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FEATURED NEWS

House Panel Passes FY 2019 Funding for NSF, Census, NIJ

On May 17, the House Appropriations Committee approved the fiscal year (FY) 2019 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies (CJS) Appropriations Bill; the bill was marked up in subcommittee on May 9. The CJS bill serves as the vehicle for annual appropriations for the National Science Foundation (NSF), Census Bureau, National Institute of Justice (NIJ), Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), and many other federal departments and agencies. The Senate has not yet released the details of its CJS bill.

At a Glance...

- **The House CJS bill includes \$8.2 billion for NSF in FY 2019**, which is 5.2 percent above the FY 2018 enacted level and 9.4 percent above the President's request.
- **The House bill would provide NIJ with \$44 million and BJS with \$50 million**, which is 4.8 and 4.2 percent, respectively, above the FY 2018 enacted level and 22 percent above the President's request.
- **The House bill would provide the Census Bureau with \$4.8 billion in discretionary funding for FY 2019.** That amount is an increase of \$2 billion compared to FY 2018 and \$1 billion more than the amount requested by the Administration.
- **The House bill includes \$99 million for the Economics and Statistics Administration, which houses BEA**, flat with FY 2018 and \$2 million below the President's request.

The next step for the bill is consideration by the full House. However, with the August recess quickly approaching, and this being an election year, floor time is extremely limited. It remains to be seen whether/how House leadership will proceed with the individual appropriations bills this year. It is all but certain that FY 2019 will begin on October 1, 2018 under a continuing resolution (CR).

[Read on](#) for COSSA's analysis of the House Appropriations Committee's proposals for the National Science Foundation, National Institute of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, and the Census Bureau.

COSSA IN ACTION

COSSA Presents Rep. Dan Lipinski with Distinguished Service Award

On May 17, following the [2018 COSSA Science Policy Conference and Social Science Advocacy Day](#), representatives of COSSA's governing member associations presented the 2018 Distinguished Service Award to Representative Daniel Lipinski (D-IL). Lipinski, who serves on the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, as Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Research, and holds a Ph.D. in political science, has been a strong advocate for scientific research at all levels and across all fields of study. He has worked productively with his colleagues on both sides of the aisle to enact legislation that strengthens the U.S. scientific enterprise and has helped raise the profile of the social and behavioral sciences. The other recipient of the 2018 Distinguished Service Award is Dr. William Riley, Director of the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research at the National Institutes of Health. Riley was presented with the award at a reception during the COSSA Conference. Learn more about the COSSA Distinguished Service Award on [COSSA's website](#).



Members of the COSSA Board of Directors, representatives from COSSA governing member associations, Representative Lipinski, and his office staff

Letters & Statements

- 5/29/2018: [Testimony Submitted to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies on Fiscal Year 2019 Funding for the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Institute of Education Sciences, and Department of Education International Education and Foreign Language Programs](#)
- 5/24/2018: [COSSA Testimony Submitted to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies on Fiscal Year 2019 Funding for the National Science Foundation, Census Bureau, National Institute of Justice, and Bureau of Justice Statistics](#)
- 5/24/2018: [Letter on Proposed Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visa Processing Changes](#)
- 5/23/2018: [CNSF Statement on FY 2019 House CJS Appropriations](#)
- 5/21/2018: [COSSA Comment on Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(NPRM\) for Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects: Proposed Six Month Delay of the General Compliance Date While Allowing the Use of Three Burden-Reducing Provisions During the Delay Period](#)

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

House and Senate Committees Approve FY 2019 Agriculture Funding

The House and Senate Appropriations Committees have approved their fiscal year (FY) 2019 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bills. This bill contains funding for the two U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) statistical agencies, the Economic Research Service (ERS) and the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), as well as the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), which funds competitive research projects. The House bill (H.R. 5961) was approved by the subcommittee on May 9 and by the full committee on May 16. The Senate version of the bill, which does not yet have a bill number, was passed by the subcommittee on May 22 and by the full committee on May 24.

At a Glance...

- **Both the House and Senate bills would maintain flat funding for ERS at \$86.8 million**, rejecting the nearly 50 percent cut proposed in the President's request.
- **Both the House and Senate propose decreases for the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)** as it ramps down from the 2017 Census of Agriculture; the House proposal of \$173.7 million is \$1.1 million below the Senate's proposed \$174.8 million. However, both levels are higher than the amount proposed in the President's request.
- **The House bill would provide \$1.45 billion for NIFA, which is 2.8 percent above FY 2018. The Senate bill includes \$1.42 billion, an increase of 1.1 percent.** Both chambers propose increases for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative, with the House proposing a larger increase than the Senate.

The next step for both bills is consideration by their respective chambers. Both the House and Senate leadership have expressed a commitment to trying to pass at least some of the FY 2019 appropriations bills before the start of the new fiscal year on October 1. However, with August recess and the peak of campaign season quickly approaching, it remains to be seen which bills will be passed and when.

