

**MONDAY MORNING GROUP OF WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY
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NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH PROGRAMS

ISSUE: Each year, Congress must add funding to the President’s Budget for National Guard Youth Challenge (See Table 1).

ACTION: The Monday Morning Group urges the budget for National Guard Youth Challenge Program (Budget Activity 4: Administration and Service-wide Activities, Civil Military Programs Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide) is fully funded at \$225,000,000 for FY 2025.

BACKGROUND: In FY 2023, Congress added \$85,000,000 to the President’s Budget for National Guard Youth Challenge Program. This funding was necessary to maintain, not grow, this important program throughout the nation. Without this Congressional Adjustment, National Guard Bureau would be forced to close Challenge programs in states like California.

Table 1: FY 2022/FY 2023 President’s Budget for National Guard Youth Challenge

| FY 2022: | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| President’s Budget | \$124,719,000 |
| Congress Addition | \$ 85,281,000 |
| Enacted | \$210,000,000 |
| FY 2023 | |
| President’s Budget | \$126,589,000 |
| Congress Addition | \$ 85,000,000 |
| Enacted | \$211,589,000 |