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The House's 2018 [Interior-EPA spending package](#) boosts funds for several programs with bipartisan support that the White House had sought to cut, according to an internal EPA memo obtained by POLITICO.

The Superfund program would get a \$28.6 million boost, up to \$1.09 billion, and Brownfields projects would get an extra \$10 million, up to \$90 million for 2018, according to the [memo](#), from EPA's acting chief financial officer, David Bloom. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has said he will prioritize those cleanup programs, although the administration's budget request sought to cut the Superfund budget by about a third.

House Republicans also would give an extra \$15 million for the diesel emissions reduction grant program, which would receive \$75 million in 2018, according to the memo.

For other programs, the House bill proposes cuts to programs that Trump sought to keep fully funded, such as the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The House bill would cut \$250 million from the clean water SRF, dropping it to \$1.14 billion. The other SRF, for drinking water, would see its funding stable at \$863 million.

The bill would leave untouched a slate of categorical grants that help states pay for implementing and enforcing environmental laws and for environmental projects, according to the memo.

At least two programs targeted by Trump are still in line for belt-tightening: a Mexican border initiative that would be zeroed out and a \$10 million cut for a program to pay for water and wastewater infrastructure in Alaska Native villages.

**WHAT'S NEXT:** The House Appropriations Committee will mark up the bill on July 18.

*Annie Snider contributed to this report.*

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