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## Featured News

### Analysis of the FY 2024 House Appropriations Bills for Federal Science Agencies

In late October, details of the U.S. House of Representatives' fiscal year (FY) 2024 appropriations bills were made public. Before leaving town for the Thanksgiving break, the House—under the leadership of **newly-elected House Speaker Mike Johnson** (R-LA)—took initial steps toward passing the bills. However, despite two days of debate, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education (LHHS) appropriations bill—the measure that funds the National Institutes of Health, Department of Education, and several other agencies of interest to the science community—did not receive a final vote and consideration was punted until after the holiday. The other bill of interest—the Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) appropriations bill, which funds the National Science Foundation, Department of Justice, and Census Bureau, among other agencies—did not manage to make it to the floor as House leadership had hoped prior to the break.

Up against another potential government shutdown on November 17, lawmakers managed to pass a second continuing resolution (CR) before leaving town. The stop-gap measure, orchestrated by Speaker Johnson, includes “tiered deadlines” for the unpassed spending bills. The deadline for the first tranche of bills (the Military Construction-VA, Agriculture, Energy-Water and Transportation-HUD bills) has been extended to January 19, 2024. The remaining bills (including LHHS and CJS) now have a deadline of February 2.

COSSA recently published **a full analysis** providing details of the House's FY 2024 LHHS and CJS appropriations bills **as introduced**. Since neither bill has yet to be voted on by the full House, the numbers included below are subject to change through amendment.

## Snapshot of the House Proposals for Federal Science Agencies, FY 2024

(in millions)	FY 2023 Enacted	FY 2024 Budget Request	FY 2024 Senate*	FY 2024 House†	House vs. FY 2023
National Science Foundation	9876.0	11354.7	9500.0	9630.1	-2.4%
National Institutes of Health	48959.0	50770.1	49224.0	45122.5	-7.8%
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	373.5	447.5	370.5	0.0	-100.0%
Bureau of the Census	1485.0	1606.0	1501.0	1354.0	-8.8%
Bureau of Economic Analysis	130.0	154.0	130.0	116.0	-10.8%
Bureau of Justice Statistics	42.0	78.0	42.5	35.0	-16.7%
Bureau of Labor Statistics	698.0	758.4	698.0	658.0	-5.7%
Centers for Disease Control	9217.6	11580.9	919.3	7591.6	-17.6%
International Education and Foreign Language Studies	85.7	85.7	85.6	35.0	-59.1%
Institute of Education Sciences	807.6	870.9	793.1	707.4	-12.4%
National Institute of Justice	35.0	63.0	35.5	25.0	-28.6%

\*The Senate bills were reported out of the Appropriations Committee; they have not been voted on by the full Senate.  
†The House bills bypassed the Appropriations Committee and were brought directly to the House floor; they have not yet passed the full House.

While averting a government shutdown over the holiday season is a positive development, pundits agree that the FY 2024 appropriations process will be in roughly the same spot come January, with hardline Republicans in the House seeking cuts beyond those already on the table (see table) and Senate Democrats looking to abide by the bipartisan **budget deal** struck earlier this year. Lawmakers do not appear any closer to an agreement on top-line spending levels, despite the fact that fiscal year 2024 officially began on October 1. Complicating things further, the President is scheduled to release his budget request for fiscal year 2025 as early as February, which typically would kick off the FY 2025 appropriations process in Congress; however, that could be delayed as a result of the Congress's inaction on FY 2024.

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

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

## New from COSSA

### Advocacy Day Spotlight: Early Bird Registration Coming Soon



Early bird registration for COSSA's tenth annual [Social Science Advocacy Day](#) will be opening soon! The event will be taking place April 8-9, 2024 in Washington, DC. Be sure to save the date, share with your colleagues, and keep an eye on your inbox for the latest details.

If your organization is interested in becoming a sponsor of Social Science Advocacy Day, learn more [here](#).

Visit the [COSSA website](#) for the latest information on Social Science Advocacy Day.

# Executive Branch News

## NSF Signs Memorandum of Understanding with the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

On November 14th, Dr. Sethuraman Panchanathan, Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada](#) (SSHRC). The agreement is intended to foster a collaborative research partnership between the United States and Canada on various subjects including artificial intelligence (AI), healthcare, climate change, and more, through building on current projects and developing new opportunities. Some of these current projects include the NSF-led [Global Centers](#), the [NSERC-NSF AI/Quantum Lead Agency Opportunity](#), and the Canadian-led [New Frontiers in Research Fund](#).

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

## Biden Administration Appoints New NCI Director

On November 17, the Biden Administration announced intent to [appoint](#) Dr. W. Kimryn Rathmell as Director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI). The position was previously held by Dr. Monica Bertagnolli, the recently confirmed Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) ([see previous COSSA coverage](#)). Dr. Rathmell currently serves as the Physician-in-Chief and Chair of the Department of Medicine at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She received her PhD in biophysics and her M.D. from Stanford University following a Bachelor of Science in biology and chemistry from the University of Iowa. Dr. Rathmell also served as an internal medicine resident, fellow in Medical Oncology, and postdoctoral researcher at the University of Pennsylvania, completed her post-doctoral training at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and received a Master of Management in Healthcare at Vanderbilt University. Dr. Rathmell is expected to begin her appointment in December.

