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### **ECOS Documents Favorable Trends for FY16-19 State Environmental Budgets**

**Washington, DC** – The Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) reported today that between FY16 and FY19, state environmental agency funding rose 18.9%, or a total of \$2.56B, in 46 states and one territory. In a comprehensive *Green Report* entitled [Status of State Environmental Agency Budgets Fiscal Years 2016 to 2019](#), ECOS analyzes positive trends in these budgets, including growth in three main funding sources – state general funds, federal funding, and fees or other sources.

ECOS hopes that given the expected negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on state budgets in FY20-21, the report will serve as a useful benchmark for future budget planning in less extraordinary circumstances.

Based on data collected from the 46 participating states and Puerto Rico, ECOS reports that each of the three main funding sources increased, on average, during the four-year period. Because the budget of the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) is significantly larger than that of any other EAB and experienced substantial expansion during this period, the report presents calculations with and without CalEPA amounts.

Overall, general funds constituted approximately 11.5% of state EABs and rose 7.9% or \$93M, without CalEPA figured in. Federal government funding comprised around 27.5% of state EABs, and that total increased 8.2% or \$226M without CalEPA. Finally, the largest major funding source – fees and other support – contributed nearly 61% of budgets and increased 14.1% or \$832M without CalEPA.

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