

Massachusetts
(Dollars in Thousands)

Massachusetts	2012 Total*	5% Sequester	Revised Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	104,100	-5,097	99,003

* 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 Massachusetts totaled about \$104 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$5 million. 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 a significant presence in Massachusetts with over 1,000 employees. Massachusetts has 14 units of the National Park System including five national historic parks, seven historic sites, a national recreation area, and a national seashore. In addition, Massachusetts hosts many varied and significant refuges.
- Together these assets attracted over 11.2 million visitors, created over 9,500 jobs, and generated \$622 million for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in Massachusetts stand to lose an estimated:
 - \$178 thousand from Bureau of Indian Affairs activities affecting the two Native American Tribes in the State of Massachusetts.
 - \$2.4 million from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge* and *Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge*.
 - \$2.3 million from National Park Service sites like *Cape Cod National Seashore*, *Boston National Historical Park*, and *Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area*.

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to Massachusetts would drop by about \$600 thousand.

Interior Grants and Payments	Estimate Total	Sequester	Revised Total
Historic Preservation Fund	917	-46	871
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	916	-46	870
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	118	-6	112
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	9,249	-472	8,777
State and Wildlife Grants	699	-35	664
Mineral Revenue Payments	24	-1	23
Total, Massachusetts	11,923	-606	11,317

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.