

UNITED STATES ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION (USARC)

USARC Funding

(Dollars in Millions)

FY 2024			Change over		
Current Plan	FY 2025 (TBD)	FY 2026 Request	FY 2024 Current Plan Amount	Current Plan	Percent
\$1.75		\$1.15	-\$0.60		-34.3%

USARC was created by the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984, (as amended, P. L. 101-609), to establish the national policy, priorities, and goals necessary to construct a federal program plan for basic and applied Arctic scientific research. 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 and local governments, 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 R&RA account.

The FY 2026 Request for USARC is \$1.15 million and will help to advance Arctic research and to recommend Arctic research policy that is consistent with the Administration's priorities.

The FY 2026 Request will fund offices in Virginia and Alaska that support eight presidentially appointed commissioners, and two full-time equivalent (FTE) staff tasked with duties defined in the Arctic Research and Policy Act (ARPA) of 1984, as amended.

US Arctic Research Commission

Personnel Compensation and Benefits and General Operating Expenses

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024			Change over	
	Current Plan	FY 2025 (TBD)	FY 2026 Request	FY 2024 Current Plan Amount	Percent
Personnel Compensation & Benefits	\$1,008.34		\$894.00	-\$114.34	-11.3%
Travel & Transportation of Persons	77.50		20.00	-57.50	-74.2%
Advisory & Assistance Services	386.50		66.00	-320.50	-82.9%
Rent	147.66		150.00	2.34	1.6%
Information Technology	22.00		5.00	-17.00	-77.3%
Communications, Supplies, Equipment, and Other	108.00		15.00	-93.00	-86.1%
Total	\$1,750.00		\$1,150.00	-\$600.00	-34.3%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	3		2	-1	-33.3%