

FY 2021 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

for SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

COSSA joins with organizations across the science, research, and data community in requesting robust funding in FY 2021 for the many agencies that support research and produce data critical to the social and behavioral sciences. Their vital contributions to the social science enterprise make our population healthier, our democracy fairer, our nation safer, and our economy stronger.*

Commerce, Justice, Science & Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2021



National Science Foundation \$9 billion

NSF is the only U.S. federal agency tasked with *supporting scientific research across all fields of science*. The agency’s “portfolio” approach to the research it supports recognizes that not every project will—or is expected to—yield a positive result, but that taken together, a diverse portfolio of research can collectively advance science. **NSF serves as the largest single funder of basic social and behavioral science research.**



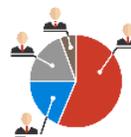
Census Bureau \$1.7 billion

Social scientists across the country rely on the Census Bureau for accurate, timely, objective, and relevant data to better understand the U.S. population and to produce findings that help us shape policies that better serve the American people. As the Census Bureau shifts its focus away from the decennial census in FY 2021, it has an opportunity to modernize its operations to meet the challenges of 21st century data collection. With sufficient Congressional support, the Census Bureau can transform its data collection and processing systems, expand its data storage and analysis capabilities, continue its work to improve linking data from administrative records and big data sources, and ensure that the Bureau continues to set the standard in data security and disclosure avoidance.



National Institute of Justice \$41 million

NIJ serves as the research arm of the Department of Justice, filling an important role in helping the agency to understand and implement science-based strategies for crime prevention and control. It supports rigorous social science research that can be disseminated to criminal justice professionals to keep communities safe.



Bureau of Justice Statistics \$48 million

BJS is the nation’s primary source of crime and justice data, producing statistical evidence needed by researchers and criminal justice policy decision makers. By working with jurisdictions at all levels to compile data, BJS provides key insights that improve public safety.

**These requests do not include any supplemental or emergency funding requested by the agencies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education & Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2021



National Institutes of Health \$44.7 billion

NIH supports basic and applied social and behavioral science research across its 27 institutes and centers in recognition of the value these disciplines add to preventing and treating most diseases, disorders, and conditions.



Bureau of Labor Statistics \$655 million

BLS produces economic data that are essential for evidence-based decision-making by businesses and financial markets, federal and local officials, and households faced with spending and career choices.



Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality \$471 million

AHRQ is the only agency in the federal government with the expertise and explicit mission to fund research on improving health care at the provider level (i.e. in hospitals, medical practices, nursing homes, and other medical facilities).



Institute of Education Sciences \$670 million

IES provides the nation with important statistics, research, and evaluation that improve education policy and practice and allows us to understand trends in student populations, as well as in schools and universities.



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \$8.3 billion

CDC relies on insights from the social and behavioral sciences to understand the effects of behavioral, social, and cultural factors on public health and to rigorously evaluate public health interventions, policies, and programs.



International Education and Foreign Language Studies \$106.1 million

Within the \$106 million requested, COSSA urges Congress to appropriate \$95.7 million to Title VI and \$10.4 million to Fulbright-Hays. These programs nurture cadres of college graduates with the cultural and language proficiencies needed to serve in government, including at the Department of Defense, Department of State, and federal intelligence agencies.



National Center for Health Statistics \$189 million

Housed within the CDC, NCHS collects critical data on all aspects of our health care system through data cooperatives and surveys that serve as the gold standard for data collection around the world.



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