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## Featured News

### White House Outlines R&D Budget Priorities for FY 2023

The White House has published a [memorandum](#) on Research & Development Priorities for the fiscal year (FY) 2023 Budget, a document that lays out the Administration’s priorities for federal research agencies to consider when drafting their budget requests. This memo, which is traditionally released annually by the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), is the first such memo released by the Biden Administration. It outlines five cross-cutting themes for agencies to consider for their budgets:

- pandemic readiness and prevention;
- tackling climate change;
- research and innovation in emerging technologies;
- innovation in equity; and
- national security and economic resilience.

In addition to these cross-cutting themes, the memo touches on a few other issues related to R&D and STEM education. Notably, the memo states the Biden Administration’s intent to prioritize federally funded R&D and make it open and accessible to the public while focusing on both domestic R&D and manufacturing as much as possible. The memo also highlights the role of STEM education in supporting the R&D enterprise, and that the Biden Administration would prioritize equity and infrastructure development in budget releases. More information is available in [the memo](#).

# COSSA Launches New Website

We're pleased to share [COSSA's new website](#), which we've redesigned from the ground-up to put the information and resources you need right at your fingertips. In addition to a refreshed, cleaner look, the new site has tons of new features and functionality to make engaging with COSSA easier than ever, including:

- [Better browsing for Washington Update articles](#),
- [All our policy information in one place](#),
- [Easy-to-use action center](#),
- [Visual advocacy resource library](#),
- [New hub for past COSSA trainings & briefings](#), and
- [Homepage for Advocacy Day](#).

You can explore the new features for yourself at [www.cossa.org](http://www.cossa.org).



## FROM THE ARCHIVES: Things Have Changed (September 24, 2001)

*In celebration of COSSA's 40th anniversary, we are diving into the decades of [Washington Update archives](#) to share articles from years past that resonate with today's news.*

It is the morning after President Bush's speech to the joint session of Congress, ten days after the terrorist attacks. Once again Washington, and indeed the world, is a changed place. The disputed presidential election and lingering doubts about the legitimacy of this presidency—gone. The switch of Jim Jeffords to give Democrats control of the U.S. Senate—ancient history. Concern about using the social security surplus to pay for government spending—evaporated. Partisan bickering over appropriations—finished. The nation is united for a war against terrorism to, as the President declared, "lift the dark threat of violence from our people and our future."

For COSSA, whose office is three blocks from the White House, it has been a time of contemplating our own good fortune, and to join the rest of the country in expressions of sorrow over losses and admiration for acts of courage, and to attempt to make some sense of it all. There is also a continuing fear of what could happen next that has made Washington edgy. But life and work does go on.

Congress has pledged to cooperate with the President in a bipartisan manner and to move quickly. Although the original adjournment target of October 5 will not be met, there is no longer any discussion of the session running until Thanksgiving or later. The Democratic and Republican leadership, previously quite chilly in their relationships with each other, are now working together with a sense of purpose. Congress has already passed a \$40 billion emergency package to help fund the military response, enhance airport security, help survivors, and rebuild New York and the Pentagon. It will soon enact legislation to help the nation's beleaguered airlines. The Justice Department has submitted legislation to strengthen its weapons against terrorism[...]

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# Congressional News

## House Science Committee Approves NSF Spending in Reconciliation Package

On September 9, the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee met to pass a set of [spending recommendations](#) that allocate \$45.5 billion in fiscal year (FY) 2022 spending as part of the House Democrats' wide-reaching "[Build Back Better](#)" plan. The \$3.5 trillion in total proposed spending (over 5-10 years) would be passed as part of the budget reconciliation process (which removes several procedural hurdles to passing such legislation) and would be *in addition to* regular FY 2022 appropriations (see COSSA's analysis of the House's FY 2022 appropriations bills [here](#)).

The Science Committee's recommendations would provide the National Science Foundation (NSF) with a total of \$11.03 billion in additional funding over 10 years. The total includes \$3.43 billion for infrastructure, \$7.55 billion for research and development, and \$50 million for oversight. According to the Committee Print, the R&D funding could be used to:

*"fund or extend new and existing research awards, scholarships, and fellowships across all science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and STEM education disciplines, to fund use-inspired and translational research and development awards, entrepreneurial education, and technology transfer activities, to extend existing research awards and scholarships and fellowships to aid in the recovery from COVID-19 related disruptions, and for related administrative expenses"*

Within the total, \$400 million would be reserved for climate change research, including relating to wildfires and \$700 million would be set aside for research at minority-serving institutions. In addition, \$25 million was allocated to support the Office of Research Security and Policy through an [amendment](#) proposed by Rep. Michael Waltz (R-FL). A number of other proposed amendments related to NSF failed to pass during the markup, including to [set aside funds](#) specifically to assist with COVID-19 disruptions to research, to [prohibit any funds](#) from being spent to conduct research in China, and to [earmark funds](#) for a study on the economic impacts of inflation. The Committee Print was passed along party lines. Other committees in the House are working to pass their own sets of recommendations relating to their jurisdictions. House leaders have committed to bringing the package to the floor by September 27. The Senate is working on its own reconciliation package but has not yet released details.

