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FY 2023 Spending Deal in Sight?

The federal government is scheduled to run out of money unless Congress acts by Friday, December 16 when the current [continuing resolution](#) (CR) will expire. Lawmakers have been working since returning from the midterm elections to strike a deal on top-line funding levels for fiscal year (FY) 2023. However, debates over how to divvy up limited resources between defense and non-defense accounts coupled with the incoming Republican takeover in the House come January have made progress slow. Still, lawmakers could announce as early as today a framework that will allow them to proceed on a large omnibus spending package and pass it before the end of the year. To accommodate this, another weeklong CR will need to be enacted through December 23.

While any progress toward completing the FY 2023 process is good news, spending details within it are still unknown. Democrats and Republicans remain billions of dollars apart on their proposals for non-defense spending, while defense is on track to receive a 10 percent increase in 2023.

COSSA will provide an in-depth analysis of the final FY 2023 bills and what they mean for social science research in the weeks to come. In the meantime, you can review the current FY 2023 funding proposals on our [website](#).

New from COSSA

“Why Social Science” Discusses the Science Behind Elections and Polling



This month's *Why Social Science?* post comes from Kathy Frankovic, former Director of Surveys at CBS News and former President of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR), who writes about the science behind public opinion polling and its role in predicting the outcome of elections. Read it [here](#) and [subscribe](#).

COSSA Seeks Undergraduate Intern for Spring 2023

COSSA is now searching for candidates for a Spring [intern](#). This internship would be of interest to undergraduate students wishing to learn about advocacy/government relations, federal science policy, and/or non-profit organizations. We are accepting applications on a rolling basis and preference will go towards applicants who are available to work hybrid to prepare for in-person activities for 2023 Social Science Advocacy Day. If you know an undergraduate student who may be interested in a COSSA internship for Spring semester, please email Ben Goodrich (bgoodrich@cossa.org). More information about the internship is available in the [description](#).

Congressional News

Congress to Consider Standing Up Advanced Research Efforts in USDA

On December 6, the Senate Agriculture Committee held a [hearing](#) to discuss potential research related provisions that may become part of the upcoming 2023 Farm Bill – the critical agriculture bill re-authorized every five years. Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics (REE) at the Department of Agriculture Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young was a witness for the hearing. Notably, Committee Chair Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Ranking Member John Boozman (R-AR), and several bipartisan Members of the Committee were particularly interested in discussing the possibility of appropriating funds for an [Agriculture Advanced Research and Development Authority](#) (AgARDA), a high-risk, high-reward research agency within the USDA modeled after the highly influential and popular “ARPA-style” agencies such as the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). AgARDA, which was authorized in the 2018 iteration of the Farm Bill, has not yet been formally established due to lack of meaningful appropriations in Congress. Dr. Jacobs-Young remarked that there would be an implementation plan released early in 2023 on how to stand up the agency if it were to be given appropriations for fiscal year (FY) 2023. A recording of the hearing and witness testimonies are available on the [Committee website](#).

Executive Branch News

The U.S. Global Change Research Program Releases their 2022–2031 Strategic Plan

The U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) released its [2022-2031 Strategic Plan](#) on December 6. USGCRP is an interagency effort that works to identify and coordinate research activities related to global climate change and other issues across the federal government. The plan includes four pillars to guide its work over the next decade:

1. Advancing Science: Focuses on engaging with the public and specifically calls on integrating social science into research, including studying how global change affects individual groups differently.
2. Engaging the Nation: Focuses on improving assessments and improving public

- understanding of environmental issues, with an emphasis on climate change.
- 3. Informing Decisions: Focuses on strategic planning and sharing to help inform policies.
- 4. Collaborating Internationally: Focuses on sharing research with other nations, with an emphasis on providing multilingual documentation to make the research more accessible.

The full strategic plan is available [here](#).

Federal Statistical Agencies Launch Standard Application Process for Accessing Restricted Federal Data

The National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) within the National Science Foundation and the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy (ICSP) have launched a [Standard Application Process](#) (SAP) to improve access to restricted federal data. As [previously reported](#), the *Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018* called for the development of a process to provide streamlined access to confidential federal data. The recently announced [SAP](#) was developed in response to this directive. The agencies released an [Applicant Instruction Manual](#) for the process and are available for questions or comments at singleportal@nsf.gov.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis Appoints Dr. Vipin Arora as Director

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) has [named](#) Dr. Vipin Arora as their new Director, replacing Brian Moyer after he accepted the role of Director of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). [Dr. Arora](#) previously has served as Deputy Assistant Director of the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Directorate at the National Science Foundation (NSF) and Deputy Director of the NSF's National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics. Dr. Arora has a PhD in economics, a master's degree in public administration, and a bachelor's degree in chemistry.

