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Senate Makes Progress on FY 2020 Appropriations for NSF, Census, NIH, Education, USDA

With the passage of a continuing resolution through Thanksgiving giving Congress some breathing room to complete fiscal year (FY) 2020 appropriations, the Senate Appropriations Committee has finally made progress in approving a number of its annual appropriations bills. COSSA has released analyses of three Senate bills that fund agencies important to the social and behavioral sciences:

- [Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill](#), which funds the National Science Foundation (NSF), Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), and Census Bureau
- [Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill](#), which funds the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Education (ED), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) (Note: While details of this bill were released, it has not been considered by the Appropriations Committee)
- [Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill](#), which funds the Economic Research Service (ERS) and the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), as well as the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

Full coverage of FY 2020 appropriations, including analyses of the corresponding House proposals, is available on the [COSSA website](#).

COSSA IN ACTION

October's Headlines Webchat to Feature Deep Dive on Challenges Facing USDA Research and Statistics

COSSA members are encouraged to sign up for the monthly [COSSA Headlines](#) webchat on Thursday October 10, in which COSSA staff will recap the most important social and behavioral science news from the past month and answer participants' questions. The October chat will feature Katherine Smith Evans, Director of the Committee for Government Relations for the American Economic Association and former Administrator of the Economic Research Service, on challenges facing the Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service (ERS) and National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). Individuals employed by or affiliated with a COSSA member organization or university can register for the webchat [here](#).



Adam Seth Levine of Research4impact Answers "Why Social Science?"



The latest Why Social Science? guest post comes from Adam Seth Levine, Associate Professor of Government at Cornell University and President of research4impact, who writes about how research4impact connects social scientists with community leaders to enhance the effectiveness of their organizations. Read it [here](#) and [subscribe](#).

Share Your Story with COSSA!

COSSA is always looking for tangible examples from the social and behavioral sciences to help make the case that federal investment in these sciences is not only a wise use of taxpayer dollars, but that this research yields results that make the nation and world healthier, safer, and more prosperous. If you have a social science story-- a research success, an example of how social science is being used effectively in your community, an educational experience or teacher who shaped the trajectory of your social science career, or any other experience or activity that showcases the many positive impacts the social and behavioral sciences make to all aspects of life-- share it with COSSA by filling out the [form on our website](#).



CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

President Signs Continuing Resolution Keeping Government Open Until Thanksgiving

On Friday September 27, just three days before the end of fiscal year (FY) 2019, the President signed into law a Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep the government open until November 21. This stopgap measure will continue funding the government at FY 2019 levels and was approved by the House on September 19 and the Senate on September 26. This CR will allow the Senate to finish its work on spending bills and reconcile differences with the spending proposals from the House. At the time of this writing, the House has passed 10 of the 12 appropriations and the Senate has yet to approve any bills on the Senate floor but has advanced many through committee (see related article).

Keep an eye on [COSSA's FY 2020 reporting](#) for updates.

House Science Committee Holds Hearing on Responding to Extreme Weather Events, Highlights Social & Behavioral Science Solutions

On September 26, the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology (SST) held a [hearing](#) on understanding, forecasting, and communicating about extreme weather and other events related to climate change. Witnesses included J. Marshall Shepard, Director of the Atmospheric Sciences Program in the Department of Geography at the University of Georgia; James Done, Project Scientist and Willis Research Fellow at the National Center for Atmospheric Research; Adam Sobel, Professor of the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory and Director and Chief Scientist of the Initiative on Extreme Weather and Climate at Columbia University; Berrien Moore, Director of the National Weather Center at the University of Oklahoma; and Ann Bostrom, Weyerhaeuser Endowed Professor in Environmental Policy at the University of Washington.

Members of both parties expressed their concern with changing patterns of extreme weather and questioned witnesses on prevailing weather research and opportunities to improve responsiveness to severe weather events. Much discussion revolved around the role of social and behavioral science research, with Members Randy Weber (R-TX) and Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) questioning Dr. Bostrom on how to incorporate social and behavioral science research in extreme weather responses and if there were any current gaps or barriers in that research. Other topics discussed during the hearing were the Mesonet environmental monitoring network in Oklahoma, weather infrastructure needs of the Southeastern United States, and potential improvements in government responses to extreme weather events. An [opening statement](#) from Committee Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) and a recording of the hearing can be found on [the SST Committee website](#).

