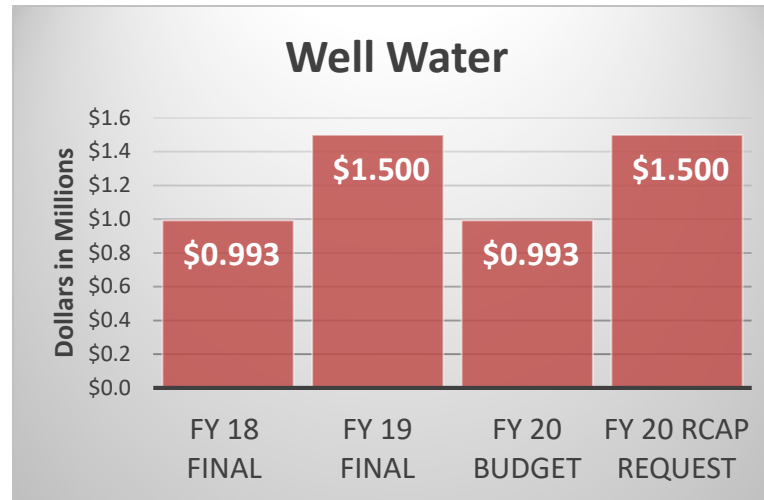
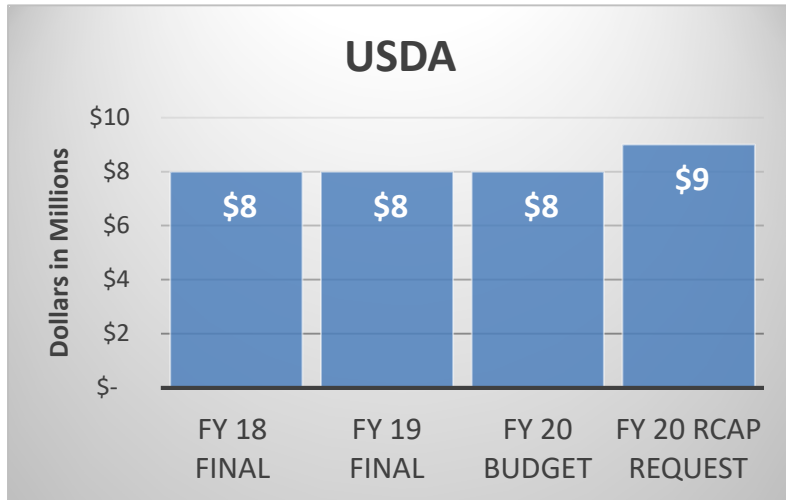


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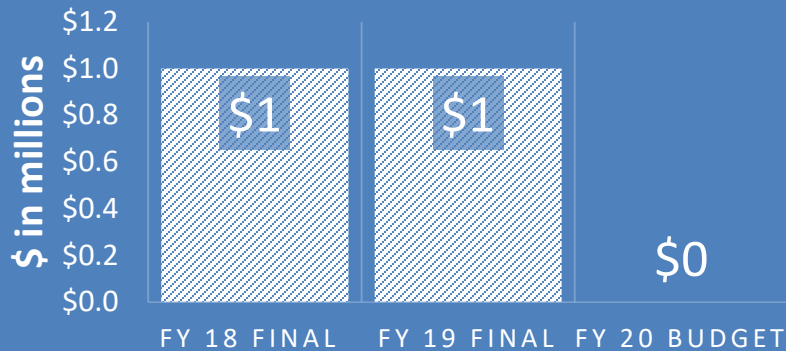
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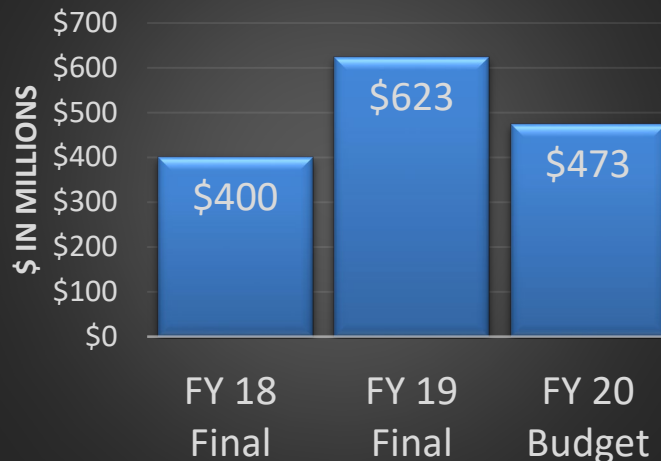