Editor's Note

Update Returning on January 10

This is our final issue of the *COSSA Washington Update* of 2022. Late-breaking news and analysis will be shared with members subscribed to our [members-only emails](#). We will resume our ongoing coverage of policy developments affecting the social and behavioral sciences on January 10. The COSSA team wishes all of our readers a happy and healthy holiday season.

Resources & Opportunities

Nomination Opportunities

- NASEM: [Call for Nominations: Research Agenda for Improving Economic and Social Mobility in the United States](#) (Closes: December 16, 2022)
- [Golden Goose Award](#) (Closes: December 16, 2022)

Funding Opportunities

- NSF: [Expanding AI Innovation through Capacity Building and Partnerships](#) (Opens: January 9, 2023) (Closes: March 13, 2023)
- NSF: [Experiential Learning for Emerging and Novel Technologies \(ExLENT\)](#) (Closes: March 2, 2023)
- NIH: [Administrative Supplements to Recognize Excellence in Diversity, Equity,](#)

- [Inclusion, and Accessibility \(DEIA\) Mentorship](#) (Closes: February 18, 2023)
- NSF/SBE: [Biological Anthropology Program Senior Research Awards](#) (Opens: January 16, 2023) (Closes: January 26, 2023)
- NIH/Common Fund: [Community Partnerships to Advance Science for Society \(ComPASS\) Program: Community-Led, Health Equity Structural Intervention Initiative \(OT2\)](#) (Closes: January 23, 2023)
- NIH: [HEAL Initiative: Preventing Opioid Misuse and Co-Occurring Conditions by Intervening on Social Determinants \(R01 - Clinical Trials Optional\)](#) (Opens: January 2, 2023) (Closes: February 2, 2023)

Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- ED/IES: [Comment Request: NCES Data Security Requirements for Accessing Restricted Use Data](#) (Closes: January 24, 2023)
- Census/BEA: [Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request](#) (Closes: January 9, 2023)
- OSTP: [Request for Information: Clinical Research Infrastructure and Emergency Clinical Trials](#) (Closes: December 27, 2022)
- NIH/OD: [Comment Request Application and Impact of Clinical Research Training on Healthcare Professionals in Academia and Clinical Research](#) (Closes: December 17, 2022)

Notices, Resources, & Reports

- **NEW:** Federal Statistics: [Federal Statistical Agencies Unveil Standard Application Process for Accessing Restricted Federal Data](#)
- **NEW:** USGCRP: [The U.S. Global Change Research Program 2022-2031 Strategic Plan](#)
- **NEW:** NASEM: [Evidence to Advance Reform in the Global Security and Justice Sectors: Compilation of Reports](#)

Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- SRCD: [2023-2024 State Policy Post-doctoral Fellowship Program](#) (Closes: January 23, 2023)
- GSA/OES: [Annual Fellowship](#) (Closes: January 11, 2023)
- **NEW:** NSF/SDSU: [2023 Convergence Research \(CORE\) Institute Fellows](#) (Closes: January 8, 2023)
- SRCD: [2023-2024 Federal Policy Fellowship Program](#) (Closes: January 4, 2023)
- NSF/TIP: [Apply for Openings at the TIP Directorate](#)

Upcoming Events

- [Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting](#), January 3-7, 2023, San Diego, CA
- [Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting](#), January 5-8, 2023, Denver, CO
- [American Historical Association Annual Meeting](#), January 5-8, 2023, Philadelphia, PA
- [Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meeting](#), January 6-8, 2023, New Orleans, LA
- [Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference](#), January 11-15, 2023, Phoenix, AZ
- [Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), January 12-14, 2023, St. Pete Beach, FL
- [Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention](#), February 23-25, 2023, Atlanta, GA
- [Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting](#), March 14-18, 2023, National Harbor, MD

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

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American Anthropological Association
American Association for Public Opinion
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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
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Society for Personality and Social
Psychology
Society for Research in Child Development

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Therapies
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National Association of Social Workers
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Rural Sociological Society
Social Science History Association
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Society for Prevention Research
Society for Research on Adolescence
Society for Social Work and Research
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Southern Political Science Association
Southwestern Social Science Association

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About COSSA

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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