FCC Annual Appropriations Summary

The Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) funding is appropriated to the FCC by Congress and signed into law by the President through the annual appropriations process. H.R. 8337, Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act (Public Law 116-159) appropriated funding to the FCC through December 11, 2020 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. The funding level appropriated through December 11, 2020 is based on the funding level appropriated in the H.R. 1158, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-93). The actual pertinent text of the FCC’s FY 2020 funding language is contained below under the FY 2020 Appropriations header.

Federal Communications Commission FY 2020 Appropriations

For necessary expenses of the Federal Communications Commission, as authorized by law, including uniforms and allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902; not to exceed $4,000 for official reception and representation expenses; purchase and hire of motor vehicles; special counsel fees; and services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, $339,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That $339,000,000 of offsetting collections shall be assessed and collected pursuant to section 9 of title I of the Communications Act of 1934, shall be retained and used for necessary expenses and shall remain available until expended: Provided further, That the sum herein appropriated shall be reduced as such offsetting collections are received during fiscal year 2020 so as to result in a final fiscal year 2020 appropriation estimated at $0: Provided further, That, notwithstanding 47 U.S.C. 309(j)(8)(B), proceeds from the use of a competitive bidding system that may be retained and made available for obligation shall not exceed $132,539,000 for fiscal year 2020: Provided further, That, of the amount appropriated under this heading, not less than $11,105,700 shall be for the salaries and expenses of the Office of Inspector General.