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Featured News

Analysis of the Senate FY 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

On July 27, the Senate Appropriations Committee successfully **completed work** on all 12 of its annual appropriations bills, a feat that has not been accomplished in five years. Among the bills included in the final markup session was the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education (LHHS) Appropriations Bill. The Senate LHHS bill contains annual funding proposals for 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), among other federal departments and agencies.

As **previously reported**, the Senate appropriations bills were written to comport with the **FY 2024 budget caps** that were agreed to earlier in the summer. The caps resulted in near-flat funding and even cuts to science agencies across the Senate bill, with a few notable exceptions:

(in millions)	FY 2023 Enacted	FY 2024 Budget Request	FY 2024 Senate	Senate vs. FY 2023
National Institutes of Health	48281.0	51098.1	49224.0	2.0%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	9217.6	11580.9	9197.5	-0.2%
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	373.5	447.5	370.5	-0.8%
Institute of Education Sciences	807.6	870.9	793.1	-1.8%
International Education Programs	85.7	85.7	85.6	-0.1%
Bureau of Labor Statistics	698.0	758.4	698.0	-8.0%

Lawmakers in both chambers have officially left town for their month-long August recess. Notably, the House adjourned without making progress on their FY 2024 spending bills, largely due to in-fighting within the Republican majority. We are in store for a contentious fall when the House and Senate will be faced with taking action in appropriations or risk a government shutdown come October 1.

COSSA recently published [a full analysis](#) providing details on the Senate's LHHS appropriations bill for FY 2024 for federal agencies and programs important to the social and behavioral science research community.

The bill text and accompanying report are available on the Senate Appropriations Committee [website](#).

Stay tuned to [COSSA's coverage](#) for the latest developments.

[Read on](#) to review details on the Senate's LHHS appropriations bill for FY 2024 for federal agencies and programs important to the social and behavioral science research community.

New from COSSA

Researchers from York St John University Answer "Why Social Science?"



The most recent [Why Social Science?](#) post comes from [The Conversation](#), where Dr. Clare Cunningham, Dr. Catherine Heinemeyer, and Dr. Jude Parks write about how social and behavioral science can help students find their place in fighting climate change. [Read on](#) for more.

Congressional News

Representative Tonko Reintroduces Scientific Integrity Act

On July 25, Representative Paul Tonko (D-NY) reintroduced the [Scientific Integrity Act](#) alongside Ranking Member of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, Zoe Lofgren (D-CA), Representative Haley Stevens (D-MI), Representative Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), Representative Don Beyer (D-VA), and Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA). The bill was previously introduced by Representative Tonko during the 117th Congressional session ([see previous COSSA coverage](#)).

Representative Tonko released a [fact sheet](#) for the bill, citing that it's intended to improve public trust in science and prevent political or special interests from interfering with the dissemination of scientific information and formation of scientific public policy. Under the

act, federal agencies that fund public science would be directed to detail scientific integrity principles and hold public scientists to those principles while also protecting their rights.

Stay tuned to [COSSA's continued coverage](#).

Executive Branch News

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: NIH Releases RFI For Biomedical and Behavioral Science Research

The [Common Fund](#) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has issued a [request for information](#) for challenges, opportunities, workshops, pilot initiatives, and other potential programs anticipated to advance areas of science within biomedical and behavioral research. The Common Fund is intended to support short-term, high-risk initiatives with the potential for high impact. To this end, NIH requests that submissions consider the potential impact on human health as well as the expected results within 5-10 years.

The deadline for [submissions](#) is August 11.

CALL FOR PAPERS: U.S. Census Bureau Announces Virtual Workshop on Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality

The U.S. Census Bureau has launched a new initiative to expand understanding of race, ethnicity, and inequality in the U.S. The initiative focuses on increasing data accessibility for underserved researchers, refining methodologies about racial disparities, and nurturing a specialized community of experts.

[The virtual workshop](#), set for November 14-15, 2023, aims to gather insights on effective data representation of race and ethnicity, as well as spotlight systemic inequalities within society.

The Census Bureau welcomes research submissions from diverse disciplines that emphasize racial disparity analysis across an array of sectors, including health, education, and employment among others. Submissions will also concentrate on any enhancements in measuring racial demographics, innovative uses of administrative records, and pioneering methodologies for documenting inequality.

Researchers are encouraged to submit their papers by August 14 to census.race.ethnicity.inequality.workshop@census.gov. Learn more about the workshop or submission requirements [here](#).

Science Community News

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: The FABBS IDEA Award

The Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS) is welcoming nominations for the Award for Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility – or IDEA Award – to recognize and honor distinguished research, professional practice, and activities, that advance these principles in the behavioral and brain sciences.

