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Compromise on FY 2019 Funding Reached, Averting Second Shutdown; Read COSSA's Analysis of the Omnibus

After the longest partial-government shutdown in U.S. history, Congress came to a compromise on February 14 on funding the entire federal government for the remainder of fiscal year (FY) 2019, which began on October 1, 2018. The omnibus spending package contains 7 individual appropriations bills, including the Agriculture; Commerce, Justice, Science; Interior and Environment; Homeland Security; Financial Services and General Government; State and

Foreign Operations; and Transportation and Housing and Urban Development appropriations bills. On February 15, President Trump signed the bill into law, closing a painful chapter and officially kicking off work on FY 2020 funding.

The final package includes necessary increases for many programs important to the social and behavioral sciences including the National Science Foundation and the Census Bureau.

The Trump Administration will soon release its budget request for FY 2020. While the budget will have very little bearing on the funding debates in Congress, it will provide valuable insight into the science policy and funding priorities of the Administration. At the end of the day, the Congress holds the power of the purse and decides the level of taxpayer support for research.

[Read on](#) for COSSA's analysis of final FY 2019 funding for the National Science Foundation, Census Bureau, Economic Research Service, National Agricultural Statistics Service, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Bureau of Justice Statistics, and National Institute of Justice.

COSSA IN ACTION

COSSA Submits Comments on Draft NICHD Strategic Plan

On January 2, the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) released [a request for information](#) (RFI) to accompany the institute's [strategic plan](#) for the next five years, allowing the community to comment on the scientific themes, goals, and opportunities under consideration in the new plan. On February 15, COSSA submitted an [official response](#) to the RFI on behalf of the social and behavioral science community. COSSA's comments included the following recommendations:

- The Strategic Plan should focus on the "whole person," to include research on development at the molecular, cellular, social, environmental, behavioral, biobehavioral, and other levels.
- The Strategic Plan should not overlook the importance of research at all stages of child development, from prenatal/infancy *through* adolescence, and in normative and non-normative or at-risk environments.
- The Strategic Plan should strongly emphasize research on social determinants of health.

More information about the NICHD strategic plan can be found on the institute's [website](#); COSSA's comments can be found [here](#).

COSSA Endorses *Census Idea Act*

On February 8, COSSA [endorsed](#) the *Census Improving Data and Enhanced Accuracy (IDEA) Act* ([S. 358](#)) as introduced by Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI). The bill would prohibit the Department of Commerce from making any major change to the operational design of the decennial census that has not been "researched, studied, and tested" for at least three years. The Census Bureau routinely spends the years leading up to a decennial census carefully researching all proposed changes to its design and wording to ensure that they do not affect the quality of the responses received. This bill would formalize that longstanding practice and ensure that Census Bureau experts have the opportunity to fully evaluate the potential impacts of any major changes. The bill was crafted in response to the Trump Administration's plan to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census. COSSA [released a statement](#) in 2018 criticizing the inclusion of an untested citizenship question on the 2020 Census, outlining the potential impacts on the quality of Census data.

Letters & Statements

- February 15, 2019: [Comment on the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development \(NICHD\) 2020-2024 Strategic Plan](#)

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

Pingree Reintroduces Bill to Block USDA Research Moves

Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME) has [reintroduced a bill](#) from the last Congress that would prevent the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) from moving the authority of any of the agencies within the USDA mission area of Research, Education, and Economics (REE) to elsewhere within the Department of Agriculture and from moving the headquarters of agencies within the REE mission area from outside of the National Capitol Region. The bill, the [Agriculture Research Integrity Act \(ARIA\) \(H.R. 1221\)](#), would prevent the Administration's controversial plans to move the Economic Research Service (ERS) to the Office of the Chief Economist and to physically move both ERS and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) outside of the Washington, DC region (see [COSSA's coverage](#)). The bill is co-sponsored by Reps. Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (D-GA), Salud Carbajal (D-CA), Henry Cuellar (D-TX), Rosa L. DeLauro (D-CT), Marcia L. Fudge (D-OH), Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Annie Kuster (D-NH), Barbara Lee (D-CA), Betty McCollum (D-MN), James P. McGovern (D-MA), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Jimmy Panetta (D-CA), and Mark Pocan (D-WI).

FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Supreme Court to Decide Fate of Census Citizenship Question

The Supreme Court has [announced](#) that it will consider whether the Secretary of Commerce was within his rights to add a question on citizenship to the 2020 Census, after a judge in a lower court struck down the question in January. The Court agreed to hear arguments in the case in April and render a decision by the end of June to give the Administration enough time to make final preparations for the Census to be conducted next year. [As COSSA has reported](#), the decision to add the citizenship question without conducting research to ensure the quality of Census data would be maintained has been a major concern for the science and research community.

Department of Commerce Seeks Input on 2020 Census Data Collection

The Department of Commerce has released a [request for information](#) on whether the data collection planned for the 2020 Census meets the requirements of the *Paperwork Reduction Act*. Given the ongoing battle over the legality of the citizenship question (see previous article), the White House Office of Management and Budget, which is charged with ensuring the Bureau complies with administrative procedures, will evaluate the proposed data collection on two tracks: one containing the citizenship question and one without. According to the Federal Register notice: "Should the government prevail in pending litigation regarding the reinstatement of the citizenship question, the Census Bureau will include the citizenship question on the 2020 Census questionnaire." The notice was originally released during the government shutdown but has been re-released to allow more time for stakeholders to submit comments. More information is available in the [Federal Register notice](#). Comments must be submitted by March 15, 2019.

Nomination Opportunities

- NEW: AHRQ: [U.S. Preventive Services Task Force](#) (Closes: May 15, 2019)

Funding Opportunities

- NIH/NIGMS: [Graduate Research Training Initiative for Student Enhancement \(G-RISE\) \(T32\)](#) (Closes: May 21, 2019)
- NIJ: [Research and Evaluation on Promising Reentry Initiatives](#) (Closes: May 13, 2019)
- NIH: [Research Project Grant \(Parent R01 Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required\)](#) (Opens: May 7, 2019)
- **NEW:** NIJ: [Research and Evaluation on Drugs and Crime FY 2019](#) (Closes: May 6, 2019)
- NIH: [Predoctoral Training in Advanced Data Analytics for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research \(BSSR\) - Institutional Research Training Program \[T32\]](#) (Opens: April 25, 2019)
- **NEW:** NIJ: [Research and Evaluation on the Administration of Justice](#) (Closes: April 19, 2019)
- NIJ: [Graduate Research Fellowship in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics](#) (Closes: April 17, 2019)
- NIJ: [Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes](#) (Closes: April 11, 2019)
- **NEW:** NSF: [Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Program \(S-STEM\)](#) (Closes: March 29, 2019)
- NIH: HEAL Initiative: HEALTHy Brain and Child Development Study (HEALTHy BCD): [Collaborative R34 \(Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#), [R34 \(Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#) (Closes: March 25, 2019)
- ED: [Fulbright-Hays--Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad \(DDRA\)](#) (Closes: March 25, 2019)
- NSF: [Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier: Core Research \(FW-HTF\)](#) (Closes: March 6, 2019)
- NIH: [Leveraging Health Information Technology \(Health IT\) to Address Minority Health and Health Disparities \(R01 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#) (Closes: March 4, 2019)
- NSF: [Harnessing the Data Revolution \(HDR\): Institutes for Data-Intensive Research in Science and Engineering - Ideas Labs \(I-DIRSE-IL\)](#) (Closes: March 4, 2019)
- NSF: [Navigating the New Arctic \(NNA\)](#) (Closes: March 4, 2019)
- NIH/NIGMS: [Initiative for Maximizing Student Development \(IMSD\) \(T32\)](#) (Closes: February 22, 2019)