## OSTP to Address Climate Change and Environmental Injustice as Social Determinants of Health

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) released [The U.S. Playbook to Address Social Determinants of Health](#) (SDOH) to address social and environmental impacts on public health. The Biden Administration recognizes that addressing public health needs requires a multidisciplinary approach and has expressed their commitment to doing so. SDOH addresses important issues such as housing and food security, education access, and a healthy environment. It recognizes three pillars as a starting point for addressing these topics, including improving data collection in health care, public health, social care services, and other data systems, providing funding to address social needs, and supporting organizations that provide relevant support to the outlined issues. The playbook is intended to be the starting point and the Administration is expected to continue developing solutions for this mission.

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## White House Announces Initiative on Women's Health Research

On November 13, the White House and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden [announced](#) a new initiative to advance women's health research, recognizing gaps in funding for this research as a barrier to accessible healthcare for women. The Initiative on Women's Health Research will be led by Dr. Biden and newly appointed Chair Dr. Carolyn Mazure, a previous National Institutes of Health (NIH) fellow and researcher at Yale University.

Dr. Biden highlighted the importance of the new initiative, stating that "there's just not enough research yet on how to best manage and treat even common women's health

conditions...Our new White House Initiative on Women's Health Research will help change that by identifying bold solutions to uncover the answers that every woman and her family deserves."

The initiative is expected to foster collaboration across federal agencies and engage the scientific, private sector, and philanthropic communities to accomplish this goal. Further, the initiative is expected to provide actionable recommendations to the Biden Administration on priorities intended to advance women's health research.

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## Resources & Opportunities

### COSSA Letters & Statements

- **NEW:** 11/14/2023: [Community Letter of Congratulations to Dr. Monica Bertagnoli](#)
- **NEW:** 11/13/2023: [Coalition on Human Needs Letter to Congress to Keep Essential Government Services Running](#)
- 11/03/2023: [Coalition for National Science Funding Letter Urging the Administration to Request \\$16.7 billion for the National Science Foundation in FY 2025](#)

### Nomination Opportunities

- [2024 AAPOR Award](#) (Closes: January 31, 2024)
- **NEW:** [2024 Golden Goose Award](#) (Closes: December 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)
- **NEW:** NIH: HHS Career Enhancement Award to Advance Research on Firearm Injury and Mortality Prevention ([K18 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed](#)) ([K18 Independent Clinical Trial Required](#)) (Closes: March 16, 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)
- **NEW:** William T. Grant Foundation: [Research Grants on Reducing Inequality](#) (Closes: January 10, 2024)
- **NEW:** William T. Grant Foundation: [Research Grants on Improving the Use of Research Evidence](#) (Closes: January 10, 2024)
- NIH: [New IMPROVE Initiative Funding Opportunities focusing on Intimate Partner Violence \(IPV\) research](#) (Closes: December 2, 2023)
- NSF: [Growing Research Access for Nationally Transformative Equity and Diversity \(GRANTED\)](#) (Rolling Deadline)

### Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- NIH: [Request for Information: Opportunities and Challenges for the Collection, Use, and Sharing of Real-World Data \(RWD\) Including Electronic Health Records](#) (Closes: December 14, 2023)
- NSF: [Request for Proposals: Predictive Intelligence for Pandemic Prevention \(PIPP\) Phase II Centers Program](#) (Closes: December 8, 2023)
- **NEW:** OMB: [Request for Public Input: Draft Policy for the Use of AI by the U.S. Government](#) (Closes: December 5, 2023)
- HHS: [Call for Comments: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking intending to revise the Public Health Service Policies on Research Misconduct](#) (Closes: December 5, 2023)
- MPSA: [Call for Subfields, Undergraduate Sections and Working Group proposals for the 81st Annual MPSA Conference](#) (Closes: December 4, 2023)

## Notices, Resources, & Reports

- NSB: [Academic Research and Development and Elementary and Secondary STEM Education](#)
- NSF: [Special Report III Accelerating, Collaborative, Systemic Change to Broaden Participation in STEM](#)
- NASEM: [Assessing the 2020 Census Final Report](#)
- **NEW:** NSB: [Higher Education in Science and Engineering](#)

## Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- **NEW:** NIH: [Social and Behavioral Scientist Administrator](#) (Scientific Review and Program Officer) (Closes: November 29, 2023)
- SSRC: [Arnold Ventures Criminal Justice Innovation Fellowships](#) (Closes: January 15, 2024)
- **NEW:** [Program Director for the Social Psychology Program](#) within the SBE Directorate (Open until Filled)
- **NEW:** [Program Director for the Human Networks and Data Science \(HNDS\) Program](#) in the BCS Division within the SBE Directorate (Open until Filled)

## Upcoming Events

- **NEW:** [National Science Board Meeting](#), November 29-30, 2023, Alexandria, VA or Virtual
- [African Studies Association Annual Meeting](#), November 30-December 2, 2023, San Francisco, CA
- [Enhancing Public Access to the Results of Research Supported by the Department of Health and Human Services - A Workshop](#), November 30-December 1, 2023, Washington, DC or Virtual
- [2023 NIH Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Festival](#), December 5, 2023, Virtual
- **NEW:** [Fall 2023 Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Advisory Committee Meeting](#), December 14-15, 2023, Washington, DC and Virtual
- **NEW:** NSF: [2024 Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting](#), January 4-7, 2024, New York, NY
- **NEW:** [2024 Allied Social Science Associations \(ASSA\) Annual Meeting](#), January 5-7, 2024, San Antonio, TX or Virtual

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@cossa.org](mailto:ebailey@cossa.org).

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