There are two award categories listed:

- The Lifetime Achievement IDEA Award for Senior Scholars
- The Kellina Craig-Henderson IDEA Award for Early to Mid-Career Scholars, in memory of Kellina Craig-Henderson, who led the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) Directorate from January to June of 2022, following over 16 years of service to the National Science Foundation (NSF).

FABBS is encouraging nominations of scientists from minoritized communities and from disciplines and subject matters that have been traditionally under-represented in the behavioral and brain sciences.

The winner(s) of the IDEA award will be announced at the FABBS annual meeting in December and will receive \$1,000, a plaque, and be featured in an article in the FABBS newsletter and [website](#).

The deadline to submit nominations is September 15. Learn more about the submission process and guidelines [here](#).

Resources & Opportunities

COSSA Letters & Statements

- 7/19/2023: [Multi-Society Statement on U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. \(SFAI\) v. President and Fellows of Harvard and SFAI v. University of North Carolina](#)

Nomination Opportunities

- NSF: [The Alan T. Waterman Award](#) (Closes: September 15, 2023)
- **NEW:** FABBS: [The IDEA Award](#) (Closes: September 15, 2023)

Funding Opportunities

- NIH: Research on Biopsychosocial Factors of Social Connectedness and Isolation on Health, Wellbeing, Illness, and Recovery ([R01 BESH Required](#)) ([R01 Clinical Trials Not Allowed](#)) ([R01 Clinical Trial Required](#)) (Closes: June 22, 2024)
- NIH: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Validation of Digital Health and Artificial Intelligence Tools for Improved Assessment in Epidemiological, Clinical, and Intervention Research](#) (Closes: March 9, 2024)
- NIH: [Maximizing Opportunities for Scientific and Academic Independent Careers \(MOSAIC\) Institutionally-Focused Research Education Award to Promote Diversity](#) (Closes: November 16, 2023)
- NSF: TIP Directorate: [Assessing and Predicting Technology Outcomes Program](#) (Closes: October 30, 2023)
- NIH: Accelerating Behavioral and Social Science through Ontology Development and Use: Dissemination and Coordination Center ([PAR-23-181](#) and [PAR-23-182](#)) (Closes: October 4, 2023)
- NIH: [Institutional Excellence in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in Biomedical and Behavioral Research Prize Competition](#) (Closes: September 26, 2023)
- NSF: [Growing Research Access for Nationally Transformative Equity and Diversity \(GRANTED\)](#) (Rolling Deadline)

Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- NSF: [Request for Proposals: Predictive Intelligence for Pandemic Prevention \(PIPP\) Phase II Centers Program](#) (Closes: December 8, 2023)
- [T-AP call on Democracy, Governance and Trust](#) (Closes: November 6, 2023)
- Request for Proposals DCL: [Workshop to Inform Development of the NSF Research on Research Security Program \(RRSP\)](#) (Closes: September 25, 2023)
- BJS: Request for Comments: [National Crime Victimization Survey](#) (Closes: September 11, 2023)
- NSF: Request for Proposals: [Decision, Risk and Management Sciences Program](#) (Closes: August 18, 2023)
- **NEW:** Census Bureau: [Request for Papers: Workshop on Race, Ethnicity, and Equality](#) (Closes: August 14, 2023)

- **NEW:** Common Fund of the NIH: [Request for Information for Challenges and Opportunities](#) (Closes: August 11, 2023)

Notices, Resources, & Reports

- NASEM Report: [Reducing Racial Inequality in Crime and Justice](#)

Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- ARPA-H Position: [Senior Health Economist](#)
- NASEM: [Third Cohort of New Voices membership](#) (Closes: August 10, 2023)
- NSF: [Division Director for the Division of Social and Economic Sciences \(SES\), in the Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences \(SBE\)](#) (Closes: September 11, 2023)

Upcoming Events

- [Joint Statistical Meetings](#), August 5-10, 2023, Toronto, ON, Canada
- **NEW:** NSF Webinar: [Information for Prospective U.S. Applicants to the T-AP](#), August 15, 2023, Virtual
- [American Sociological Association Annual Meeting](#), August 17-21, 2023, Philadelphia, PA
- [American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition](#), August 31-September 3, 2023, Los Angeles, CA
- BJS: [50th Anniversary Celebration of the National Crime Victimization Survey](#), September 27, 2023, Washington, DC
- [Evaluation 2023](#), October 9-14, 2023, Indianapolis, IN
- [2023 Public Summit of the Action Collaborative on Preventing Sexual Harassment in Higher Education](#), October 17-18, 2023, Virtual or Washington, DC
- [Council on Social Work Education's Annual Program Meeting](#), October 26-29, 2023, Atlanta, GA

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 ebailey@coossa.org.

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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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