

# ***Rebalancing Sea Grant's Base Funding Resources – FY 2014 and Beyond***

Report to the  
National Sea Grant Advisory Board

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# FY 2014 Rebalancing

- AC3 recommendations
- SGA response
- AC3 Chair response
- Rebalancing Plan for FY 2014 and Beyond

# Priorities for Rebalancing

## Priorities for increased base funding

- 1) Programs with less than a minimum effective size (\$1M)
- 2) Programs that are relatively underfunded according to need
- 3) All other Programs

## Constraints

- 1) No reductions in base funding for any Program

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## Some Considerations

- What should be the minimum program size?  
Where did \$1.2M come from?
- To reach a Minimum Program Size of:
  - \$800K – 3 Programs would need \$0.3M
  - \$1M – 11 Programs would need \$1.8M
  - \$1.2M – 15 Programs would need \$4.3M
- Do we really need a transition period?
- What about the declining research base?

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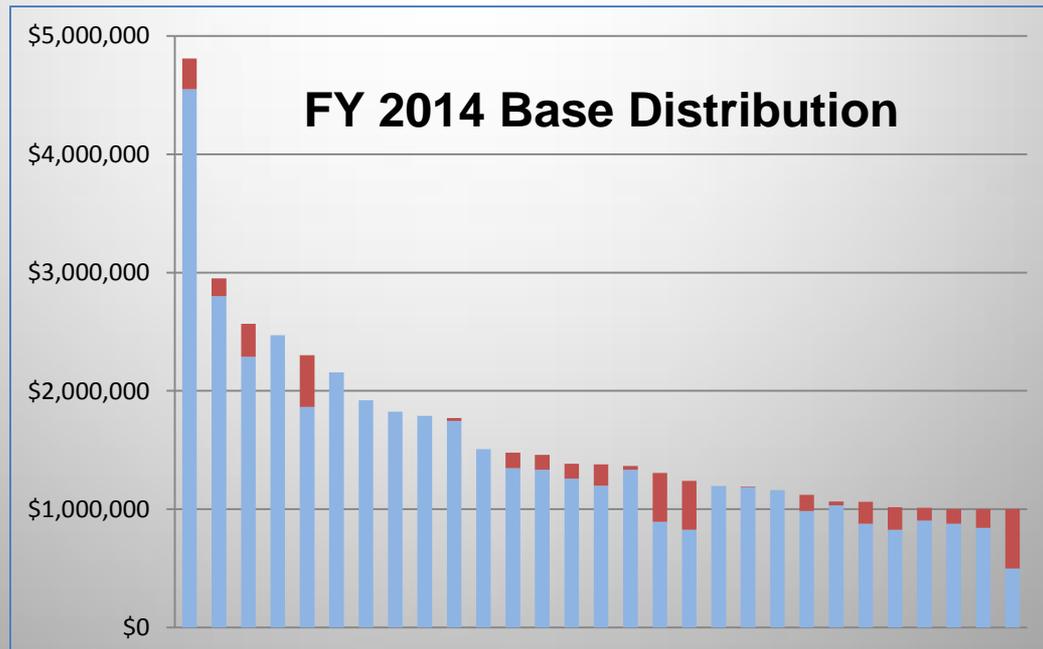
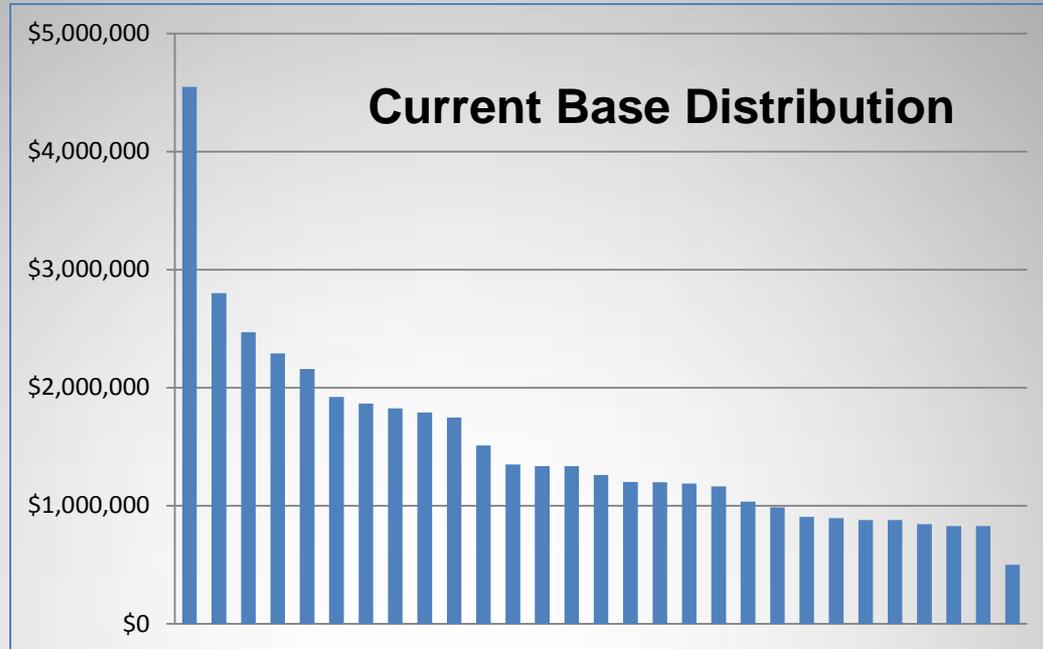
## General Outline of the Rebalancing Plan

