BUDGET AND RESPONSIBILITIES

October 5, 2017
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DISCRETIONARY</th>
<th>MANDATORY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>portion of the budget that is decided by Congress through the annual appropriations process</td>
<td>spending that Congress legislates outside of the annual appropriations process</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Federal Budget Process

1. OMB finalizes budget
2. President submits budget to Congress
3. House and Senate Budget Committees approve budget Resolution AUTHORIZATIONS
4. House and Senate Appropriations Committees mark up budget APPROPRIATIONS
5. President signs budget into law

Continuing Resolution if no budget is approved

Applies to Discretionary (annual) programs
President Signs the Budget then:

OMB checks to make sure the APPROPRIATIONS are consistent with the Administration’s policies

USDA reviews to ensure that appropriations meet department policies

NRCS reviews to ensure that appropriations meet agency policies

Allowance holders (State Conservationists, Deputy Chiefs) receive ALLOCATIONS

Typically a minimum of 3 months between APPROPRIATIONS and ALLOCATIONS
WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM – REVENUE

Income taxes 47%
Payroll taxes 34%
Corporate taxes 9%
Excise taxes 3%
Customs taxes 1%
Other (fees) 6%

$3.276 trillion

Federal Tax Revenue 2016
3,276,000,000,000
WHERE THE MONEY GOES — SPENDING

$3.807 trillion

MANDATORY: OTHER
- Retirement
- Veteran’s benefits
- SNAP
- Unemployment insurance
- FARM BILL

MANDATORY: Medicare, Medicaid
- 25%

MANDATORY: Social Security
- 32%

MANDATORY: Other
- 8%

INTEREST
- 6%

DISCRETIONARY: Military
- 15%

DISCRETIONARY: Non-military
- 14%

DISCRETIONARY: NON-MILITARY
- Veteran’s medical care
- National parks/forests
- Scientific research
- Law enforcement
- Foreign aid
- EPA
- NASA
- Housing
- Head Start
- Transportation
- Energy Assistance
- CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

USDA Budget = $156 billion (4% of total federal budget)
NRCS BUDGET

- Financial Assistance: 53%
- Easements: 10%
- Technical Assistance: 17%
- Conservation Technical Assistance: 18%
- Soil: 2%
- Snow Survey, PMC: 0.4%

$4.4 billion
$2.8 billion is FA
$1.6 billion is TA

2.8% of USDA budget, 0.01% of total federal budget)
**BALANCE**

**REVENUE**
- $3.276

**SPENDING**
- $3.876

**DEFICIT**
- $-0.600

Federal Debt = Sum of past Deficits
SOURCE OF GROWTH IN THE FEDERAL BUDGET OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS
HISTORICAL CO-02 ALLOCATION
FY2018 President’s Budget

-31.4% EPA
-20.5% Agriculture
-19.8% Labor
-16.2% Health & Human Services
-15.8% Commerce
-13.5% Education
-12.7% Transportation
-10.9% Interior
-5.6% Energy
5.8% Veterans
6.8% Homeland Security
10.1% Defense
NRCS DISCRETIONARY BUDGET

**Millions of dollars**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Budget Year</th>
<th>Conservation Operations*</th>
<th>Soil Survey</th>
<th>Total Discretionary</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FY2017</td>
<td>783.7</td>
<td>80.8</td>
<td>864.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FY2018</td>
<td>686.3</td>
<td>79.7</td>
<td>766.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>% change from FY17</td>
<td>-12.4%</td>
<td>-1.4%</td>
<td>-9.5%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FY2019</td>
<td>652.0</td>
<td>75.7</td>
<td>727.7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>% change from FY17</td>
<td>-20.2%</td>
<td>-6.3%</td>
<td>-15.8%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*CTA, CDSI, Snow Survey, PMC, Watershed Projects

FACTS

NRCS
- Discretionary funding has decreased from a high of 31% in 2009 to 18% in 2017.
- Over 85% of NRCS discretionary funding is CTA.
- Soil survey funding has decreased by 15% since 2011 ($93.9 million to $80.8 million)
...there has not been a Full Year allocation passed at the beginning of the fiscal year for since 1997.
THEN THERE MIGHT BE:

- a 2\textsuperscript{nd} CR
- a 30-day allocation
- an Omnibus
- THEN the rest of full year allocation
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR SSS?

States are funded for CO-02 salary at GS-13, step 5, with 30.8% benefits and adjusted for locality pay.

- GS-14, step 5 for CA and TX
- GS-12, step 5 if State does not have a State Soil Scientist (VT, RI, MD, NY, NH)

Support provided at a level determined by Agency leadership.

- in FY2017, support was 10.81% of salary
- GS-13 RUS = $10,346
RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATE CO-02 PROGRAM MANAGER

Attend NCSS Regional & National Conferences

- West: May 21-25, Tucson, AZ
- Northeast/South: June 25-29, Summersville, WV
- North Central: July 9-12, Brookings, SD
- 2019 National Conference: Rhode Island

Host annual State NCSS meeting with local partners

- Planning, thematic, field trips...
- SSD will post meeting dates and meeting summaries in the SSD Weekly Update

Lead Technical Soil Services in State

- Tune in on October 19 for Webinar #3 on Technical Soil Services

Participate in SSD project reviews

- Changes in depth to restrictive layers, andic soil properties that influence use & mgmt
## Responsibilities as State CO-02 Program Manager

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Responsibility</th>
<th>Details</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Communicate to SSD State priorities for data improvements                     | Continuous two-way discussions  
Participate on Soils2026 focus teams; more info on Webinar #2 on Oct 12 |
| Reviewing and posting updated soil survey data to Soil Data Warehouse         | Data changes that impact state programs                                 |
| Coordinating the development of localized soil interpretations               | Vineyards, local septic regs, stormwater runoff, moose habitat, impacts of fire |
| Updating and maintaining information systems                                  | eFOTG, RUSLE2, Win-PST, LESA, rental rates                              |
| Field Office Quality Reviews                                                  | Soils information in conservation planning                             |
RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATE CO-02 PROGRAM MANAGER

- Provide expertise on soil-related issues to all NRCS conservation programs
- Assist users in understanding and applying soil survey information
- Providing soils training for local needs
- Marketing soil survey information
TAKE HOME POINTS

We are in this together – we are the soils team for NRCS

You have $$ – advocate to use the funds

Two-way street – COMMUNICATE