[Read on](#) for COSSA's analysis of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees' proposals for

Senate Subcommittee Holds Hearing on 2019 NIH Budget

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) hosted leadership from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to testify on the agency's fiscal year (FY) 2019 budget request. NIH Director Francis Collins, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Director Walter Koroshetz, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Anthony Fauci, National Cancer Institute Director Norman Sharpless, and National Institute on Drug Abuse Director Nora Volkow all testified. Senators from both parties praised NIH for its accomplishments, further solidifying its position as a bipartisan priority. Subcommittee Chair Roy Blunt (R-MO), Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA), and other members of the subcommittee expressed concern with the \$2 billion cut recommended in the President's FY 2019 budget request, especially in contrast to the \$3 billion increase NIH received from Congress in the FY 2018 omnibus spending bill. Committee members questioned witnesses on NIH activities related to the opioid epidemic, a universal flu vaccine, immunotherapy, the recent outbreak of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and a recent scandal at NIH regarding an alcohol industry-financed study of the health affects of alcohol. Written statements from Blunt and Collins, along with a recording of the hearing can be found on the [committee's website](#). COSSA's coverage of FY 2019 funding is available [here](#).

FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Nomination Opportunities

- CDC: [Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control](#) (Closes: June 1, 2018)

Funding Opportunities

- **NEW:** CDC: [NIOSH Mentored Research Scientist Development Award \(K01\)](#) (Closes: July 19, 2018)
- **NEW:** CDC: [NIOSH Small Research Grant Program \(R03\)](#) (Closes: July 19, 2018)
- **NEW:** CDC: [NIOSH Exploratory/Developmental Grant Program \(R21\)](#) (Closes: July 19, 2018)
- CDC: [NIOSH Occupational Safety and Health Research \(R01\)](#) (Closes: July 6, 2018)
- **NEW:** NIH: [BRAIN Initiative: Targeted BRAIN Circuits Projects- TargetedBCP](#) (Closes: July 3, 2018)
- NIH/NIGMS: [Training Modules to Enhance the Rigor and Reproducibility of Biomedical Research](#) (Closes: June 29, 2018)
- **NEW:** ED/OPE: [National Resource Centers Program for Foreign Language and Area Studies or Foreign Language and International Studies and Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Program](#) (Closes: June 25, 2018)
- **NEW:** ED/OPE: [Language Resource Centers Program](#) (Closes: June 25, 2018)
- NIH: [Improving Patient Adherence to Treatment and Prevention Regimens to Promote Health \(R21 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#) (Closes: June 16, 2018)
- Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences: [Broad Agency Announcement for Basic Scientific Research \(W911NF-18-S-0001\)](#) (Closes: June 15, 2018)
- SSA/ORES: [Retirement and Disability Research Consortium \(RDRC\)](#) (Closes: June 8, 2018)
- NIH: [Improving Patient Adherence to Treatment and Prevention Regimens to Promote Health \(R01 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#) (Closes: June 5, 2018)
- IARPA: [Forecasting Counterfactuals in Uncontrolled Settings \(FOCUS\)](#) (Closes: May 30, 2018)

Notices & Requests for Comment

- **NEW:** OHRP: [Guidance on Effects of Disasters on Human Research Protections Programs](#)
- **NEW:** OHRP: [Institutional Review Board Written Procedures: Guidance for Institutions and IRBs](#)
- NIH/NIA: [Request for Information \(RFI\): Inviting Scientific Interest in Geroscience Summit III](#) (Closes: June 1, 2018)
- IARPA: [Request for Information on Credibility Assessment Datasets](#) (Closes: May 31, 2018)

Open Positions

- **NEW:** NIH/OBSSR: [Social and Behavioral Sciences Administrator \(Program Officer\)](#) (Closes: June 7, 2018)
- **NEW:** NIH/OBSSR: [Social and Behavioral Sciences Administrator \(Scientific Review Officer\)](#) (Closes: June 7, 2018)

COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

CNSF Hosts 24th Annual Capitol Hill Exhibition

On May 9, the [Coalition for National Science Funding](#) (CNSF), of which COSSA is a member, hosted its 24th Annual Capitol Hill Exhibition and Reception, titled "Investments in Scientific and Educational Research: Fueling American Innovation." Several COSSA member associations and universities featured researchers whose work has been supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF). The event seeks to highlight the importance of NSF-supported basic research with policymakers. The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) [produced a video](#) featuring some of the presenters. COSSA co-sponsored the event.

Funding Opportunities

- Rita Allen Foundation: [Misinformation Solutions Forum](#) (Closes: May 31, 2018)

Open Positions

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Senior Program Officer \(social sciences\) - Gulf Research Program](#)

Fellowships & Professional Development

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Christine Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship Program](#) (Closes: September 7, 2018)

EVENTS CALENDAR

- [Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting](#), May 29-June 1, 2018, Washington, DC
- [The Lab @ DC: Why the Maternal Mortality Rate is so High in DC and How We Address It](#), May 31, 2018, Washington, DC
- [NIH Matilda White Riley Behavioral and Social Sciences Honors](#), May 31, 2018, Bethesda, MD
- [Law and Society Association Annual Meeting](#), June 7-10, 2018, Toronto, Canada
- [The Lab @ DC: Anchor Management: Using Behavioral Science to Encourage Families to Meet Program Deadlines](#), June 14, 2018, Washington, DC
- [The Lab @ DC: Performance Metrics: Magic Bullets or Source of New Problems?](#), June 21, 2018, Washington, DC
- [Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting](#), July 26-29, 2018, Portland, OR

- [Joint Statistical Meetings](#), July 28-August 2, 2018, Vancouver, Canada

A list of COSSA members' annual meetings and other events can be found on the COSSA [events page](#). COSSA members who have an upcoming event they would like to see listed in the Events Calendar and on our website should send an email to jmilton@coffa.org.

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