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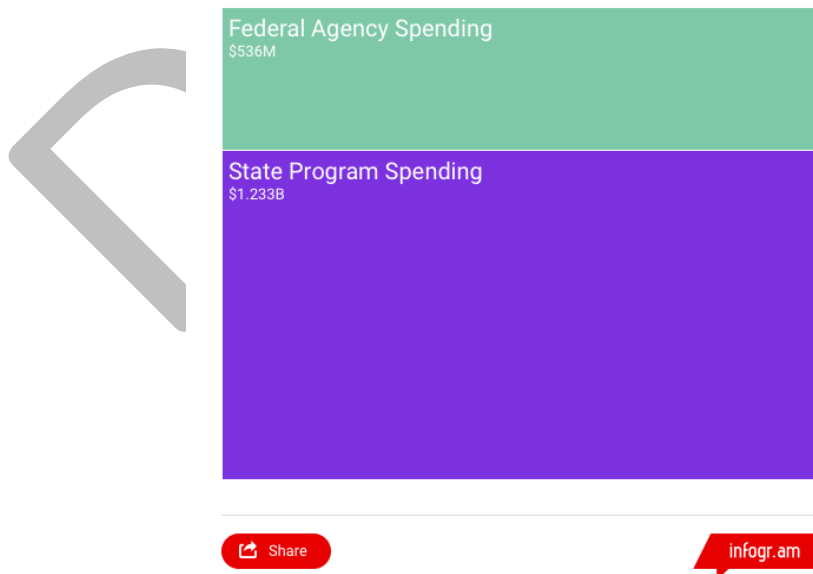
**Funding**

A range of agencies and organizations support the Chesapeake Bay Program's work. While an estimate of the total funding directed toward the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement* is not available, the information below outlines the state and federal funding reported through the Office of Management and Budget as part of the Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act.

In December of 2014, the president signed the [Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act](#) (CBARA) into law. This act requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to submit an annual report on federal and state funding toward environmental restoration in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. During its first three years, only those programs that cost at least \$300,000 must be reported.

In December of 2016, the OMB issued its first [Chesapeake Bay Restoration Spending Crosscut](#). Due to data uncertainties and constraints around time and resources, the estimates this crosscut provides may differ from the funding that ultimately supports environmental restoration. For instance, because fiscal 2016 totals were reported before the end of the fiscal year, these totals may reflect only a partial snapshot of program implementation.

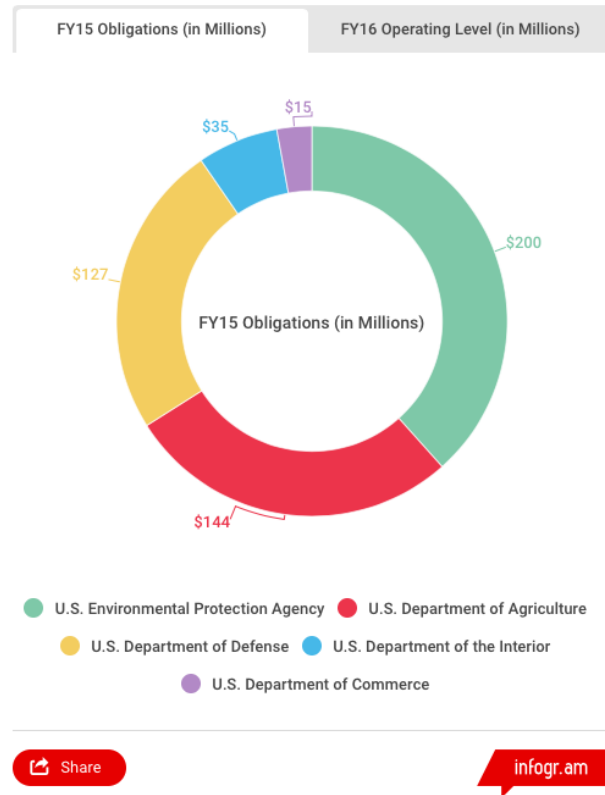
## Fiscal 2016 Funding for Watershed Restoration

