

**UNITED STATES ARCTIC RESEARCH  
COMMISSION (USARC)**

**\$1,480,000  
+\$70,000 / 5.0%**

**USARC Funding**  
(Dollars in Millions)

	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Estimate	FY 2016 Request	Change Over FY 2015 Estimate	
				Amount	Percent
<b>USARC</b>	<b>\$1.30</b>	<b>\$1.41</b>	<b>\$1.48</b>	<b>\$0.07</b>	<b>5.0%</b>

**About USARC**

USARC was created by the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984, (as amended, P. L. 101-609), to assist in establishing the national policy, priorities, and goals necessary to construct a federal program plan for basic and applied scientific research with respect to the Arctic. This request provides funds to advance Arctic research, to recommend Arctic research policy, and to communicate research and policy recommendations. In addition, USARC advises the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC) in developing national Arctic research projects and a five-year plan to implement those projects. USARC also supports interaction with Arctic residents, international Arctic research programs and organizations, and local institutions, including regional governments, in order to obtain the broadest possible view of Arctic research needs. USARC is an independent federal agency, funded through NSF's appropriation, specifically as an activity in the Research and Related Activities account.

The USARC is requesting \$1.48 million, an increase of \$70,000 above the FY 2015 Estimate level. The FY 2016 Request will support three FTE funded at USARC. In addition, the FY 2016 Request supports one full-time contractor and four part-time contractors. A total of seven compensated personnel are authorized per P.L. 101-609. The seven Commissioners may also receive up to 90 days of salary per year, at the Executive Schedule Level IV.

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