Notices & Requests for Comment

- **NEW:** Census: [Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request: 2020 Census](#) (Closes: March 15, 2019)
- NIH: [RFI: Input on Revised Definition of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research at NIH](#) (Closes: February 22, 2019)
- NIH: [Notice of Interest in Long-term Maintenance of Behavior Change Research](#)
- NIH: [Notice of Special Interest in Understanding Factors in Infancy and Early Childhood \(Birth to 24 months\) That Influence Obesity Development](#)

Open Positions

- NIH: [Deputy Director, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities](#) (Closes: March 28, 2019)
- NSF: [Division Director, Division of Graduate Education, EHR](#) (Closes: February 29, 2019)

Fellowships & Professional Development

- **NEW:** NIJ: [Graduate Research Fellowship in the Social and Behavioral Sciences](#) (Closes: April 8, 2019)
 - NEH: [Summer Programs for K-12 and Higher Education Educators](#) (Closes: March 1, 2019)
 - FDA: [Tobacco Regulatory Science Fellowship](#) (Closes: March 1, 2019)
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AAAS CEO Rush Holt to Retire in 2019; Search Underway for Successor

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) [announced](#) that chief executive Rush D. Holt will retire later in 2019. Holt has stated his intention to remain CEO until the fall of 2019 while the AAAS Board of Directors undergoes an international search for Holt's successor. Holt, who came to AAAS in 2015, has been a long-time champion of national science policy. His tenure as CEO of AAAS follows a decorated career in science and public service including serving eight terms as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, as a visiting scholar for the Institute of Advanced Studies, an assistant director of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, an arms control expert for the U.S. State Department, a faculty member of Physics at Swarthmore College, and a AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellow.

Fellowships & Professional Development

- NASEM: [Gulf Research Program Science Policy Fellowship](#) (Closes: March 9, 2019)
- NASEM: [Gulf Research Program Early-Career Research Fellowship](#) (Closes: February 20, 2019)

EVENTS CALENDAR

- [Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations Annual Meeting](#), February 28 - March 2, 2019, Lincoln, NE
- [APA: Technology, Mind, & Society Conference Deadline for Proposals](#), March 8, 2019
- [American Psychosomatic Society Annual Scientific Meeting](#), March 6-9, 2019, Vancouver, Canada
- [Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting](#), March 6-9, 2019, Washington, DC
- [COSSA Headlines | March Headlines & Deep Dive on the FY 2020 Budget Request](#), March 14, 2019, 2:00 pm
- [Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting](#), March 21-23, 2019, Baltimore, MD
- [Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting](#), March 26-30, 2019, Baltimore, MD
- [American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting](#), April 3-7, 2019, Washington, DC
- [Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), April 4-7, 2019, Chicago, IL
- [American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting](#), April 5-9, 2019, Toronto, Canada
- [Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting](#), April 10-13, 2019, Atlanta, GA
- [Population Association of America Annual Meeting](#), April 10-13, 2019, Austin, TX
- [COSSA Headlines | April Headlines & Deep Dive Topic TBA](#), April 12, 2019, 2:00 pm
- [Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting](#), April 17-20, 2019, Chicago, IL
- [American Council of Learned Societies Annual Meeting](#), April 25-27, 2019, New York, NY
- [COSSA 2019 Social Science Advocacy Day, April 30-May 1, 2019, Washington, DC](#)

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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CSSA ★ 2019

SOCIAL SCIENCE ADVOCACY DAY
April 30 - May 1, 2019 ★ Washington, DC

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Midwest Political Science Association
National Communication Association
Population Association of America
Society for Personality and Social Psychology
Society for Research in Child Development

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Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations
Association of American Law Schools
Association of Research Libraries
Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences
Council on Social Work Education
Economic History Association
History of Science Society
Midwest Sociological Society
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North American Regional Science Council
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Society for Research on Adolescence
Society for Social Work and Research
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
Society of Behavioral Medicine
Southern Political Science Association
Southern Sociological Society
Southwestern Social Science Association

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