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New from COSSA

Social and Behavioral Scientists Take to Capitol Hill for COSSA's Annual Social Science Advocacy Day



On April 8-9, COSSA held its 10th annual [Social Science Advocacy Day](#) events in

Washington, DC. Over 60 social and behavioral science researchers, students, and advocates from 18 different states headed to Capitol Hill to meet with more than 60 offices in the House of Representatives and Senate, all carrying a message about the need to prioritize funding for social and behavioral science research.

COSSA is especially grateful to the sponsors of this year's event. Thank you to all involved for making this such an impactful experience!

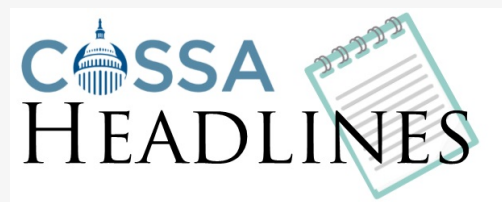
NEW ACTION ALERTS: Urge Congress to Prioritize Funding Social and Behavioral Science Research in FY 2025!

Congressional appropriators are preparing legislation that will determine funding for federal science and statistical agencies for the next year. With strict discretionary budget caps currently in place ([learn more](#)), it is essential that we fight for the prioritization of social and behavioral science research funding in fiscal year (FY) 2025. Now is the time to write to your Members of Congress to urge their support for research funding in FY 2025!



COSSA has created a menu of resources for you to use in your outreach to lawmakers. Visit our [ACTION CENTER](#) page to send a letter to your Senators and Representative and tell them why it is critical that they prioritize funding in FY 2025 for the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, Institute of Education Sciences, National Institute of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, International Education and Foreign Language Programs, and the federal statistical system.

REGISTER NOW: Headlines Webinars continue April 23



COSSA's 2024 [Headlines Webinar](#) series will continue to feature discussions with leaders of federal science agencies, providing opportunities for the social and behavioral science community to learn about agency research programs, funding opportunities, and priorities.

Upcoming Webinars:

- **April 23** will feature a discussion with Dr. Jane M. Simoni about the behavioral and social science priorities at the National Institutes of Health. [RSVP here](#).
- **May 22** will feature a discussion with the Director of the U.S. Census Bureau, Robert. L. Santos. RSVP link and more details to come.

Did you miss March's webinar? You can [watch the recording now](#) to catch up on our discussion about the research and education programs and priorities of the STEM Education Directorate at the National Science Foundation with Dr. James L. Moore III.

Headlines is a webinar series available to COSSA [member organizations](#).

Congressional News

Congress Begins FY 2025 Budget Process with newly elected House Appropriations Full Committee Chair, Rep. Tom Cole

With the fiscal year (FY) 2024 budget finalized ([previously reported by COSSA](#)), Congress is looking ahead to FY 2025. The process has begun for FY 2025 with the Presidential Budget Request ([see COSSA's in-depth analysis](#)), which had a delayed release of March 11. The Appropriations subcommittees in both chambers have also begun scheduling

oversight budget hearings with the heads of Federal Agencies in preparation of drafting their respective bills for the FY 2025 budget. As a reminder, the fiscal year for 2025 will begin October 1, 2024, requiring Congress to have finalized the budget by this date unless a continuing resolution (CR) is enacted to push the deadline.

[As previously reported](#), Representative Kay Granger (R-TX) requested a new Chair for the House Appropriations Committee as she looks forward to retirement later this year. As expected, Representative Tom Cole (R-OK) has been appointed to the role after running unopposed in the election on April 9. Rep. Cole previously headed the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee, a position that went to Representative Steve Womack (R-AR) on April 12. Both the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee and Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee remain unchanged in their leadership. The budget process is intended to continue as expected, with Chair Cole anticipated to release the subcommittee allocations in the upcoming weeks.

Stay tuned to [COSSA's continued coverage](#) of the FY 2025 budget process.