NSF Social Science Director Releases Dear Colleague Letter on Repositioning

On September 24, Arthur Lupia, Assistant Director for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences at the National Science Foundation (NSF), published a [Dear Colleague letter](#) announcing the repositioning of some basic research programs within the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Directorate (SBE) at NSF. The letter describes the repositioned programs, which include Human Networks and Data Science; Linguistics; Science of Learning and Augmented Intelligence; Security and Preparedness; Accountable Institutions and Behavior; Law and Science; Science of Science: Discovery Communication and Impact; Ethical and Responsible Research; and Science and Technology Studies. The letter notes that these changes do not affect current NSF/SBE solicitations and submission deadlines, and that all changes will begin to take effect with solicitation and program submission deadlines occurring after January 1, 2020. The full letter is available on the [NSF website](#). The SBE Directorate is also hosting a series of webinars and virtual office hours to present details about what the repositioning means for SBE research communities. Details on these events can be found on the [NSF website](#).

NICHD Releases 2020 Strategic Plan

The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) released their [2020 strategic plan](#), a guiding document laying out the institute's research priorities for the next five years. Earlier this year, COSSA [submitted comments](#) on behalf of the social and behavioral science community addressing a draft version of the strategic plan.

The NICHD strategic plan lays out five main research objectives:

- Understanding the molecular, cellular, and structural basis of development;
- Promoting gynecologic, andrologic, and reproductive health;
- Setting the foundation for healthy pregnancies and lifelong wellness;
- Improving child and adolescent health and the transition to adulthood;
- Advancing safe and effective therapeutics and devices for pregnant and lactating women, children, and people with disabilities.

The full strategic plan and more information can be found on [the NICHD website](#).

NIH Evaluates Strategy on Countering Foreign Influence in Research

On September 25, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released three reports addressing efforts to combat the prevalence of foreign influence in research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The OIG reports evaluate three tactics used in NIH's strategy in securing research from foreign influence in [institutional reporting of foreign financial interests and affiliations](#), [reviewing financial conflicts of interest in extramural research](#), and [securing the peer review process from foreign influence](#). The OIG reports each provide several recommendations to the NIH on how to improve these initiatives.

The strategy comes as a follow up to NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins' [August 2018 letter](#) to over 10,000 institutions expressing concern over foreign influence in research settings. You can find previous coverage on a Congressional hearing concerning foreign influence at NIH [on the COSSA website](#).

Nomination Opportunities

- NIH/OHRP: [Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections](#) (Closes: October 25)

- NIH/ONR: [Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections](#) (Closes: October 23, 2019)
- ED: [National Assessment Governing Board](#) (Closes: October 18, 2019)
- NEW: BLS: [Data Users Advisory Committee](#) (Closes: October 17, 2019)
- NSF: [Vannevar Bush Award](#) (Closes: October 4, 2019)
- NSF: [Public Impact Award](#) (Closes: October 4, 2019)

Funding Opportunities

- NEW: NSF/SBE: [Law & Science \(LS\)](#) (Closes: January 15, 2020)
- NEW: NSF/SBE: [Science and Technology Studies \(STS\)](#) (Closes: February 3, 2020)
- NEW: NSF/SBE: [Human Networks and Data Science - Infrastructure \(HNDS-I\)](#) (Closes: February 24, 2020)
- NEW: NSF/SBE: [Ethical and Responsible Research \(ER2\)](#) (Closes: February 24, 2020)
- NEW: NSF/SBE: [NSF Dynamic Language Infrastructure - NEH Documenting Endangered Languages \(DLI-DEL\)](#) (Closes: September 15, 2020)
- NIH/NCI: Participant Engagement and Cancer Genome Sequencing ([PE-CGS](#)): [Research Centers \(U2C Clinical Trial Optional\)](#), ([PE-CGS](#)): [Coordinating Center \(U24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#) (LOIs Due: September 30, 2019; Closes: October 30, 2019)