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## Executive Branch News

### White House Releases Pandemic Preparedness Plan

On September 3, the Biden Administration released a [Pandemic Preparedness Plan](#) that identifies five key areas of opportunity to protect the U.S. against future biological threats: (1) "Transforming our Medical Defenses, (2) Ensuring Situational Awareness, (3) Strengthening Public Health Systems, (4) Building Core Capabilities, and (5) Managing the Mission." The plan includes a total of \$65.3 billion in increased funding over 7-10 years, some of which has already been requested as part of the budget reconciliation package currently under consideration in Congress. The full plan is available [here](#).

### NSF Awards "America's Data Hub" Contract

The National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) within the National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded a contract to establish the [America's Data Hub Consortium](#), a network intended to "strengthen, support, and advance the NCSES mission

by engaging in ground-breaking activities related to data access and sharing, infrastructure, and analysis across the broad landscape of the science and engineering enterprise.” The contract was awarded to [Advanced Technology International](#), a nonprofit R&D collaboration firm. The Consortium’s primary objectives are to:

- “Develop new ways of acquiring and linking data to yield valuable insights into critical issues
- Support cutting-edge data infrastructure
- Build even stronger data security capabilities to further increase privacy protections and public trust
- Provide novel and innovative analyses
- Document and provide lessons learned for similar activities across the federal government.”

America’s Data Hub is seen as a potential precursor to a broader, government-wide National Secure Data Service (see COSSA’s [Headlines with Nancy Potok](#) for more on this). More information on the America’s Data Hub Consortium can be found [here](#).

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## Science Community News

### DBASSE Launches Search for Next Executive Director

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NAEM) has launched a search for the next Executive Director of the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE). The next Executive Director will succeed Mary Ellen O’Connell upon her retirement. The DBASSE Executive Director is responsible for executing a modern vision that maximizes DBASSE’s impact in society by expanding the base of sponsors, growing funding and support for programs, enabling the division’s projects to maximize their potential for impact, and fostering innovation to meet changing sponsor needs.” Full details on the position and how to apply are available [here](#).

## Resources & Opportunities

### Nomination Opportunities

- **NEW:** NAEM: [Call for Nominations: National Academies' Climate Security Roundtable](#) (Closes: September 30, 2021)
- DOC/Census: [Request for Nominations of Members to Serve on the Census Scientific Advisory Committee](#) (Closes: September 30, 2021)
- DOC/Census: [Call for Nominations: National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations](#) (Closes: September 30, 2021)
- NSF: [2022 Alan T. Waterman Award](#) (Closes: September 20, 2021)

### New & Expiring Funding Opportunities

- NSF: [Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace Frontiers \(SaTC Frontiers\)](#) (Closes: November 17, 2021)
- NSF: [Graduate Research Fellowship Program](#) (Closes: October 19, 2021)
- NSF: [Research on Emerging Technologies for Teaching and Learning \(RETTL\)](#) (Closes: October 18, 2021)
- NIH/NCCIH: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Availability of Administrative Supplements and Urgent Competitive Revisions for Research on Stress Management in Relation to Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) (Closes: October 7, 2021)
- DOD/Minerva: [FY 2021 Minerva Research Initiative Grants Notice](#) (Closes: September 29, 2021)
- NSF: [Dynamic Language Infrastructure - NEH Documenting Endangered Languages \(DLI-DEL\)](#) (Closes: September 15, 2021)

## Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- **NEW:** MPSA: [Call for Papers: MPSA Annual Conference](#) (Closes: October 8, 2021)
- OSTP: [Implementation of National Security Presidential Memorandum-33](#) (Closes: October 8, 2021)
  - Send comments to [researchsecurity@ostp.eop.gov](mailto:researchsecurity@ostp.eop.gov)
- OSTP: [Request for Information on an Implementation Plan for a National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource](#) (Closes: October 10, 2021)
- Congress: [Social Determinants of Health Caucus - Request for Information](#) (Closes: September 21, 2021)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Request for Information: Climate Change and Health](#) (Closes: September 17, 2021)

## Notices, Resources, & Reports

- **NEW:** OSTP/OMB: [Multi-Agency Research and Development Priorities for the FY 2023 Budget](#)

## Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Executive Director - Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education](#)
- NASEM: [Board Director - Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences](#)

