

Public Buildings Reform Board

FY 2026 Congressional Justification



PUBLIC BUILDINGS REFORM BOARD

May 30, 2025

Appropriations Language

For carrying out the provisions of the Federal Asset and Sale Transfer Act of 2016 (P.L. 114 - 287), as amended, the Public Buildings Reform Board is requesting \$4,000,000 to remain available until expended.

Program Description

Mission

The Federal Assets Sale and Transfer (FASTA) Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–287), enacted in December 2016, authorizes the Public Buildings Reform Board. The Public Buildings Reform Board (PBRB) is an independent Federal agency, established to expedite the sale of unneeded and/or underutilized federal real estate and maximize value for the Federal government. The purpose of the FASTA legislation is to:

- (1) Continue the consolidation of the footprint of Federal buildings and facilities;
- (2) Continue to maximize the utilization rate of Federal buildings;
- (3) Continue to reduce the reliance on leased space;
- (4) Identify underutilized candidate properties appropriate for selling or redeveloping to obtain the highest and best value for the taxpayer;
- (5) Continue to reduce the operating and maintenance costs of Federal civilian real properties;
- (6) Examine the possibilities for reducing redundancy, overlap, and costs associated with field offices;
- (7) Determine how to create incentives for Federal agencies to achieve greater efficiency in their inventories of civilian real property;
- (8) Expedite the sale or disposal of Federal civilian real properties under the authorities of FASTA;
- (9) As a natural result of the above, assist Federal agencies in achieving the Government's efficiency goals by reducing excess space, inventory, and operating costs, as well as by leveraging new technologies.
- (10) Address the FASTA statutory goal for ensuring Tribal consultation in the property disposition process.

Board and Staff Members

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Results of FY25

The PBRB devoted FY2025 to analyzing properties identified through agency consultations and a comprehensive review of the Federal Real Property Profile (FRPP) for submission in its final, ‘Second Round’ report. FASTA directs the PBRB to submit a list of properties for sale, consolidation, or other cost-saving actions of up to \$4.75 billion for its Second Round. Candidate properties were vetted for anticipated return to the taxpayer, complexity, resource requirements, and scheduling. A particular emphasis was placed on stakeholder input.

FY2026 Goals

In FY 2026, the PBRB will continue to work on properties for the Third Round. FASTA requires the PBRB to submit a list of properties before it sunsets in December 2026. The PBRB expects significant interest from landholding agencies due to evolving space requirements of the post COVID era, recent laws and Presidential Executive Orders. There will be additional opportunities identified by GSA’s recent push to divest of federal office space.

In extensive and continuing discussions with agency officials, the PBRB has found that the greatest deterrent toward enhanced facilities efficiency is the lack of appropriations available for enabling the creation of new and more efficient spaces required by consolidations.

Summary of the Request

The Public Buildings Reform Board’s budget request for FY 2026 reflects the Board’s continued commitment to faithfully execute the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 as amended (FASTA) by bringing value to the American taxpayer through the disposition of underutilized federal real property. The agency budget request includes mission critical funding to support

the pivotal strategic activities and due diligence tasks necessary to successfully identify and recommend candidate properties. With careful consideration, the Board formally requests \$4M in appropriations in FY 2026 for the following mission critical activities:

- \$3.0 M for professional service contracts to analyze the expansive federal real property portfolio, identify assets viable for disposition, and perform extensive due diligence to ensure disposals maximize value to the taxpayer
- \$2.0M for salaries and benefits of Board Members, detailed personnel, and the Executive

Director

- \$5250K for travel and meeting expenses to ensure all assets recommended for disposal meet the FASTA criteria and provide valuable opportunities for maximizing returns to the taxpayer

Amounts Available for Obligation

| | FY24 Actual | FY25 Full Year CR | FY26 Request |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Unobligated balance SOY | \$6,259,016 | \$7,444,538 | \$7,152,538 |
| Annual appropriation | \$4,000,000 | \$3,960,000 | \$4,000,000 |
| Total obligations | \$2,774,478 | \$4,252,000 | \$5,320,619 |
| Unobligated balance EOY | \$7,444,538 | \$7,152,538 | \$5,831,919 |
| Gross Outlays | \$1,760,957 | \$3,679,068 | \$6,907,072 |

Obligations for Object Classification

| | | FY26 Request |
|------|--|---------------------|
| 11.1 | Full Time Permanent (Exec Dir) | \$200,000 |
| 11.3 | Other than Full Time Permanent (Board members) | \$752,817 |
| 11.8 | Other personnel compensation (reimb detailees) | \$1,050,000 |
| 12.1 | Civilian personnel benefits | \$57,802 |
| 21 | Travel and transportation of persons | \$250,000 |
| 25 | Advisory and assistance services | \$3,000,000 |
| 26 | Supplies and expenses | \$10,000 |
| 99.9 | Obligations appropriated | |
| | Subtotal PC&B | \$2,060,619 |
| | Subtotal, non labor | \$3,260,000 |
| | Total Obligations | \$5,320,619 |