

Connecticut
(Dollars in Thousands)

Connecticut	2012 Total*	5% Sequester	Revised Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	13,720	-686	13,034

* The 2012 Total does not include project specific funding for land acquisition, construction, and Bureau of Reclamation projects or competitive grant allocations.

Interior funding in Connecticut totaled about \$14 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$700 thousand. This estimate will be updated once the sequestration order is issued and allocations are finalized. There could be further reductions in competitive grants, land acquisition and construction projects, and wildland fire expenditures that are not included in this estimate.

- The Department of Interior has over 50 employees in Connecticut. Connecticut is home to one national historic site and shares a national scenic trail with adjoining States as well as one national wildlife refuge.
- Together these assets attracted over 44 thousand visitors, created 29 jobs, and generated over \$2.2 million for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in Connecticut stand to lose an estimated:
 - \$116 thousand from Bureau of Indian Affairs activities affecting the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe of Connecticut and the Mohegan Indian Tribe of Connecticut.
 - \$322 thousand from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge*.
 - \$145 thousand from National Park Service sites like *Weir Farm National Historic Site*.

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to Connecticut would drop by about \$500 thousand.

Interior Grants and Payments	Estimate Total	Sequester	Revised Total
Historic Preservation Fund	735	-37	698
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	640	-32	608
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	31	-2	29
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	7,813	-398	7,415
State and Wildlife Grants	479	-24	455
Total, Connecticut	9,698	-493	9,205

Note: The sequester is an across-the-board reduction that reduces every account and activity (with few exemptions). The result will be reduced levels of direct services provided to the American public. Cut backs in visitor hours and programs will impact tourism and travel and have ripple effects on

communities and economies that are reliant on these activities. Reductions in permanent and seasonal staffing and reductions in contracts will impact surrounding communities where employees live and where supplies and services are acquired. Reductions in grants and payments will impact the abilities of States, Tribes and counties to sustain ongoing services in emergency response, education, and others. As these impacts are defined, we will provide details.