- Source of funds is \$5M increase for resilience research
- Base funding pool increased by \$4M
- Merit funding pool increased by \$1M
- Most of the funding goes to smaller and relatively underfunded programs
- Merit funding increases (25%) go to all Programs
- All Programs brought to at least \$1M
- 42% of the needs-based funding gap is filled for each Program
- No Programs lose base funding
- All Programs receive an increase in core funding (base plus merit)

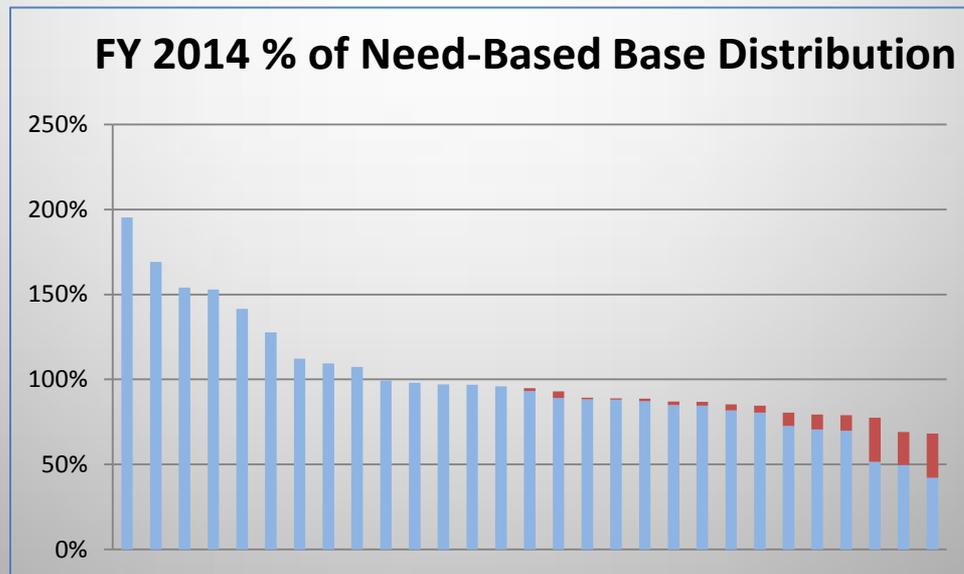
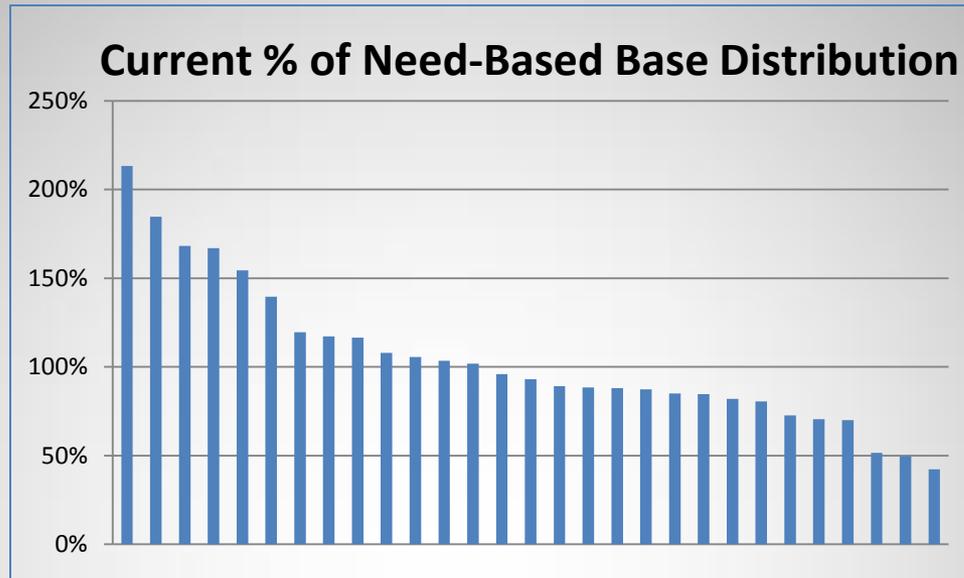
# Comparison of AC3 and SGA Proposals with Rebalancing Plan for FY 2014 and Beyond

