



COLUMBIA CLASS BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE

Provide Funding for One Columbia Class Submarine in FY26

FUNDING LINE	FY26 REQUEST
Navy SCN, Line 1, Columbia Class Submarine	Funding for One Ship
Navy SCN, Line 2, Columbia Class Submarine AP	Protect the PB
Navy RDTE, Line 52, PE 0603595N, SSBN New Design, BA4	Protect the PB
Navy RDTE, Line 47, PE 0603570N, Advanced Nuclear Power Systems, BA4, project #3219	Protect the PB
Defense-Wide RDTE, line 205, PE: 0607210D8Z, Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment Support, BA7	Protect the PB
DOE, Columbia Class Reactor Systems Development	Protect the PB

Columbia Class Submarine Program

Support funding for One Columbia Class Submarine in FY26

The Columbia Class ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) is the most advanced deterrent platform ever produced by the United States of America and remains the #1 national security priority for the Department of Defense. This program will deliver a minimum of 12 submarines into the fleet, replacing the current Ohio Class hulls and providing persistent strategic deterrence into the 2080s. In October 2020, construction began on the USS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (SSBN826), the lead hull of the class, which is currently 53% complete. Progress continues in earnest on the USS WISCONSIN (SSBN827), the second hull of the class, which is currently 14% complete.

The construction of Columbia class submarines has faced notable challenges in recent years. The current economy and post-pandemic effects have resulted in a significantly less experienced submarine industrial base workforce, below market wages, extreme inflation, and alarmingly high attrition rates across the enterprise. These factors have not only challenged the performance of the shipbuilders but have also negatively impacted the industrial base, with lead times increasing dramatically for submarine material and components. Amid this landscape, stable and predictable funding is more critical now than ever to ensure the health of the CLB program and protect the fragile supply base.

FY26 funding will be used for the construction of the USS GROTON (SSBN828), material procurement for all follow-on ships in the class, and support enterprise efforts to revitalize the nation's submarine workforce and industrial base.