Executive Branch News

REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK: OSTP Seeks Input for Safe STEM Environments

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) is inviting feedback to help the Interagency Working Group on Safe and Inclusive STEM Environments ([IWG-SISE](#)) develop policies aimed at reducing sex-based and sexual harassment in federally funded STEM research. This initiative, in response to the *CHIPS and Science Act of 2022* ([see previous COSSA coverage](#)), focuses on improving safety for principal investigators, research staff, and students.

The OSTP and IWG-SISE are looking for contributions from students, postdoctoral fellows, faculty, researchers, and administrators—anyone impacted by harassment in STEM spaces. The aim is to inform guidelines that address and mitigate harassment issues effectively.

To share insights or request a virtual meeting with OSTP and IWG-SISE, please contact STEM@ostp.eop.gov.

Analyzing the Cost of Open Access for Federally Funded Research

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) is facing demands from Congress to provide a detailed cost estimate for its open access plan for federally funded research. Initiated by OSTP in August 2022, the plan requires that research funded by science agencies be freely accessible to the public upon publication. It mandates OSTP to complete a thorough financial analysis by June. Failure to meet this deadline will require OSTP to delay its plans until the report is submitted to Congress.

OSTP has already explored the financial aspects of open access in two reports. The [first report](#), released in 2022, estimated annual costs to be between \$390 million and \$789 million. A [follow-up report](#) in 2023 focused on article processing charges (APCs), necessary fees for publishing in open access journals, showing an increase from \$272 million in 2016 to \$379 million in 2021.

With these financial considerations in mind, federal agencies funding research are tasked with creating open access plans by the end of this year and implementing them by the end of 2025. While the transition to open access is underway in many agencies, OSTP's directive displays a significant change in publication practices, moving from a subscription-based to an author-pay model. This has led to concerns about potential disadvantages for

researchers from institutions with fewer resources and about restrictions on researchers' choice of publication outlets.

Some legislators have voiced worries that the shift to a model where authors pay could unfairly impact those from less wealthy backgrounds and limit researchers' control over where and how their work is published. In contrast, OSTP argues that research funded by taxpayers should be readily accessible to them, underlining the public interest in free access to scientific findings.

As OSTP works to meet the congressional demand for a financial analysis, the discussion on the open access policy highlights ongoing considerations about the future of academic publishing, fair knowledge distribution, and maintaining a balance between accessibility and research integrity in the sharing of federally funded research.

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

SBE Releases Dear Colleague Letter Encouraging EPSCoR Submissions

The Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE) housed within the National Science Foundation (NSF) has released a [Dear Colleague Letter](#) encouraging submissions to already established NSF funding opportunities from the [Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research](#) (EPSCoR). EPSCoR was developed to target specific areas in the U.S. with increased opportunity to study and join the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) workforce to improve geographic and institutional diversity. As directed by the [CHIPS and Science Act of 2022](#), NSF is in the process of dedicating more funding towards the EPSCoR jurisdictions. The letter reaffirms SBE's commitment to support research in the social and behavioral sciences to “build on and enhance the human, social, cultural, institutional, educational, technological, geographic, demographic, and economic assets of EPSCoR jurisdictions.”

Any questions about the Dear Colleague Letter or submitting proposals from an EPSCoR jurisdiction should be directed to: nfsbe-epscorinquiry@nsf.gov.

COSSA Member Spotlight

REGISTER NOW: Upcoming AAPSS Webinar: "Media Policy for an Informed Citizenry"

On April 17, The American Academy of Political & Social Science ([AAPSS](#)) will be hosting an open [webinar](#) titled “Media Policy for an Informed Citizenry: Revisiting the Information Needs of Communities for Democracy in Crisis”. AAPSS is a COSSA member institution.

The topic of this webinar is based on the [May 2023 edition](#) of *The Annals*, a scholarly periodical produced by AAPSS. The webinar will discuss how people obtain news and information and how changes in technology have influenced the availability and reliability of such information. The webinar will be moderated by Molly Laas of the Social Science Research Council and will feature experts from Michigan State University, San Diego State University, University of Maryland, and University of Chicago as panelists.