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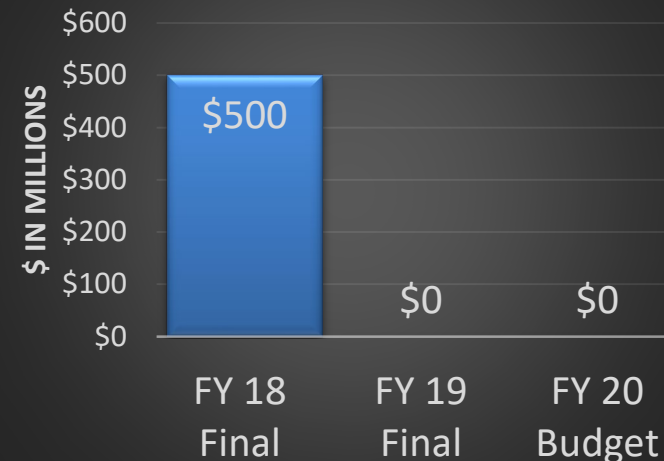


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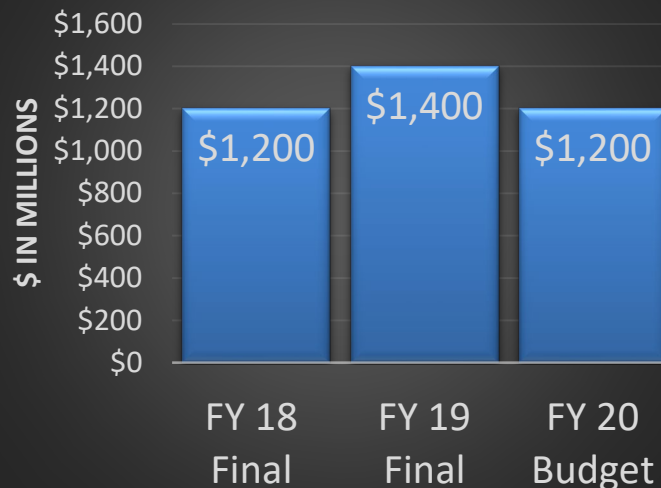
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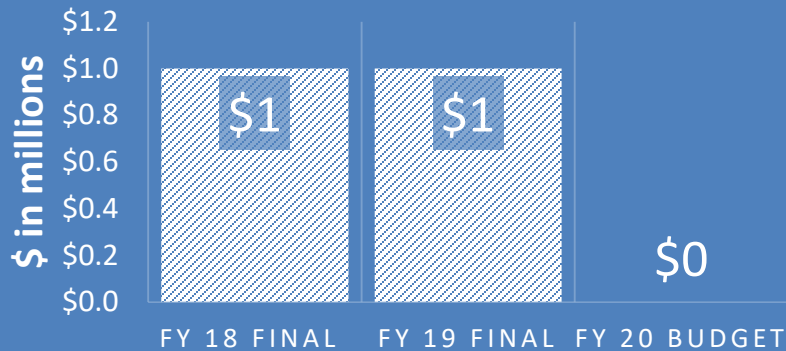
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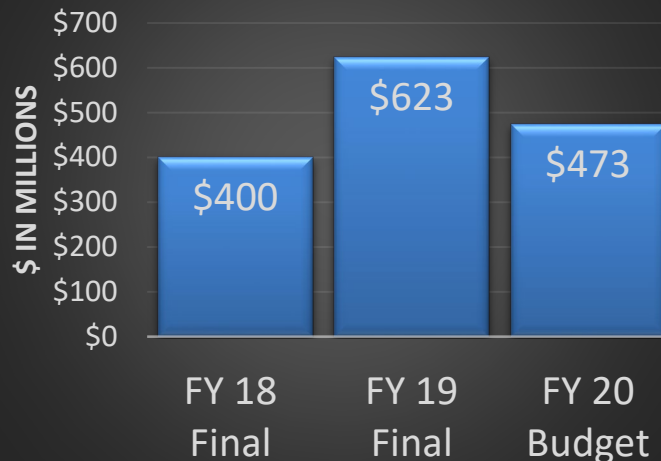


