



U.S. Territories

Great American Outdoors Act National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund

Photo Credit: NPS

The Great American Outdoors Act National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund (GAOA LRF) is a commitment to protecting and sustaining our public lands.

Established on August 4, 2020, GAOA LRF allocates over \$1.6 billion annually from fiscal years (FY) 2021 through 2025 to the Department of the Interior (Interior) to address priority deferred maintenance and repair needs on public lands and Bureau of Indian Education-funded schools. With all five years of GAOA LRF funding, Interior bureaus will:

- Fund 396 projects across 50 states, the District of Columbia, and multiple territories
- Address over \$5.9 billion in deferred maintenance and repair
- Improve the condition of over 3,800 Interior assets

GAOA LRF Impacts Across America*



Repairing over **1,000** recreational and visitor experience assets



Improving ADA accessibility in nearly **50%** of GAOA LRF projects



Each year of GAOA LRF funding is estimated to support an average of **17,000** jobs and contribute **\$1.9 billion** to the U.S. economy



Improving facilities used by nearly **2,300** students and faculty at BIE-funded schools each year

Deferred Maintenance and Repair in U.S. Territories

In U.S. Territories, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is over \$424,337,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$312,469,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$111,868,000

GAOA LRF in U.S. Territories

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest over **\$112.6 million** towards improving over **30** assets across **9** projects in U.S. Territories.

As of September 2023, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **2** NPS locations in U.S. Territories.



Assets improved in U.S. Territories:



Operational Buildings



Water Infrastructure and Other Utilities



Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets



GAOA LRF Projects



Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

*these numbers are estimates and include FY21 - FY25 GAOA LRF-funded projects.

**DM&R estimates represent a point in time, reported as of 9/30/2023, rounded to the nearest thousand. DM&R is calculated based on asset repair needs in FRPP, which does not include assets with a status indicator of Report of Excess Submitted, Report of Excess Accepted, Determination to Dispose, Disposed, Cannot Currently be Disposed, or Surplus.

FY21-25 Projects, Locations, and Funding in U.S. Territories



Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2024
FWS	Cabo Rojo National Wildlife Refuge, Puerto Rico	Replace Cabo Rojo Headquarters/Visitor Center Building	\$3,763,000
FWS	Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, Midway Atoll	Replace Waste Treatment Plant	\$7,380,000
NPS	American Memorial Park, Northern Mariana Islands	Replace Waterlines	\$15,000,000*
NPS	San Juan National Historic Site, Puerto Rico	Preserve Lighthouse and Austria Bastion	\$9,000,000*
NPS	San Juan National Historic Site, Puerto Rico	Repair Historic Walls of Park Fortifications	\$41,662,000
NPS	San Juan National Historic Site, Puerto Rico	Stabilize Cliff at San Fernando Bastion	\$8,212,000
NPS	War in the Pacific National Historical Park, Guam	Preserve World War II Structures	\$2,600,000*
NPS	Virgin Islands National Park, U.S. Virgin Islands	Repair Lameshur Bay Road	\$3,700,000*
NPS	Virgin Islands National Park, U.S. Virgin Islands	Replace Water and Wastewater Systems at Cinnamon and Trunk Bays	\$21,300,000

*total project funding includes proposed FY25 funding
[†] rounded to thousands

Replace Waste Treatment Plant

Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, Midway Atoll



The Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, one of the largest marine conservation areas in the world, is a sanctuary for millions of seabirds, shorebirds, and various marine life. This project will replace the existing sewage treatment system, which has frequent component failures, with a properly sized and more environmentally friendly system. This project is critical, as a sewage leak directly into the ocean would harm the large reef and endangered species habitat.

Aerial view of Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge. Photo credit: FWS

Stabilize Cliff at San Fernando Bastion

San Juan National Historic Site, Puerto Rico



San Juan National Historic Site in Puerto Rico is a World Heritage Site protecting historic city fortifications. The cliff at San Fernando Bastion, which forms part of the foundation and support for the Castillo's esplanade, is deteriorating and presents risks to the historic resource. This project will prevent further erosion and stabilize the cliff, protecting this historic resource from harsh tropical weather conditions. This will correct safety issues with falling rocks above the popular Paseo del Morro National Recreational Trail, which the park temporarily closed to visitors due to unsafe conditions. This project will restore and protect historic, cultural, and natural resources while protecting public safety.

Cliff at San Fernando Bastion. Photo credit: NPS