Attendees can register [here](#) to receive the link for the virtual webinar.

Resources & Opportunities

COSSA Letters & Statements

- **NEW:** 04/10/2024: [Census Project Letter to Congress on FY 2025 Funding for the Census Bureau](#)

- **NEW:** 04/08/2024: [Friends of IES Letter to Congress on FY 2025 Funding for the Institute of Education Sciences](#)
- 04/01/2024: [Friends of NICHD Letter Urging Congress to Continue Supporting NICHD and NIH in FY 2025](#)

Nomination Opportunities

- NSF: [The National Medal of Science](#) (Closes: May 3, 2024)
- **NEW:** NOAA: [Nominations for Members of the Science Advisory Board](#) (Closes: May 9, 2024)
- **NEW:** NSF: [Advisory Panel Call for New Members](#) (Ongoing)

Funding Opportunities

- **NEW:** Research!America: [Summer 2024 Civic Engagement Microgrant Program](#) (Closes: April 30, 2024)
- 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)
- NSF: [General Social Survey Competition](#) (Closes: June 3, 2024)
- NSF: [Growing Research Access for Nationally Transformative Equity and Diversity \(GRANTED\)](#) (Rolling Deadline)
- NSF: [Dear Colleague Letter: Funding Opportunities for Science and Engineering Research with Impact on Women's Health](#) (Ongoing)

Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- **NEW:** OMB: [Request for Information on Responsible Procurement of AI in Government](#) (Closes: April 29, 2024)
- DOJ: [Seeking Comments Regarding Access to Americans' Bulk Sensitive Personal Data and Government-Related Data by Countries of Concern](#) (Closes: April 19, 2024)
- NCSES: [Requests Responses to Data Tools Survey](#)

Notices, Resources, & Reports

- NSB: [The State of U.S. Science and Engineering 2024](#)
- JASON: [Safeguarding the Research Enterprise](#)
- **NEW:** NASEM: [Supporting Family Caregivers in STEMM: A Call to Action](#)
- **NEW:** NASEM: [Behavioral Economics: Policy Impact and Future Directions](#)

Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- **NEW:** NIH: [Summer Institute on Randomized Behavioral Clinical Trials](#) (Closes: April 20, 2024)
- **NEW:** AIP: [Science Policy Intern](#)
- [Apply for a Student Travel Scholarship](#) to attend the NIJ Research Conference (Closes: April 22, 2024)
- Pathways to Science: [Paid Summer Research Programs](#) (Ongoing)
- [American Political Science Association \(APSA\) Executive Director](#) (Ongoing)
- [Program Director for the Social Psychology Program](#) within the SBE Directorate (Open until Filled)
- [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:** AAPSS Webinar: [Media Policy for an Informed Citizenry: Revisiting the Information Needs of Communities for Democracy in Crisis](#), April 17, 2024, Virtual

- **NEW:** [Population Association of America 2024 Annual Meeting](#), April 17-20, 2024, Columbus, OH
- **NEW:** [COSSA Headlines: Behavioral and Social Science Priorities and Programs at the National Institutes of Health](#), April 23, 2024, Virtual
- **NEW:** NSF: [Implementing the Common Forms for the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending \(Other\) Support Webinar](#), April 25, 2024, Virtual
- **NEW:** NASEM: [Climate Conversations: Environmental Justice Webinar](#), April, 26, 2024, Virtual
- [2024 College of Behavioral and Social Sciences' \(BSOS\) Showcase on Inequality Research](#) at the University of Maryland, May 2, 2024, College Park, MD
- [SRCD Anti-Racist Developmental Science Summit: Transforming Research, Practices, and Policies](#), May 15-17, 2024, Panama City, Panama
- [The State of the Science Address](#), June 26, 2024, Washington, DC
- AEA: [Summer Evaluation Institute](#), June 26-28, 2024, Washington, DC

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.

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widespread use of social and behavioral
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COSSA serves as a united voice for a
broad, diverse network of organizations,
institutions, communities, and stakeholders
who care about a successful and vibrant
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