AC3 Recommendations	SGA Recommendations	Implementation – FY2014 and Beyond
“Needs-based” Base Distribution	No “Needs-based” Base Distribution	“Needs-based” Base Distribution
\$800K Minimum Program Base	\$1.2M Minimum Program Base	\$1M Minimum Program Base
Inflation adjustment to Program Base		No inflation adjustment
Need defined by:		Need defined by:
90% coastal watershed county population		90% coastal shoreline county population
10% shoreline		10% shoreline
77.5% State Program Funding		77.5% State Program Funding
61.5% Modified Needs Based		70% Modified Needs Based
10% Regional Research		No regional set-aside
6% Merit Pool		7.5% Merit Pool
22.5% National Funding		22.5% National Funding
40% research		39% research in FY2014

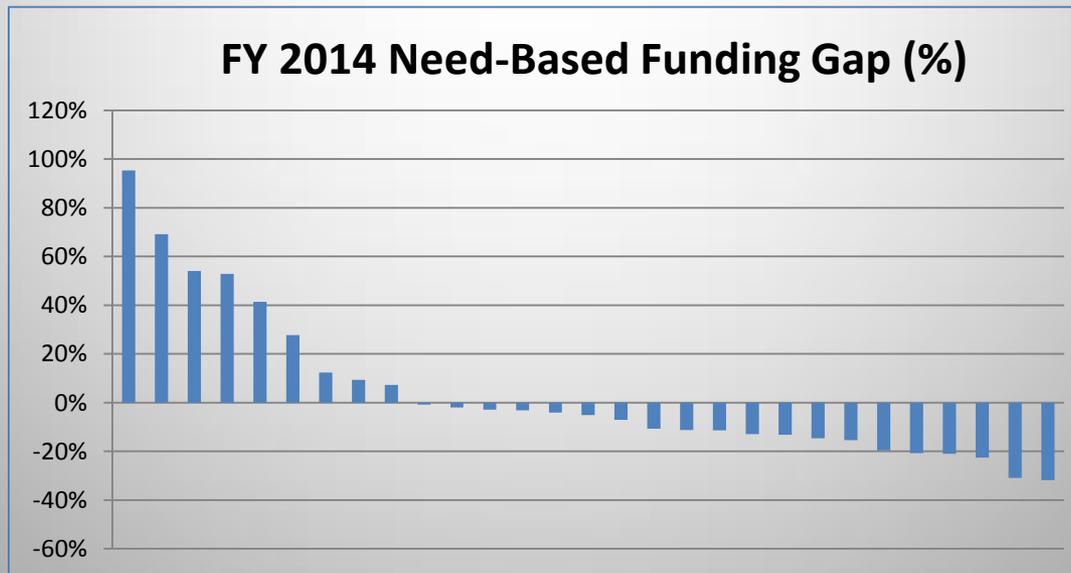