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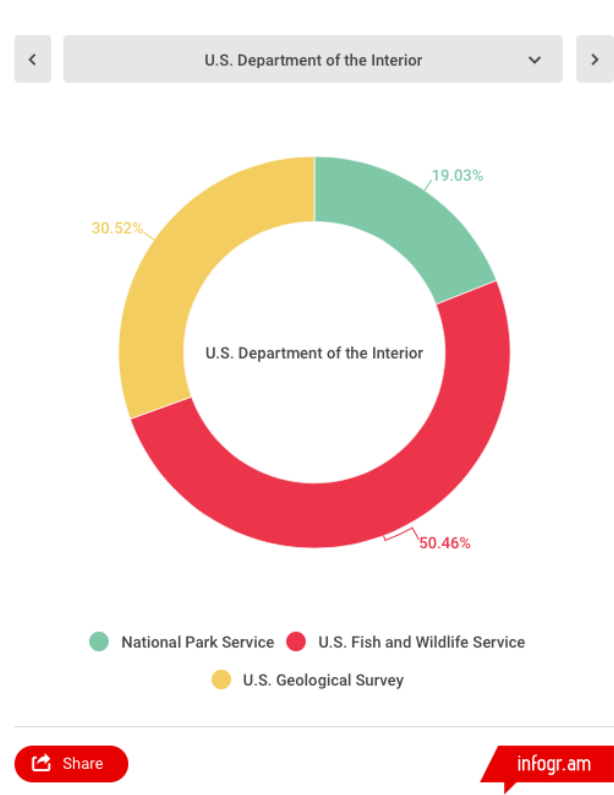
## Federal Spending

According to the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Spending Crosscut, five of the seven agencies that make up the Federal Leadership Committee for the Chesapeake Bay—including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, the Interior and Transportation—invested \$536.4 million in watershed restoration in fiscal 2016. This is about \$15 million greater than the obligations of fiscal 2015 and \$46 million greater than the fiscal 2017 President’s Budget.

### Federal Agency Spending for Watershed Restoration



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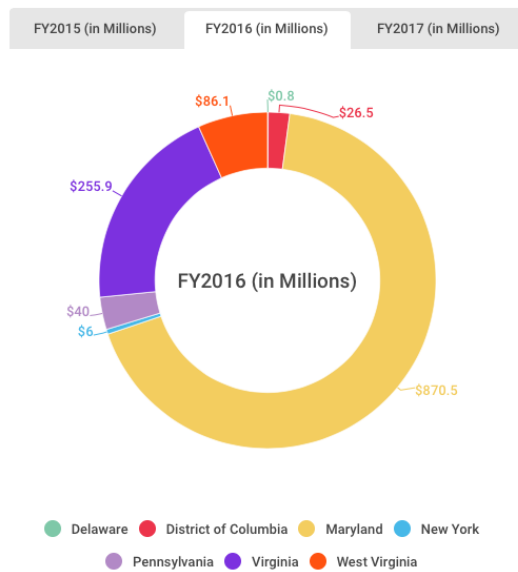
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While the Departments of Homeland Security and Transportation do support restoration in the watershed, their activities did not meet the definitional limits of this crosscut and were not reported.

## State Spending

The seven watershed jurisdictions—including Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia—reported investing an estimated \$1.23 billion in watershed restoration through state programs in fiscal 2016. This marked a slight increase from the estimated investments of fiscal 2015, and is \$252 million below the estimated fiscal 2017 budget of \$1.54 billion.

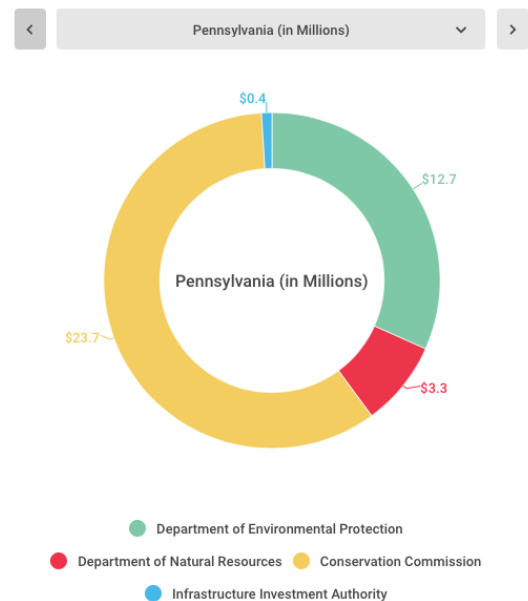
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## Future Reporting

A call for funding data to support the next Chesapeake Bay Restoration Spending Crosscut is expected to be made in 2017.