

Delaware
(Dollars in Thousands)

Delaware	2012 Total*	5% Sequester	Revised Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	9,006	-450	8,556

* 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 Delaware totaled about \$9 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$450 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 30 employees in Delaware. Delaware hosts two wildlife refuges and a historic trail.
- Together these assets attracted over 208 thousand visitors, created 58 jobs, and generated \$5.7 million for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in Delaware stand to lose an estimated:
 - \$423 thousand from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge and Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge*.
 - \$26 thousand from National Park Service sites like *Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail*.

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to Delaware would drop by about \$431 thousand.

Interior Grants and Payments	Estimate Total	Sequester	Revised Total
Historic Preservation Fund	528	-26	502
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	401	-20	381
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	19	-1	18
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	7,045	-359	6,686
State and Wildlife Grants	479	-24	455
Total, Delaware	8,472	-431	8,041

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.