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Society for Social Work and Research
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CONGRESS
• Congressional Appropiators Get to Work; NSF Director Testifies
  • More: www.cossa.org/2019/04/02/congressional-appropriators-get-to-work-nsf-director-testifies/
• COSSA Encourages Action on Spending Caps
  • More: https://www.cossa.org/advocacy/take-action/

EXECUTIVE BRANCH
• Administration Releases FY 2020 Budget Request Details
• IES Requests Comment on Proposed Priorities
• NSF Releases Dear Colleague Letter on Research on Sexual Harassment in STEM

COMMUNITY
• National Call for Commitment Statements on Countering the U.S. Opioid Epidemic, from the National Academy of Medicine
  • More: www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4676934/NAM-Opioid-Collaborative-Network-Organizations
• NASEM Report: Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Save Lives
  • More: http://nationalacademies.org/HMD/reports/2019/medications-for-opioid-use-disorder-save-lives

COSSA
• 3 weeks until Social Science Advocacy Day!
  • More: www.cossa.org/event/2019-advocacy-day
• Congressman Paul Tonko Answers “Why Social Science?”
  • More: www.whysocialscience.com
• Testimony submitted on FY 2020 science funding
  • More: www.cossa.org/advocacy/funding-updates
• 2018 COSSA Annual Report
  • More: www.cossa.org/press-publications

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FY 2020: Part II - Time to Act

- Full Details of the President’s FY 2020 Budget Request
- Congress’s Response
- Community’s Response
- Time to Act
# FY 2020 Budget Request – Full Details

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*www.cossa.org/advocacy/funding-updates*
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FY 2020: Part II - Time to Act

- Full Details of the President’s FY 2020 Budget Request
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Congressional Actions

• Congress is working along parallel tracks

  1. Raise the BCA caps on discretionary spending
  2. Start writing FY 2020 appropriations bills – Committees plan to write FY 2020 bills assuming higher caps.

• Members of Congress are making their 2020 funding priorities known
Congress’s Response

- 173 Representatives & 37 Senators signed letters in support of $9 billion for NSF (PBR = $7.07B)
- 222 Representatives & 61 Senators (so far) signed letters in support of $41.6 billion for NIH (PBR = $34.4B)
- 76 Representatives & 35 Senators signed letters in support of funding for the Census – $8 billion in the House letter and $8.448 billion in the Senate Letter (PBR = $6.2B)
- 40 Representatives and at least 8 Senators have signed letters in support of $670 million for IES (PBR = $521)
- 106 Representatives have signed a letter in support of $106.1 million for the Department of Education’s International Education and Foreign Language Programs. (PBR = eliminated)
Congressional priorities differ from the Administration’s

### FY 2019 Appropriations Snapshot

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*In millions

*The President’s budget request proposes to consolidate the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality as an Institute within the National Institutes of Health.
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Community’s Response

• COSSA has joined the efforts to #RaiseTheCaps – and 275 messages have been sent to Members of Congress from COSSA members!

• COSSA continues to join with coalitions to advocate for funding for particular agencies, including:
  • Coalition for National Science Funding
  • Friends of NCHS
  • Friends of AHRQ
  • CDC Coalition
  • Friends of IES
  • Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research
What is the community asking for?

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Where are we in the process? (Regular Order)

**Regular Order:**
- **FEB** – President’s Budget Request released
- **APR** – Congress adopts budget resolution
- **MAY** – Appropriations Committees set allocations for 12 subcommittees
- **MAY-JUN** – Subcommittees write and “mark up” bills
- **JUN** – Full Appropriations Committee considers/amends bills
- **JUL** – House Floor debate/vote on each bill individually
- **SEP** – Differences negotiated (conference committee), each chamber votes on compromise
- **BY SEP 30** – To the President to sign/veto
- **OCT 1** – New fiscal year begins
Challenges to Regular Order

• This process has to happen 12 times over 8 months (Feb-Sept).
• Some bills are more controversial than others.
• Legislative and Executive Branches can be working on 4 different budgets at any one time:
  • Closing the books/auditing FY 2018 (Oct. 1, 2017 – Sept. 30, 2018)
  • Finalizing FY 2020 (Oct. 1, 2019 – Sept. 30, 2020)
• End of earmarks makes it harder to find common ground.
In reality...

