



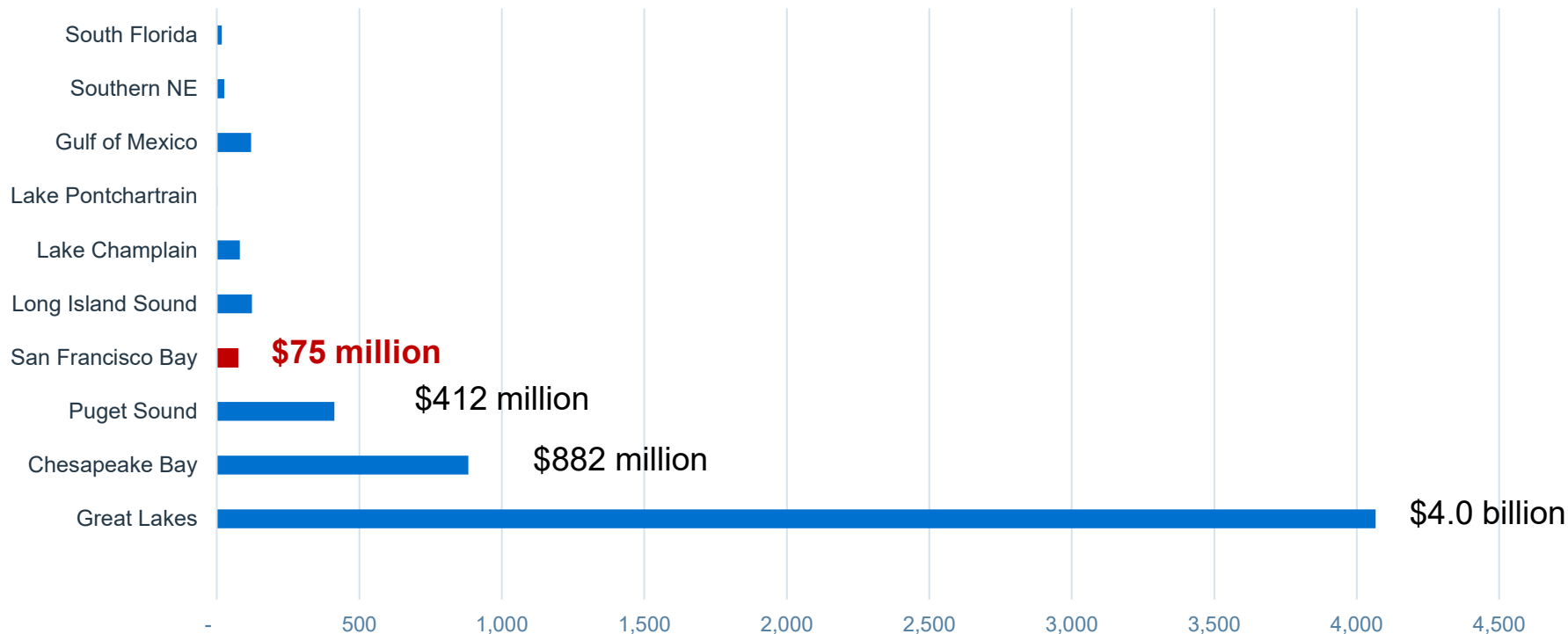
**SAVE THE BAY**

# The EPA SF Bay Program and Federal Funding

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# Historically, San Francisco Bay has received less federal funding than other estuaries

