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## New from COSSA

### **NEW ACTION ALERT: Write to Congress TODAY to Urge Support for FY 2025 Science Funding**

Deadlines in the House of Representatives for FY 2025 funding requests are this week. It is critical that lawmakers hear from you TODAY to urge their support for federal science agencies.

One way that Members of Congress can express their support for science funding is by signing a “Dear Colleague Letter.” These letters, which are sponsored by one or more Members of Congress, are circulated to all Congressional offices to solicit additional signatures. The final letters are sent to the Appropriations Committees and typically urge the committee to include a specific funding level for an agency or program in the annual appropriations bill.



There are currently several Dear Colleague Letters circulating in the House that are important to the COSSA community. They call for increased funding for the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Institute for Education Sciences, Census Bureau, and more. **We need as many members of the House as possible to sign these letters.**

COSSA has created a menu of resources for you to use in your outreach to lawmakers. Visit our [ACTION CENTER](#) page to send a quick note to your House Representatives urging them to sign each of the Dear Colleague Letters.

## **REGISTER NOW: May 22 Webinar to Feature Census Director – Register Now!**



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.

The next webinar will be taking place on **May 22**, featuring a discussion with the Director of the U.S. Census Bureau, Robert L. Santos. [RSVP here](#).

Did you miss April's webinar? You can [watch the recording now](#) to catch up on our discussion about the behavioral and social science priorities at the National Institutes of Health with Dr. Jane M. Simoni.

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

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## **Congressional News**

### **Congress Approves Emergency Supplemental Funding with FY 2025 Appropriations Underway**

[As previously reported](#), Congress has begun working on the fiscal year (FY) 2025 budget process with hearings for federal agencies underway. In preparation for drafting appropriations legislation, the House Appropriations Committee released [guidance on submitting programmatic and report language requests](#) for members with a deadline of May 1. However, with Congress looking towards the upcoming elections in November, it's unclear whether they will complete any of the bills prior to the October 1 deadline.

On April 24, [emergency funding](#) was signed into law by President Biden to provide supplemental funding to the Department of Defense (DOD), Department of Energy science programs, the National Nuclear Security Administration, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Administration for Children and Families, the Department of State, and the U.S. Agency for International Development, in addition to a foreign aid package that included funding to Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan.

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

### **House Oversight Committee Holds Hearing on Government Influence Over Scientific Journals**

The House Committee on Oversight and Accountability's Select Committee on the Coronavirus held a hearing on [Academic Malpractice: Examining the Relationship Between Scientific Journals, the Government, and Peer Review](#) with Dr. Holden Thorp, the Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Science*. Thorp was one of several individuals invited to testify but the only one to attend. During the opening remarks for the hearing, Chair Dr. Brad Wenstrup (R-OH) described the relationship between scientific journals and the government during the coronavirus pandemic as a negative source of government and political influence on scientific research. However, Dr. Thorp reiterated the in-depth process of developing scientific journals, including the extensive peer review process, and

expressed a commitment to releasing research that is informed and clear to avoid misinformation on important topics, such as the coronavirus pandemic. The hearing largely focused on the importance of trust in science, combatting misinformation, and mitigating harm.

A recording of the hearing can be found [here](#).

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## Executive Branch News

### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: NIAID Accepting Comments on New Strategic Plan**

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), within the National Institutes of Health, is accepting public feedback on proposed updates to its Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan would prioritize five key research topics in biomedical research, but NIAID also invites comments and suggestions on other themes: diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA); Women's Health; health disparities; research inclusivity; global health; infrastructure and research facilities; data science and sharing; and workforce training.

Responses are due to [NIAIDStrategicPlanRFI@niaid.nih.gov](mailto:NIAIDStrategicPlanRFI@niaid.nih.gov) in Word or PDF form by May 27. A full listing of the Request for Information can be found [here](#).

### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Request for Information on Mental Health Determinants and Disparities**

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), within the National Institutes of Health, has issued a request for information (RFI) titled "Moving beyond individual-level determinants of mental health to address mental health disparities." NIMH specifically wants to address gaps in knowledge on (a) the determinants of mental health disparities from social, systemic, and structural levels and (b) the development of culturally responsive, multilevel interventions to address such disparities.

[Submissions](#) must be made electronically by May 30. A full listing of the RFI can be found [here](#).

### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Request for Information on Advancing Mental Health Services Research**

The Division of Services and Intervention Research (DSIR) at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) has issued a Request for Information (RFI) titled "Regarding Strategies to Advance the Relevance and Impact of Mental Health Services Research." This RFI seeks to gather input on how DSIR-supported research has impacted mental health practice and policy, specifically in the following areas:

- NIMH's experimental therapeutics requirement
- Needed information by legislators, clinical or provider practices, insurers and payers, and people with lived experiences
- Cultivation of expertise and skills for researchers of mental health services
- Specific examples of institute-funded mental health services research with direct impacts on policy
- Access to high quality mental health care

The deadline for submissions is September 1 to the RFI submission [website](#). A full listing of the RFI can be found [here](#) which also includes background on mental health [services](#) research as a discipline.

### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: NCSES Issues RFI on Use Cases**

## to Inform a Future National Secure Data Service

The National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES), housed within the National Science Foundation (NSF), has issued a [request for information](#) (RFI) on Use Cases to Inform a Future National Secure Data Service (NSDS) ([see previous COSSA coverage](#)). NSDS is intended to inform the ongoing work to improve the governments' data infrastructure system, including new ways of collecting and linking data. NCSES requests information on research, policy, program, and education use cases as well as challenges and barriers that could be addressed using an NSDS for the development of a future NSDS.

Comments are requested by June 14 and can be submitted [here](#).

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: NIJ Issues RFI on the Uses of AI in the Criminal Justice System

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) housed within the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) in the Department of Justice (DOJ) has issued a [request for information](#) (RFI) on the future uses of artificial intelligence (AI) in the criminal justice system. In response to the *Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence* Executive Order released by the Biden Administration in October 2023 ([see previous COSSA coverage](#)), NIJ seeks to understand the potential impacts of AI use in the criminal justice system to potentially influence a future report on the topic.

Comments are requested by May 28 and should be emailed to [mark.greene2@usdoj.gov](mailto:mark.greene2@usdoj.gov).

## Registration is Open for the 17th Matilda White Riley Honors

Registration is officially open for the [17th Matilda White Riley Behavioral and Social Sciences Honors](#). The event recognizes both emerging scientists and leaders in the field whose research reflects Dr. Matilda White Riley's vision of research excellence in health-related behavioral and social sciences.

Matilda White Riley was a celebrated scientist and member of the National Academy of Sciences whose work and leadership left a lasting impact on behavioral and social sciences across the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and beyond.

Registration for the event is required and the Distinguished Lecturer will be [Dr. Bernice Pescosolido](#), Distinguished Professor of Sociology at Indiana University.

The presentation will be recorded and available in about two weeks on the NIH website. Closed captioning will be available for the event. People who need reasonable accommodations to participate in this event should contact Allison Hurst at [ahurst@scgcorp.com](mailto:ahurst@scgcorp.com).

## Resources & Opportunities

### COSSA Letters & Statements

- **NEW:** 04/19/2024: [Friends of Justice & Research Statistics Letter to Congress on FY 2025 Funding for NIJ and BJS](#)
- 04/10/2024: [Census Project Letter to Congress on FY 2025 Funding for the Census Bureau](#)

### Nomination Opportunities

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

## Funding Opportunities

- 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:** NIAID: [Request for Comments on New Strategic Plan](#) (Closes: May 27, 2024)
- **NEW:** NIJ: [Request for Information on the Uses of AI in the Criminal Justice System](#) (Closes: May 28, 2024)
- **NEW:** NIMH: [Request for Information on Mental Health Determinants and Disparities](#) (Closes: May 30, 2024)
- **NEW:** NIMH: [Request for Information on Advancing Mental Health Services Research](#) (Closes: September 1, 2024)
- NCSES: [Requests Responses to Data Tools Survey](#)

## Notices, Resources, & Reports

- **NEW:** OSTP Committee on STEM Education: [2023 Progress Report on the Implementation of the Federal STEM Education Strategic Plan](#)
- **NEW:** AAAS: [U.S. R&D and Innovation in a Global Context: The 2024 Data Update](#)
- NASEM: [Supporting Family Caregivers in STEMM: A Call to Action](#)
- NASEM: [Behavioral Economics: Policy Impact and Future Directions](#)

## Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- AIP: [Science Policy Intern](#)
- **NEW:** NSF: [Science Advisor for Public Access](#) (Ongoing)
- 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

- [2024 College of Behavioral and Social Sciences' \(BSOS\) Showcase on Inequality Research](#) at the University of Maryland, May 2, 2024, College Park, MD
- **NEW:** [CNSTAT Public Event: AI Day for Federal Statistics](#), May 2, 2024, Virtual or Washington, DC
- [SRCD Anti-Racist Developmental Science Summit: Transforming Research, Practices, and Policies](#), May 15-17, 2024, Panama City, Panama
- **NEW:** [AAPOR 79th Annual Conference](#), May 15-17, 2024, Atlanta, GA
- **NEW:** [COSSA's May Headlines Webinar](#), May 22, 2024, Virtual
- [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](mailto:ebailey@cossa.org).

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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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