## Upcoming Events

- **VIRTUAL:** [NASEM Webinar: Understanding and Addressing Disparities in Midlife Mortality](#), September 21, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [2021 Golden Goose Award Ceremony](#), September 22, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [NIH Workshop: Food Insecurity, Neighborhood Food Environment, and Nutrition Health Disparities: State of the Science](#), September 21-23, 2021
- [American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition](#), September 29 - October 3, 2021, Seattle, WA
- **VIRTUAL:** [NASEM Webinar: Addressing Disaster Workforce Needs During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#), September 30, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [NASEM Webinar: Transforming the Financing of Early Care and Education](#), October 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [COSSA Headlines | October, October 14, 2021](#)
- **VIRTUAL:** [2021 Henry and Bryna David Lecture](#), October 14, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [University-Industry Partnerships in the Social Sciences Workshop](#), October 14, 2021
- [Economic History Association Annual Meeting](#), October 29-31, 2021, Tucson, AZ
- **VIRTUAL:** [NASEM Webinar: Promoting the Educational Success of Children and Youth Learning English](#), November 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference](#), November 2-5, 2021
- **VIRTUAL:** [APA Technology, Mind & Society Conference](#), November 3-5, 2021
- [Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting](#), November 4-7, 2021, Orlando, FL
- **VIRTUAL:** [Evaluation 2021 \(American Evaluation Association\)](#), November 8-12, 2021
- [Council of Colleges of Arts & Sciences Annual Meeting](#), November 10-13, 2021, Portland OR
- **VIRTUAL:** [COSSA Headlines | November, November 11, 2021](#)
- [Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Annual Research Conference](#), November 11-13, 2021, Austin, TX
- [Social Science History Association Annual Conference, November 11-14, 2021](#), Philadelphia, PA
- **VIRTUAL:** [African Studies Association Annual Meeting](#), November 16-20, 2021
- [American Society for Criminology Annual Meeting](#), November 17-20, Chicago, IL
- **HYBRID:** [American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting](#), November 17-21,



- Baltimore, MD
- [National Communication Association Annual Convention](#), November 18-21, 2021, Seattle, WA
- [Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Annual Convention](#), November 18-21, 2021, New Orleans, LA
- [History of Science Society Annual Meeting](#), November 18, 2021, New Orleans, LA

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](mailto:jmilton@coffa.org).

## COSSA Members

### Governing Associations

American Anthropological Association  
 American Association for Public Opinion Research  
 American Economic Association  
 American Educational Research Association  
 American Political Science Association  
 American Psychological Association  
 American Society of Criminology  
 American Sociological Association  
 American Statistical Association  
 Law and Society Association  
 Linguistic Society of America  
 Midwest Political Science Association  
 National Communication Association  
 Population Association of America  
 Society for Personality and Social Psychology  
 Society for Research in Child Development

### Membership Organizations

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
 African Studies Association  
 American Association of Geographers  
 American Council of Learned Societies  
 American Evaluation Association  
 American Historical Association  
 Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies  
 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  
 National Association of Social Workers  
 National Council on Family Relations  
 Rural Sociological Society  
 Social Science History Association  
 Society for Personality Assessment

### Colleges and Universities

Arizona State University  
 Boston University  
 Brown University  
 Carnegie Mellon University  
 Case Western Reserve University  
 Columbia University  
 Cornell University  
 Duke University  
 George Mason University  
 Georgetown University  
 Harvard University  
 Indiana University  
 Johns Hopkins University  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 Michigan State University  
 North Carolina State University  
 Northwestern University  
 Ohio State University, The  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Princeton University  
 Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey  
 Stanford University  
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 University of California, Berkeley  
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 University of Georgia  
 University of Illinois  
 University of Iowa  
 University of Maryland  
 University of Michigan  
 University of Minnesota  
 University of Nebraska, Lincoln  
 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 University of Pittsburgh  
 University of Texas, Austin  
 University of Virginia  
 University of Wisconsin, Madison  
 Virginia Tech  
 West Virginia University  
 Yale University

Society for Prevention Research  
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  
Southwestern Social Science Association

#### **Affiliates**

SAGE Publishing  
Wiley

#### **Centers and Institutes**

American Academy of Political and Social  
Science  
Center for Advanced Study in the  
Behavioral Sciences  
Cornell Institute for Social and Economic  
Research  
Institute for Social Research, University of  
Michigan  
Institute for Social Science Research,  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
NORC at the University of Chicago  
RTI International  
Social Science Research Council

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*The Consortium of Social Science  
Associations (COSSA) is a nonprofit  
advocacy organization working to promote  
sustainable federal funding for and  
widespread use of social and behavioral  
science research and federal policies that  
positively impact the conduct of research.  
COSSA serves as a united voice for a  
broad, diverse network of organizations,  
institutions, communities, and stakeholders  
who care about a successful and vibrant  
social science research enterprise. The  
COSSA membership includes professional  
and disciplinary associations, scientific  
societies, research centers and institutes,  
and U.S. colleges and universities.*

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