U.S. EPA Geographic Programs 14-year total funding (millions) – FY 2008-2021



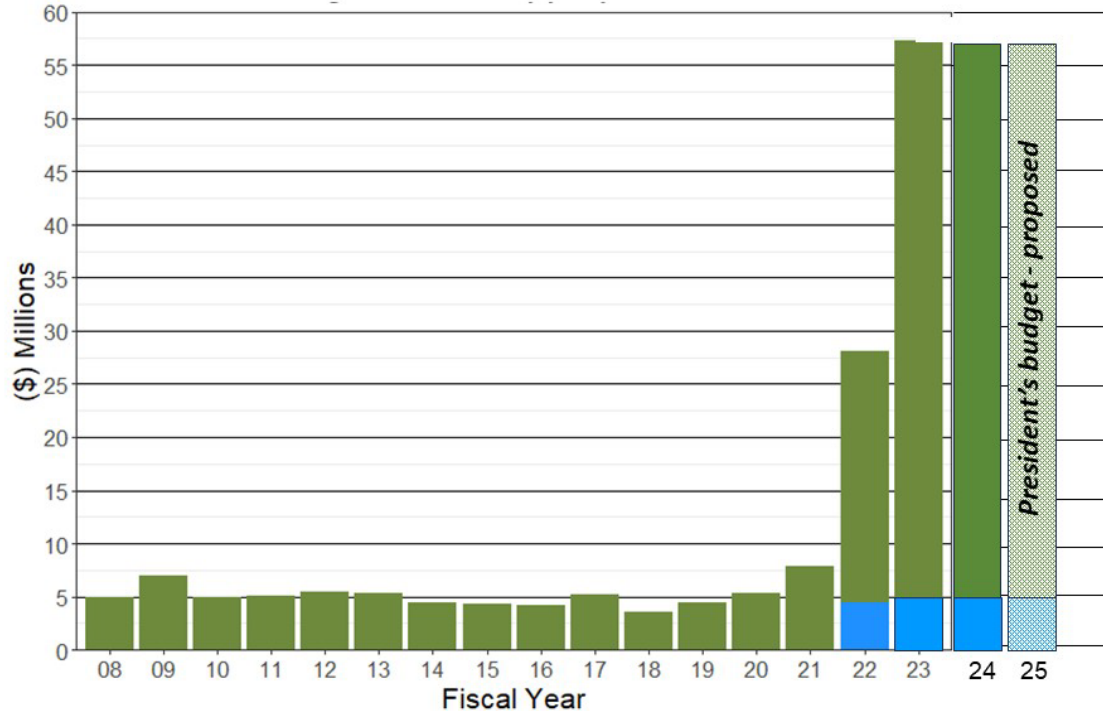
# U.S. EPA

## San Francisco Bay Program

(established 2023)



# Growth in U.S. EPA's San Francisco Bay project funding



December 2022:

- Biden signs San Francisco Bay Restoration Act into law
- Congress approves \$54.4M for SF Bay water quality and habitat protections
- + \$5M/year for five years through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

## Funding Source



**Subtidal eelgrass  
and oyster reef  
restoration**

**Wetlands Regional  
Monitoring Program**

**Beneficial reuse of  
dredge material**

**In-bay monitoring of  
pollutants, including  
trash and algal species  
under the Regional  
Monitoring Program**

**Large scale shoreline  
resilience, multi-benefit  
projects (horizontal  
levees, wastewater  
treatment plants)**

**EPA Region 9  
San Francisco Bay Program Office  
FY24 Draft Annual Priority List**

**Nutrient management**

**Special  
studies/projects for  
addressing PFAS in  
SF Bay**

**Large scale tidal  
wetlands restoration**

**Special  
studies/projects for  
addressing PCBs  
under TMDL  
implementation plan**

**Large scale  
implementation of  
urban green  
stormwater  
infrastructure**

**Beneficial reuse of  
dredge material**

# Potential Criteria for Focusing Funding within Priorities



## Climate Urgency

- Accelerate adaptation in areas at greatest risk from rising tides/extreme storms
- Emphasize underserved, formerly redlined communities at risk of flooding



## Funding Gaps

- Planned/permitted projects lacking full implementation funds
- Keystone funding to match other funding sources



## Needle Movers

- Early investments to leverage future benefits (e.g. research, monitoring)
- Capacity development for under-resourced stakeholders



# Opportunities for Tracking and Coordination

- Build on Estuary Blueprint (CCMP)
- Track federal and state spending on priorities
- Identify gaps for focusing resources
- Identify coordination opportunities

<https://www.epa.gov/sfbay-delta/sfbwqif>



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