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Congressional News

House Moves on Appropriations Bills Ahead of Fourth of July Recess; CJS and LHHS Bills Expected this Week

[As previously reported by COSSA](#), the fiscal year (FY) 2025 budget process is underway as Congress looks to complete funding bills before the House and a third of the Senate embark on the campaign trail. The House is moving forward with multiple spending bills this week as expected. The House Appropriations committee has already passed six of twelve bills in full-committee, including Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, Defense, Financial Services and General Government, Homeland Security, Legislative Branch, and State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs.

On June 26, the House Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) Subcommittee is expected mark up its bill, which funds the National Science Foundation, National Institute of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, and Census Bureau. In anticipation of the mark up, the Appropriations Committee [released a summary of the bill and bill text](#) early this morning ([stay tuned for COSSA's in-depth analysis](#)). On June 27, the House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) Subcommittee is expected to mark up its bill, which provides appropriations for the National Institutes of the Health, Department of Education, and other agencies. The CJS and LHHS bills are scheduled to be considered by the full Appropriations Committee on July 9 and July 10, respectively. According to the [schedule](#) released by House Appropriations Chair Cole (R-OK), the House anticipates passing all twelve bills through the committee by July 10. Votes on the House floor have yet to be scheduled.

The Senate will likely begin working on their respective bills upon their return on July 8. The appropriations bills must pass by October 1 unless a continuing resolution (CR) is enacted. With election season on the horizon, it's unclear whether the final budget will be finalized by the deadline.

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

Request for Feedback: House Energy and Commerce Committee Chair McMorris Rodgers Releases Framework for NIH Reform

Earlier this month, House Energy and Commerce Committee Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), in partnership with the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (LHHS) Chair Robert Aderholt (R-AL), [released a framework](#) outlining potential reforms for the National Institutes of Health (NIH). A one-pager on the framework can be found [here](#) as well as an [opinion piece](#) written by Chairs McMorris Rodgers and Aderholt. Chair McMorris Rodgers has also [announced](#) her intent to not seek re-election this November.

The framework comes after a series of recommendations, including Senator Bill Cassidy's (R-LA) white paper on NIH reform released in May ([see previous COSSA coverage](#)) and Representative Diana DeGette (D-CO) and Representative Larry Bucshon's (R-IN) inquiries into a Cures 2.0 Act ([see previous COSSA coverage](#)). With the upcoming elections in November and a potential shift in control in both chambers, it is not unusual for members of Congress to release recommendations for priority agencies.

The [framework](#) recommendations outlined by Chairs McMorris Rodgers and Aderholt include structural changes that would combine several institutes and suggested policy reform, including a congressionally mandated complete review of the NIH and introducing term limits to institute leadership. The framework also discusses ways to improve transparency and accountability in the agency as well as support research and innovation.

In addition, the framework discusses proposed grant reforms with a focus on protecting U.S. innovation from foreign influence and encouraging accountability among researchers. It includes recommendations to prohibit gain of function research, a continued point of contention among Republicans following the COVID-19 pandemic ([see previous COSSA coverage](#)), establishing an independent review of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and mandated reporting on grants to foreign countries.

Feedback on the framework is requested and can be submitted to NIHReform@mail.house.gov by August 16, 2024.

Executive Branch News

Request for Information: NIH Issues RFI on Draft Public Access Policy

On June 18, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) issued a [request for information](#) (RFI) to obtain public comments on the NIH Draft Public Access Policy. The RFI is also seeking feedback on two supplemental draft guidance documents pertaining to government use license and rights, and costs for publications.

The draft NIH policy responds to the August 2022 [memorandum](#) issued by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) announcing new requirements for federal agencies to make peer-reviewed publications resulting from federal funding freely available to the public immediately following publication. NIH [previously sought input](#) into the development of their policy in February 2023. The new draft reflects input received in response to that request.

Highlights:

- Starting October 1, 2025, the NIH policy will require that manuscripts be submitted to PubMed Central upon acceptance for publication without embargo upon the official date of publication.
- The draft policy includes definitions of key terms, including: Manuscript, Final Published Article, Article, Journal, and Official Date of Publication.
- The policy will apply to manuscripts accepted for publication that result from NIH funding in whole or in part through grants and cooperative agreements (including training grants), contracts, NIH intramural research, and other transactions.
- In addition, the policy will apply regardless of whether the NIH-funded principal investigator or project director is an author or whether non-NIH funds were used in developing the manuscript.
- With respect to costs of publishing, the draft policy states, "Reasonable costs associated with publication that are allowable may be requested in the budget for the project as direct or indirect costs, as specified in the NIH Grants Policy Statement." The policy includes [draft guidance](#) to help determine "allowable" and "reasonable" costs; NIH is also seeking public input into this guidance.

Public comments can be submitted by August 19 on the [NIH website](#).

Funding Opportunity: NCER Opens Applications for Two Competitions

The National Center for Education Research (NCER), a center within the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) in the Department of Education, [announced](#) they are seeking applications for two competitions: "From Seedlings to Scale" and "Research Networks Focused on Critical Problems of Education Policy and Practice" ([see previous COSSA coverage](#)). Through the "From Seedlings to Scale" program, IES plans to invest in innovative products, policies, and processes within a particular focus area. Their three-phase plan will allow ideas to grow from seedlings to scalable solutions. Applications are now available for Phase One where teams will define a problem, refine a solution, and build a plan for further research and development. For the competition for "Research Networks Focused on Critical Problems of Education Policy and Practice," applications must address the [Accelerate, Transform, Scale \(ATS\) Initiative](#), which intends to improve education outcomes for all learners.