- The budget process rarely works as it should.
- Continuing resolution (CR) – “Life Boat”
  - Funds the federal government in absence of appropriations bills for a finite period.
  - Funding at current levels (usually).
  - No new starts, reduced funding under a CR (e.g. 80% at NIH).
  - Anomalies to make adjustments.
- Outstanding bills frequently get bundled into omnibus or minibus or CRomnibus bills.
- Typically means we have more time/opportunities to engage in the process!
Time to Act

• Social Science Advocacy Day
  • 70 advocates coming to Washington April 30-May 1
  • Still time to register!

• Act from home
  • Act to RAISE THE CAPS now! [www.cossa.org/advocacy/take-action](http://www.cossa.org/advocacy/take-action)
  • Watch for our Social Science Advocacy Day Action Alert on May 1
  • Respond
  • Share with others
  • Follow your colleagues on Twitter #COSSA2019 #WhySocialScience #RaisetheCaps
Most Americans believe their individual engagement will not make a difference.

If your Member/Senator has not already arrived at a firm decision on an issue, how much influence might the following advocacy strategies directed to the Washington office have on his/her decision?

- **In-Person Issue Visits from Constituents**: 94%
- **Contact from Constituents’ Reps**: 94%
- **Individualized Email Messages**: 92%
- **Individualized Postal Letters**: 88%
- **Local Editorial Referencing Issue Pending**: 87%
- **Comments During Telephone Town Hall**: 87%
- **Phone Calls**: 84%
- **Letter to the Editor Referencing Your Boss**: 84%
- **Visit From a Lobbyist**: 83%
- **Form Email Messages**: 56%

*(n = 190-192)*

Source: Congressional Management Foundation 2015 survey of congressional staff, including Chiefs of Staff, Communications Directors, Legislative Directors, and Legislative Assistants.
Contrary to what most think...

- Members of Congress value constituents’ input.
- They rely on constituents’ views to shape their opinions (they’re there to represent you, after all).
- They genuinely wish to understand the impacts of a decision on citizens in the state or district.
- Constituents (VOTERS) get priority treatment in their eyes.
Engaging from home can also have a big impact.

- Over the last 30 years, there’s been an explosion of “grassroots advocacy.”
  - Advances in technology made it easier/cheaper to communicate with Congress.
  - End of earmarks has changed “lobbying” forever.
- BUT, the quality of interactions has not improved.
- The challenge – Being heard among the deluge of voices and interests.
Give them a reason to care!

- Science can sometimes be in conflict with ideology or personal beliefs.
- Make it LOCAL, LOCAL, LOCAL!
  - Policymakers may not know the science, but they know what their constituents are calling about (TIP: include your postal address in message/call, tell there where you live during meeting).
- Transform a discussion about the budget to a conversation about real people and their lives (that can be addressed through changes in the budget, for example).
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Let’s hear from you!

If using computer microphone: raise your hand!
   Step 1: select “participants”
   Step 2: select “raise hand”
   (may be in sidebar)
   Step 3: after you’re unmuted, ask your question!

If using telephone audio/microphone: put your question in the chat box!
Homework

- **ACTION ALERT – Raise the Caps!**
  - [www.cossa.org/advocacy/take-action](http://www.cossa.org/advocacy/take-action)

- **Sign up for Social Science Advocacy Day, April 30-May 1!**
  - [www.cossa.org/event/2019-advocacy-day](http://www.cossa.org/event/2019-advocacy-day)

- **Take Action from Home**
  - Sign up to receive alerts directly: [www.cossa.org/advocacy/take-action/subscribe-alerts](http://www.cossa.org/advocacy/take-action/subscribe-alerts)
Next Month:

- May’s HEADLINES
- DEEP DIVE: TBD

Miss last month’s Headlines?
www.cossa.org/resources/headlines
Find this useful?

- **Tune in** each month – 2nd Thursday

- Tell your colleagues to **sign up for COSSA Member Messages and Alerts**—MEMBERS ONLY (email Julia at jmilton@cossa.org)

- Encourage other organizations and universities to **Join COSSA** (email Wendy at wnaus@cossa.org)

- **Send us your ideas** for DEEP DIVES (email Camille at chosman@cossa.org)
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