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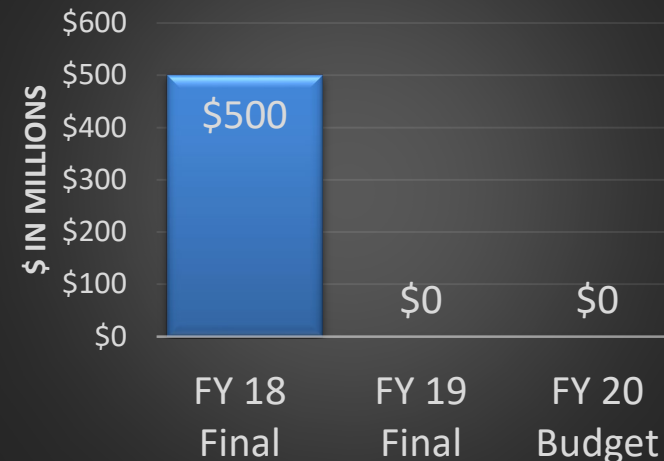


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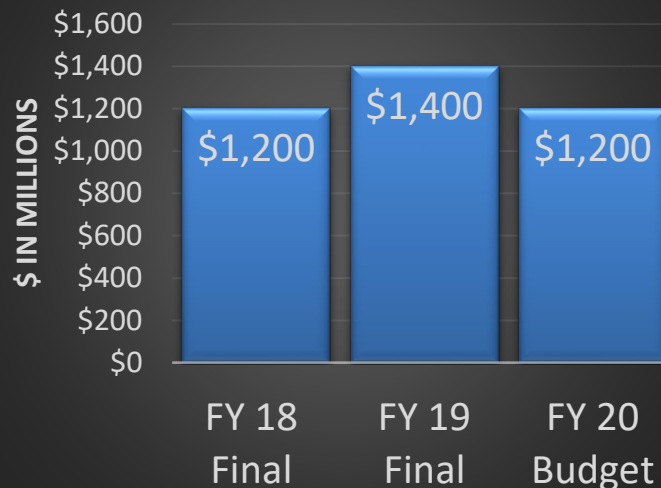
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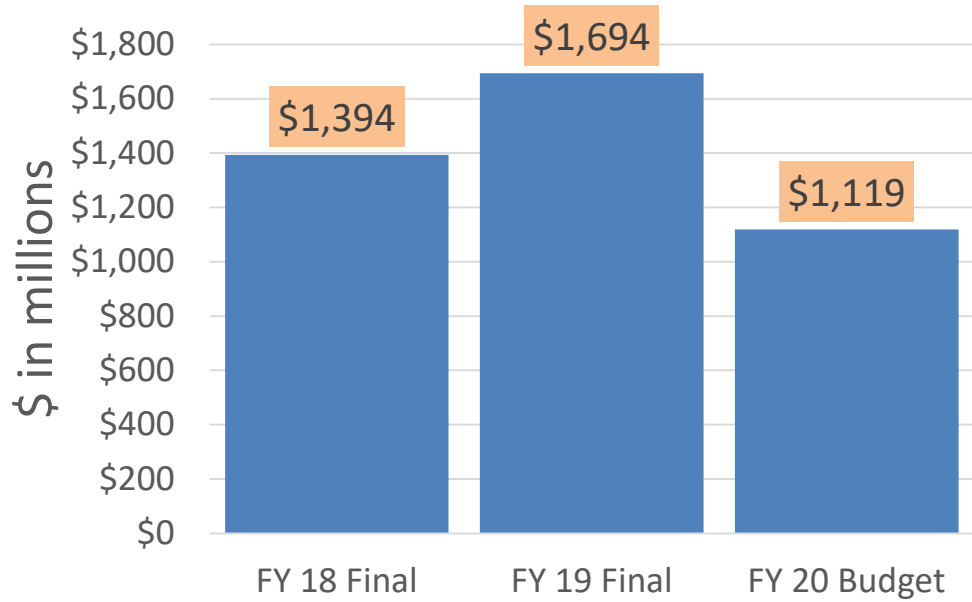
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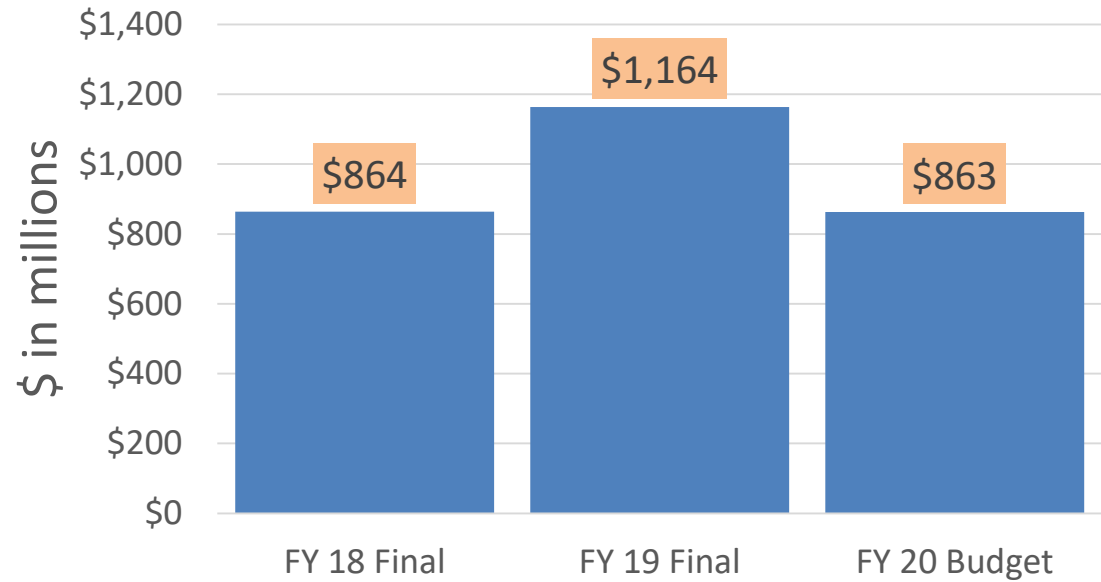
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Clean Water SRF