Application packages became available on June 20, 2024 and the deadline for transmittal of applications is August 15, 2024. Instructions for obtaining and submitting an application can be found [here](#). More information about IES's applications for new awards can be found [here](#).

This article was contributed by COSSA Intern Rachel Bashe.

Science Community News

Nominations Opportunity: AAAS Accepting Nominations for 2025 Awards & Prizes

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) announced that nominations are now open for the following awards and prizes:

- [AAAS Philip Hauge Abelson Prize](#)
- [AAAS Award for Scientific Freedom and Responsibility](#)
- [AAAS Early Career Award for Public Engagement with Science](#)
- [AAAS Mani L. Bhaumik Award for Public Engagement with Science](#)

AAAS also sponsors a wide range of other awards and prizes recognizing scientists, engineers, authors, journalists and public servants for significant contributions to science

and the public's understanding of science.

The deadline for all nominations is June 30 and award winners will be announced in early 2025. Learn more on the [AAAS website](#).

COSSA Member Spotlight

Upcoming Event: PAA to Host Congressional Briefing on “Maternal Mortality in America: Understanding the Challenges and Crafting Population Based Solutions”

On July 22, the Population Association of America (PAA) will host a congressional briefing on “Maternal Mortality in America: Understanding the Challenges and Crafting Population Based Solutions.” The event will feature discussion about the complex social, economic, and health factors contributing to the maternal mortality rate in the U.S. Speakers to include: Dr. Robert Anderson from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Dr. Alecia McGregor from Harvard University, and Dr. Amanda Stevenson from the University of Colorado-Boulder.

This event will offer a space to explore and address these issues, fostering an informed conversation about the research and potential interventions for maternal mortality. PAA is a COSSA governing member organization.

[RSVP](#) to secure your spot for this discussion.

Nominations Opportunity: Nominations Open for 2025 Sage-CASBS Award

The Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS) at Stanford University and Sage now are accepting nominations for the 2025 Sage-CASBS Award. Both Sage and CASBS are COSSA members.

Established in 2013, the Award recognizes outstanding achievement in the behavioral and social sciences that push the boundaries of our understanding of social issues. In addition to a cash prize, the Sage-CASBS Award winner will deliver a public lecture to be held at CASBS in spring 2025.

The deadline for nominations is September 16, 2024. More information about the Award can be found [here](#).

Resources & Opportunities

COSSA Letters & Statements

- **NEW:** 06/14/2024: [Coalition for International Education Letter to House Subcommittees on FY 25 Funding for International Education and Foreign Language Studies](#)
- 06/03/2024: [Community Letter to Congress on FY 2025 funding for Gun Violence Prevention Research](#)

Nomination Opportunities

- **NEW:** [AAAS 2025 Awards & Prizes](#) (Closes: June 30, 2024)
- **NEW:** [2025 SAGE-CASBS Award](#) (Closes: September 16, 2024)
- NSF: [Advisory Panel Call for New Members](#) (Ongoing)

Funding Opportunities

- **NEW:** NCER: ["From Seedlings to Scale" and "Research Networks Focused on Critical Problems of Education Policy and Practice" Competitions](#) (Closes: August 15, 2024)
- NSF: [Growing Research Access for Nationally Transformative Equity and Diversity \(GRANTED\)](#) (Rolling Deadline)

Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- NIH: [Request for Information on the Development of the FY 2026-2030 Strategic Plan for Sexual & Gender Minority Health Research](#) (Closes: June 26, 2024)
- **NEW:** NCSES: [Requests Responses to Data Tools Survey](#) (Closes: June 30, 2024)
- OSTP: [Request for Information on Disability Equity for Data Collection](#) (Closes: July 15, 2024)
- NIMH: [Request for Information on NIMH Strategic Plan Evaluation](#) (Closes: July 24, 2024)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Request for Information on NIH Draft Public Access Policy](#) (Closes: August 19, 2024)
- NIMH: [Request for Information on Advancing Mental Health Services Research](#) (Closes: September 1, 2024)

Notices, Resources, & Reports

- **NEW:** Issues in Science and Technology: [Embracing the Social in Social Science](#)
- NASEM: [Developing and Assessing Ideas for Social and Behavioral Research to Speed Efficient and Equitable Industrial Decarbonization](#)
- OSTP: [Blueprint for the Use of Social and Behavioral Science to Advance Evidence-Based Policymaking](#)

Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- **NEW:** NIH: [NIH Climate Change and Health Initiative Scholars Program](#) (Closes: July 15, 2024)
- **NEW:** AAAS: [Science & Technology Policy Fellowships Project Director](#) (Closes: June 30, 2024)
- NSF: [Science Advisor for Public Access](#) (Ongoing)
- Pathways to Science: [Paid Summer Research Programs](#) (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

- NASEM: [Human and Organizational Factors in AI Risk Management: A Workshop](#), June 11-July 2, 2024, Virtual
- [The State of the Science Address](#), June 26, 2024, Washington, DC
- AEA: [Summer Evaluation Institute](#), June 26-28, 2024, Washington, DC
- **NEW:** PAA: ["Maternal Mortality in America: Understanding the Challenges and Crafting Population Based Solutions"](#) Congressional Briefing, July 22, 2024, Washington, DC
- **NEW:** NASEM: [The Hauser Policy Impact Fund Webinar Series: Navigating the Era of Artificial Intelligence Part 2: The Role of Social Sciences](#), July 25, 2024, Virtual
- **NEW:** [Joint Statistical Meetings](#), August 3-8, 2024, Portland, OR
- **NEW:** ASA: [Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association](#), August 9-13, 2024, Montréal, Quebec

A list of COSSA members' annual meetings and other events can be found on the COSSA

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