UNITED STATES ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION (USARC)

USARC Funding						
(Dollars in Millions)						
				Change over		
	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2017 Actual		
	Actual	(TBD)	Request	Amount	Percent	
USARC	\$1.43	-	\$1.42	-\$0.01	-0.7%	

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. In addition, USARC advises the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee 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.

USARC is requesting \$1.42 million, \$10,000 below the FY 2017 Actual level. The FY 2019 Request provides funds to advance Arctic research, and to recommend Arctic research policy that is consistent with the Administration's *FY 2019 Administrative Research and Development Budget Priorities* (M-17-30). The FY 2019 Request will support three FTE funded at USARC. In addition, the FY 2019 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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