Safe Drinking Water SRF





WRDA Authorizations

FY 2020 Budget (EPA)

- Drinking Water Fountain Testing: \$5 million;
- Drinking Water Infrastructure Resilience: \$2 million;
- TA for Rural Treatment Works: 7.5 million; and
- Water Infrastructure and Workforce Investment: \$300 million



HHS Rural Community Facilities

Support Regional Community Assistance Partnerships – Deadline: March 27

Dear Colleague,

Please join Rep. Steve Stivers and Rep. Cindy Axne in writing to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies in support of robust funding for the Rural Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program, which helps small rural communities support clean drinking water, wastewater disposal, and water infrastructure systems.

According to the 2017 American Community Survey, over 470,000 rural households lack access to adequate water and waste disposal systems. This HHS program grants funds to Regional Community Assistance Partnerships (RCAPs), which serve as non-profits providing technical assistance to communities of 1,000 residents or fewer. This vital investment not only acts as a public health bulwark but also a driver of economic development.

To sign on, please contact Mimi Bair in my office or Zaak Barnes, zaakary.barnes@mail.house.gov, with Rep. Cindy Axne. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. **This letter will close on 3/27 at 3:00 PM.**

Sincerely,

Steve Stivers, Member of Congress

Stivers-Axne Letter

March 28, 2018

Dear Chairwoman Lowey, Ranking Member Granger, Chairwoman DeLauro, and Ranking Member Cole:

Thank you for your past support of the Rural Community Facilities Technical Assistance program authorized under 680(a)(3)(B) of the Community Services Block Grant Act and administered by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). As you are aware, this program has helped hundreds of small rural communities since its establishment over three decades ago. To continue this important work, we write to ask the committee for increased funding in fiscal year 2020 (FY20).

The 2017 American Community Survey and data from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have shown that over 470,000 American households lack access to water and wastewater systems, and nearly one in four households depends on individual septic system or small community cluster systems to treat their wastewater. Adequate water and waste disposal are an essential element in building a community, improving its economy, creating jobs and reducing poverty. Without clean water or adequate water infrastructure, the development of housing, schools, and commercial and industrial facilities is limited, as is economic growth more broadly.

The principal grantees of the Rural Facilities Technical Assistance grants are Regional Community Assistance Partnerships (RCAPs). RCAPs work with small communities with an average population of 1,000 people that are struggling to maintain and update their wastewater and drinking water systems.

The services financed through this program remain critical. It is our hope that you will continue to support and expand this important program by providing the Rural Community Facilities Technical Assistance program with increased funding in FY 2020.