Notices & Requests for Comment

- NEW: NSF: [Dear Colleague Letter: 2019 Social, Behavioral, and Economic \(SBE\) Repositioning](#)

Recent Reports

- NEW: NSB: [Science & Engineering Indicators 2020: Science and Engineering Labor Force](#)
- NEW: DOD/Minerva: [Future Directions in Social Science](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

AAAS Accepting Applications for 2020-21 Science & Technology Policy Fellowships

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) has [announced](#) it is seeking applicants for their Science & Technology Policy Fellowships (STPF) for the 2020-21 fellowship cycle. Eligible candidates should hold a doctoral level science degree or a master's in engineering, be a U.S. citizen, have solid STEM credentials, have good communication skills, and desire to enhance federal science policy. Applications will be accepted until November 1. More information about the fellowship can be found on [the AAAS website](#).

National Academies Hosts Official Launch of Decadal Survey for the Social and Behavioral Science for Advancing Intelligence Analysis

The National Academies of Sciences' [Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences](#) (BBCSS) held a [report launch event](#) for the [Decadal Survey of the Social and Behavioral Science: A Research Agenda for Advancing Intelligence Analysis](#) on September 30. This event brought together members of the survey committee, representatives from the federal government, and research organizations to discuss findings, recommendations, and next steps for collaboration between research communities and the intelligence community. The report was published in March 2019 and was featured on [COSSA Headlines in May](#). The September report launch event

Recent Reports

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Integrating Social Care into the Delivery of Health Care: Moving Upstream to Improve the Nation's Health](#)
- **NEW:** NASEM: [Shaping Summertime Experiences: Opportunities to Promote Healthy Development and Well-Being for Children and Youth](#)

Fellowships & Professional Development

- **NEW:** AAAS: [2020-2021 Science & Technology Policy Fellowships](#) (Closes: November 1, 2019)

COSSA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Fellowships & Professional Development

- Stanford/CASBS: [Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences Fellowships](#) (Closes: November 1, 2019)

EVENTS CALENDAR

- [AAPSS 2019 Daniel Patrick Moynihan Lecture on Social Science and Public Policy: Delivered by Samantha Power](#), October 3, 2019, 4:00 pm, Washington, DC
- [Congressional Briefing: Cost and Effect: Measuring the Impact of Incarceration on Individuals, Neighborhoods, and Society](#), October 10, 2019, 12:00 pm, Washington, DC
- [COSSA Headlines | October Headlines](#), October 10, 2019, 2:00 pm
- [AESIS: Impact of Social Sciences and Humanities on Society](#), October 17-18, 2019, Washington, DC
- [Annual AERA Brown Lecture in Education Research](#), October 24, 2019, 6:00 pm, Washington, DC
- [2019 Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting](#), October 24-27, 2019, Denver, CO
- [2019 Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting](#), October 30 - November 2, 2019, San Diego, CA
- [Fall 2019 NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration](#), November 6-8, 2019, Phoenix, AZ
- [2019 Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences Annual Meeting](#), November 6-9, 2019, Atlanta, GA
- [2019 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference](#), November 7-9, 2019, Denver, CO
- [Evaluation 2019 \(American Evaluation Association\)](#), November 11-16, 2019, Minneapolis, MN
- [2019 North American Regional Science Council Annual Meeting](#), November 13-16, 2019, Pittsburgh, PA
- [2019 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting](#), November 13-16, 2019, San Francisco, CA
- [2019 National Communication Association Annual Convention](#), November 14-17, 2019, Baltimore, MD
- [COSSA Headlines | November Headlines](#), November 14, 2019, 2:00 pm
- [2019 National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference](#), November 20-23, 2019, Fort Worth, TX
- [2019 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting](#), November 20-24, 2019,

Vancouver, Canada

- [2019 African Studies Association Annual Meeting](#), November 21-23, 2019, Boston, MA
- [2019 Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Annual Convention](#), November 21-24, 2019, Atlanta, GA
- [2019 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting](#), November 21-24, 2019, Chicago, IL

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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