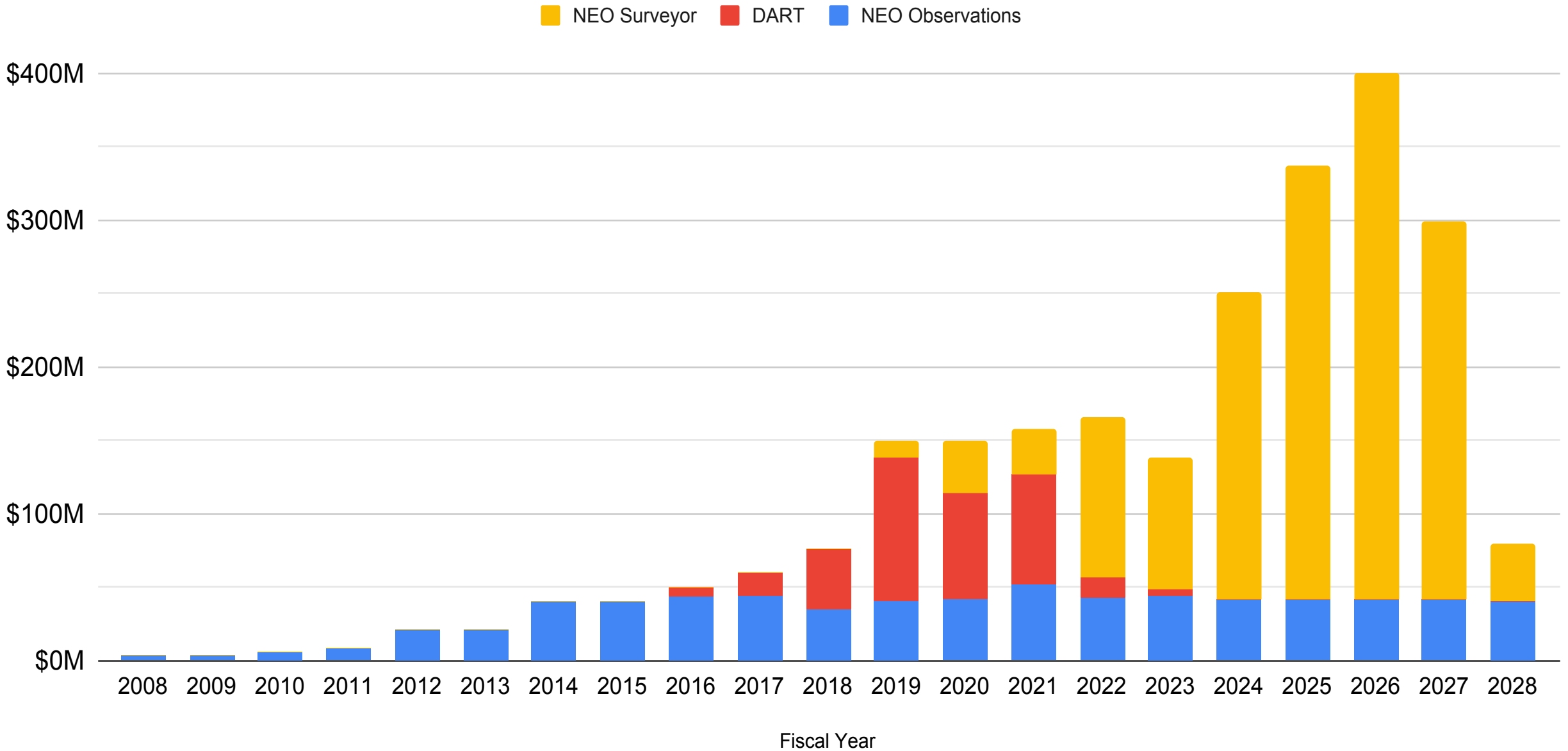


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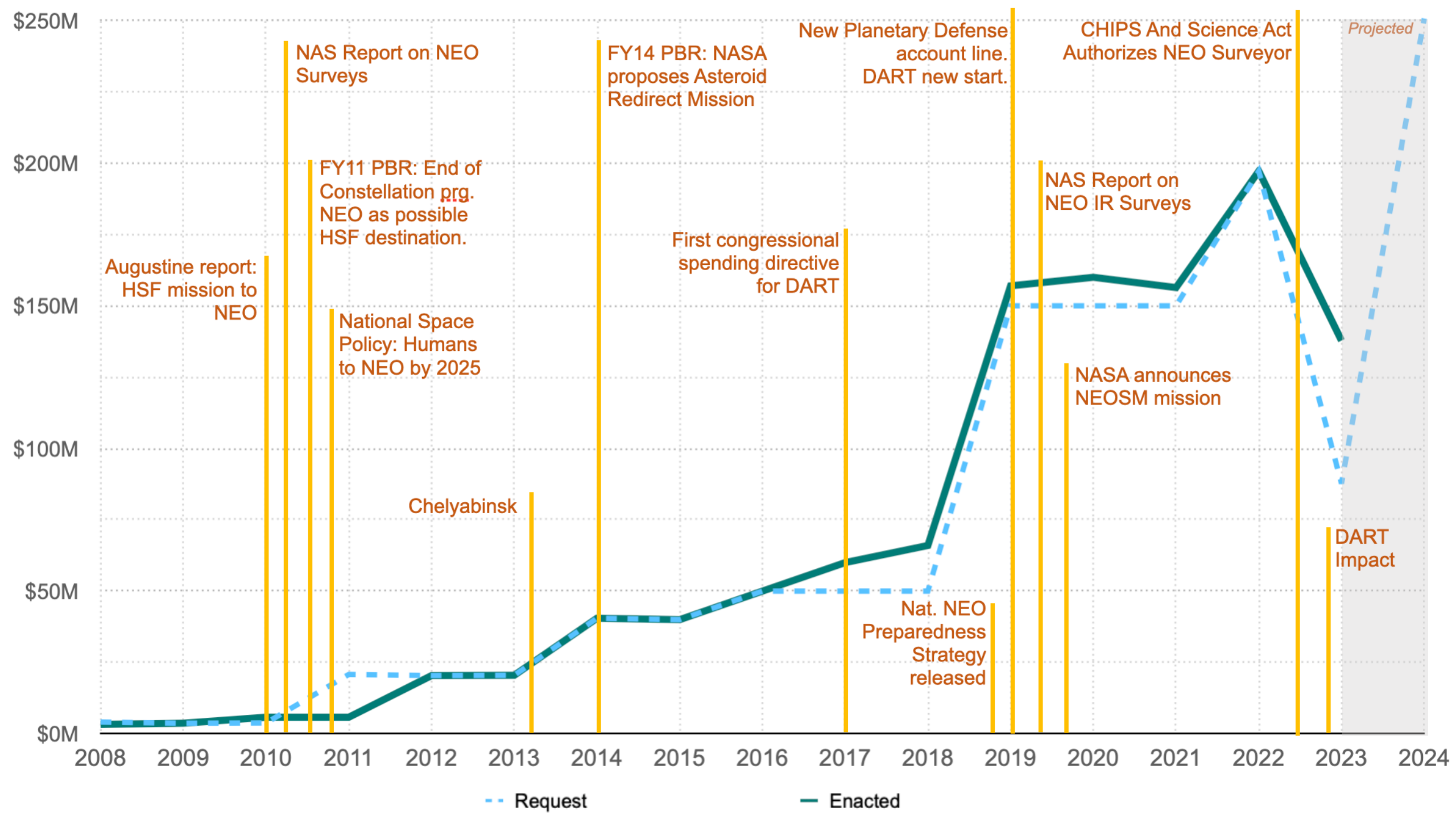




External events drive policy

Internal events drive funding

Year	External Event	Policy	Funding Request
1989	4581 Asclepius close approach		N/A
1990	Discovery of Chicxulub impact crater	Congress mandates “Spaceguard” study in the 1990 NASA Authorization	N/A
1992	Comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle rediscovery		N/A
1994	Shoemaker-Levy 9 Jupiter Impact	Congress requests a 1-km NEO survey program in House 1994/95 NASA Authorization	N/A
2004	Apophis close approach		~\$4M/yr
2005		140m NEO survey mandated in 2005 NASA Authorization. NASA Act amended with planetary defense responsibility.	~\$4M/yr
2013	Chelyabinsk bolide		\$20M
2014		House NASA Authorization reiterates 140m NEO survey mandate and calls for a budget to enable the 2020 goal.	\$40M





CONCLUSIONS

1. External events drive planetary defense policy
2. Supportive policy does not guarantee funding
3. Funding growth came mostly at the behest of NASA
4. Program alignment drove funding requests
5. Planetary defense struggled to compete for science funding
6. Outcomes are sensitive to individual initiative