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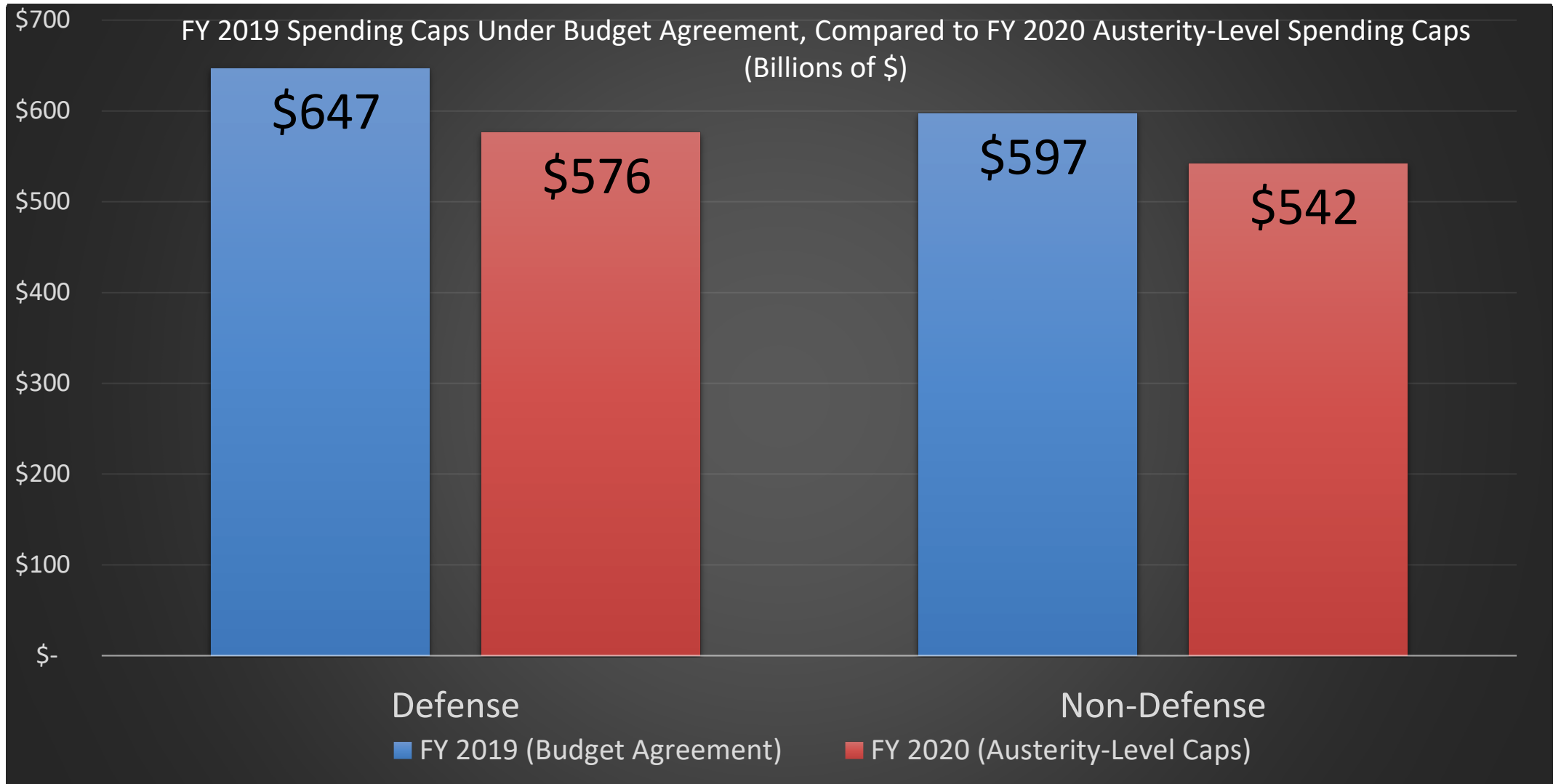


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Labor-HHS Appropriations

Appropriations Time Table

- March 11 – Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Budget Summary
- March 18 – Full FY 2020 Budget
- March 28 – Labor-HHS Deadline for House Member Request
- April 1 – Deadline for House Member Requests Interior-Environment
- April 4 – Deadline for House Member Requests for Agriculture Appropriations
- Senate – deadlines coming soon