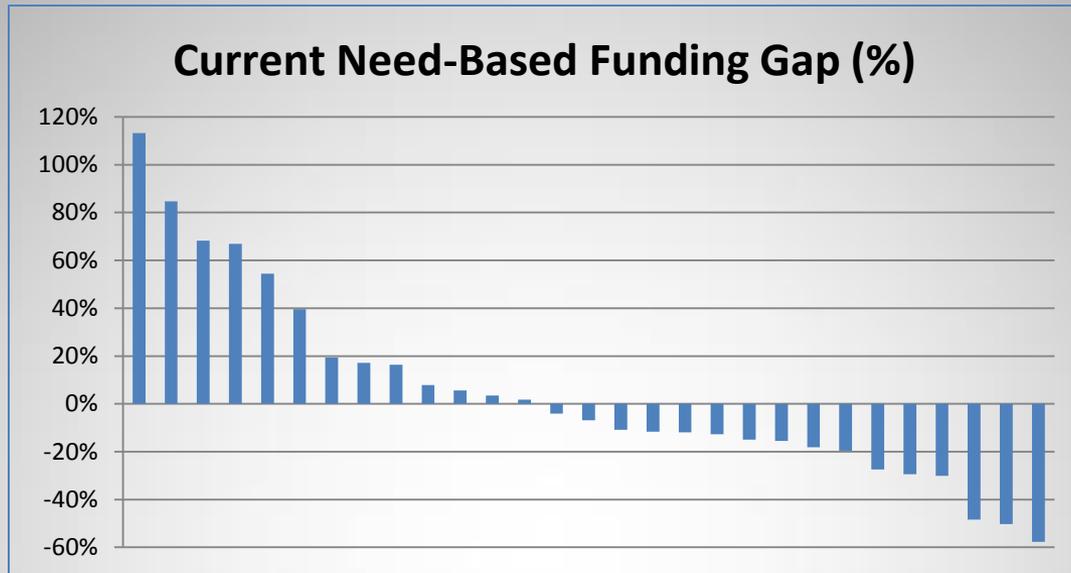
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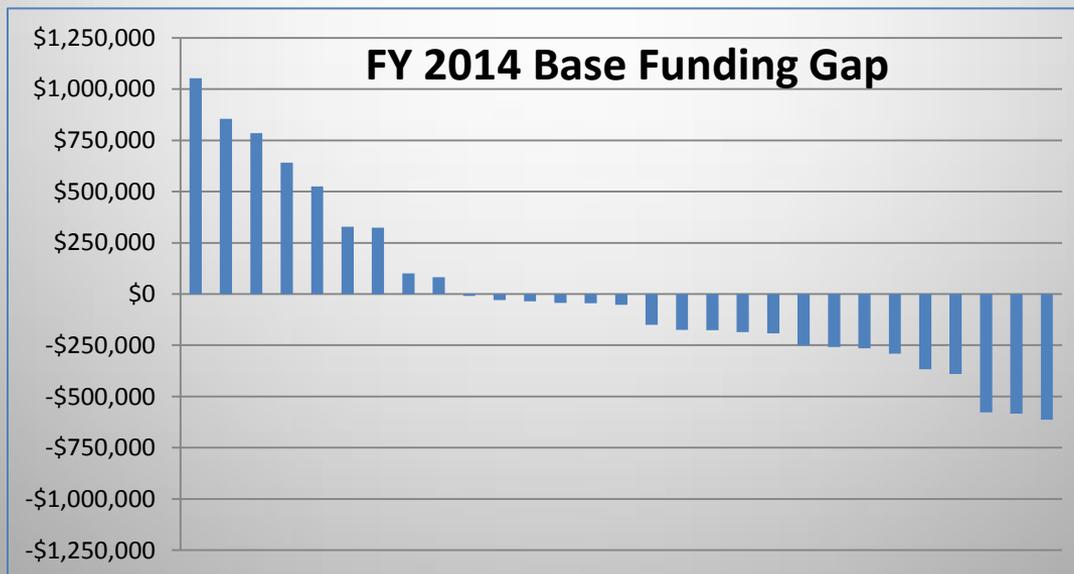
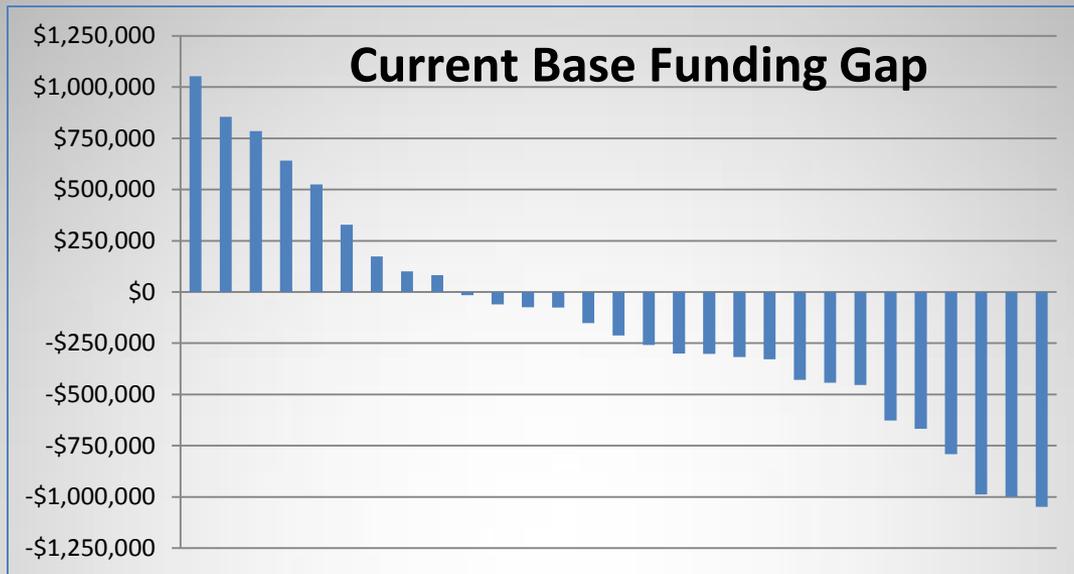
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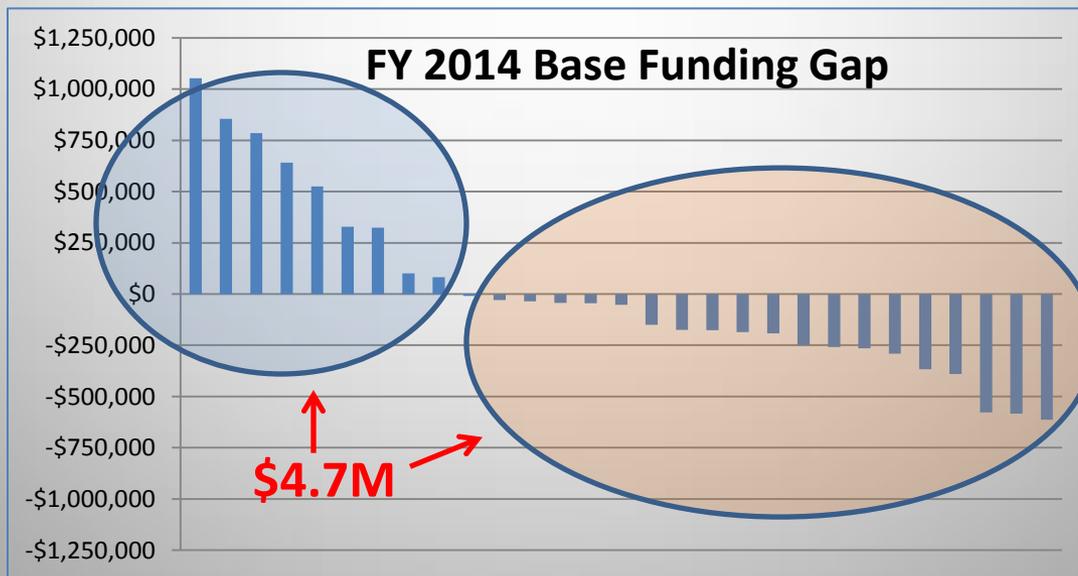
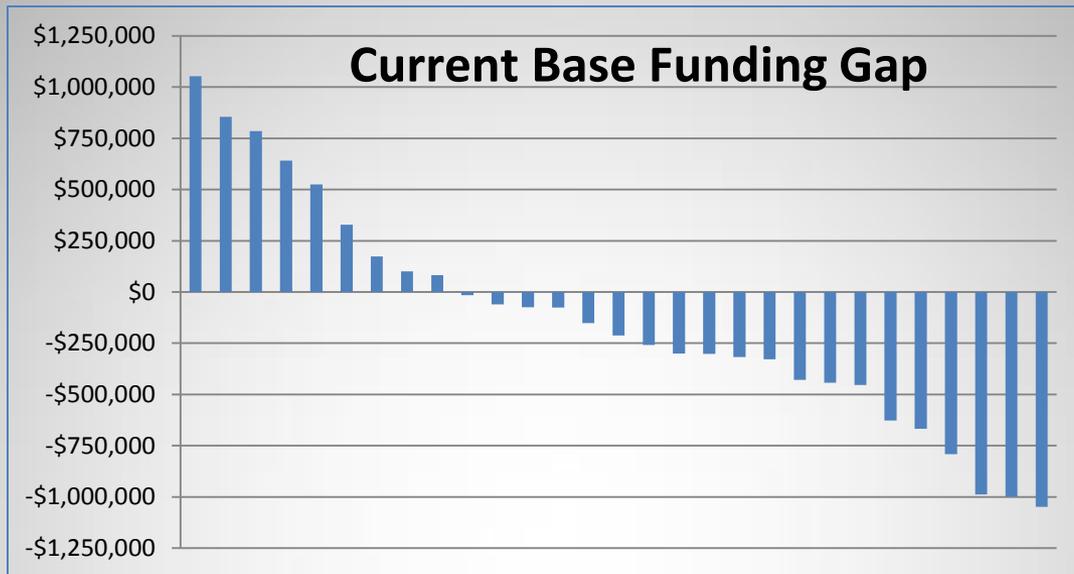
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