

Energy Funding Levels in the FY 2027 President's Budget Request

Issue Brief

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On April 3, the White House released President Donald Trump's [FY 2027 budget request](#), detailing the Administration's priorities in the coming year. While the request outlines a 10% increase to overall U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) spending relating to FY 2026 levels (totaling \$53.9 billion), non-defense programs would receive a 16% cut, to \$12.53 billion. The National Nuclear Security Administration and other defense-related activities would receive a 21% increase, to \$41.38 billion.

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BCSE is sharing industry perspectives with Congressional appropriations committees as the FY 2027 budget is negotiated. [Click here](#) to view BCSE's letter to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development.

Summary of Key Programs

The following breakdown of relevant DOE program funding requests was prepared by the [Clean Energy Business Network \(CEBN\)](#).

This month, the White House released the FY 2027 [President's Budget Request](#) (PBR). The PBR is a political marker of the president's budget priorities, kicking off consideration by Congress, which ultimately holds the "power of the purse".

At a high level, the PBR would cut non-defense DOE spending by 16% over FY 2026. Two new proposed budget items include a \$3.5 billion "Baseload Power Initiative" and a \$1.2 billion Office of AI and Quantum, both funded through unobligated hydrogen hubs funds, a product of the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Other programs that would receive roughly level funding include Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy and Fusion.

The PBR also proposes significant cuts to the Offices of Electricity (-22%), ARPA-E (-43%), and Science (-13%). The recently created Office of Critical Minerals and Energy Innovation, which houses programming formerly under the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and the Office of State and Community Energy Programs, would be cut 40%. The Office of Technology Commercialization, which runs DOE's Small Business Innovation Research program, would receive a bump of \$26.6M.

President's FY 27 Budget Request for Department of Energy					
Select Programs (not comprehensive)	FY 25 Enacted	FY 26 Enacted	FY 27 Request	FY 27 Request vs FY 26 Enacted	
	(in billions of \$)			billions of \$	%
Total DOE	49.94	49.10	53.91	+ 4.81	+ 10%
Defense	32.97	34.11	41.38	+ 7.27	+ 21%
Non-Defense	16.97	15.00	12.53	- 2.47	- 16%
Baseload Power* (coal, storage, NG, nuclear, hydro, grid)	---	---	3.50	+ 3.50	N/A
Artificial Intelligence and Quantum*	---	---	1.20	+ 1.20	N/A
Energy Dominance Financing† (former LPO)	- 0.01	- 0.04	0.18	+ 0.24	+ 416%
Hydrocarbons & Geothermal	1.23	0.65	0.68	+ 0.03	+ 4%
Office of Technology Commercialization	0.02	---	0.03	+ 0.03	N/A
Fusion	---	---	0.01	+ 0.01	N/A
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations	0.05	---	---	---	N/A
Cybersecurity, Energy Security, Emergency Response	0.20	0.19	0.16	- 0.03	- 16%
Indian Energy	0.07	0.08	0.05	- 0.03	- 33%
Electricity (includes former Grid Deployment office)	0.34	0.26	0.20	- 0.06	- 22%
Nuclear Energy	1.53	1.53	1.37	- 0.15	- 10%
ARPA-E	0.46	0.35	0.20	- 0.15	- 43%
Critical Minerals & Energy Innovation (former EERE, SCEP, etc.)	3.10	1.88	1.12	- 0.76	- 40%
Science	8.24	8.25	7.14	- 1.11	- 13%

*Baseload and AI programs reflect repurposing of unobligated IIIA funding, not new appropriations.

†EDF line reflects additional credit subsidies and program administration; not total loan authority.

(Source: DOE Summary Tables)

Critical Minerals & Energy Innovation Detail in FY27 Budget Request (Under DOE reorganization, CMEI includes most programs formerly housed under EERE, SCEP, MESC, OCED, and FEMP)					
Subprograms of CMEI (not comprehensive)	FY 25 Enacted	FY 26 Enacted	FY 27 Request	FY 27 Request vs FY 26 Enacted	
	(in billions of \$)			billions of \$	%
Total CMEI	3.10	1.88	1.12	- 0.76	- 40%
Advanced Mining & Mineral Production	0.13	0.08	0.36	+ 0.28	+ 339%
Federal Energy Manufacturing Program (FEMP)	0.04	0.03	---	- 0.03	- 100%
Advanced Materials & Manufacturing	0.37	0.19	0.15	- 0.04	- 19%
Other State & Community Energy Programs (SCEP)	0.04	0.04	---	- 0.04	- 100%
State Energy Program	0.07	0.07	---	- 0.07	- 100%
Industrial Technologies	0.41	0.21	0.05	- 0.16	- 78%
Building Technologies	0.15	0.29	0.02	- 0.27	- 93%
Weatherization Assistance Program	0.33	0.33	---	- 0.33	- 100%
Transportation	0.24	0.4	0.02	- 0.38	- 95%
Alternative Fuels & Feedbacks	0.34	0.41	0.01	- 0.40	- 98%
Hydropower & Hydrokinetic	0.30	0.22	0.13	- 0.09	- 43%

(Source: DOE Budget Brief)

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