

UNITED STATES ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION (USARC)

\$1,600,000
+\$125,000 / 8.5%

USARC Funding

(Dollars in Millions)

FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 (TBD)	FY 2021 Request	Change over FY 2019 Actual	
			Amount	Percent
\$1.48	-	\$1.60	\$0.13	8.5%

About USARC

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, 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 \$1.60 million, \$125,000 above the FY 2019 Actual. In FY 2020, new leases will be established for both USARC offices (in Arlington, VA, and in Anchorage, AK) by the General Services Administration. The FY 2021 Request provides funds to advance Arctic research, and to recommend Arctic research policy that is consistent with the Administration's *FY 2021 Administration Research and Development Budget Priorities* (M-19-25).

The FY 2021 Request will support three FTE funded at USARC. In addition, the FY 2021 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.

