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The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) has released a discussion draft of a Preliminary Framework for Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine part of a fast-track study initiated over the summer (see previous coverage). The discussion draft, released September 1, aims to identify priorities to inform allocation of a limited initial supply of COVID-19 vaccine, taking into account factors such as racial/ethnic inequities and groups at higher risk due to health status, occupation, or living conditions. Feedback will be collected during a public listening session on September 2 as well as through a written comment period closing on September 4. The fast track study intends to have a final report ready for release by early October. More information about the study, including instructions for submitting feedback, is available on the NASEM website.

Notable COVID-19 Resources

- Council on Government Relations: Research Impact Under COVID-19
- NASEM/SEAN: Encouraging Participation and Cooperation in Contact Tracing

See the full list on the COSSA website.
Letters & Statements

- 8/19/2020: Friends of AHRQ Letter on H.R. 8067, Funding AHRQ Research on COVID-19
- 8/6/2020: Census Project Letter on Extending 2020 Census Deadline

Share Your Story with COSSA!

COSSA is always looking for tangible examples from the social and behavioral sciences to help make the case that federal investment in these sciences is not only a wise use of taxpayer dollars, but that this research yields results that make the nation and world healthier, safer, and more prosperous. If you have a social science story-- a research success, an example of how social science is being used effectively in your community, an educational experience or teacher who shaped the trajectory of your social science career, or any other experience or activity that showcases the many positive impacts the social and behavioral sciences make to all aspects of life-- share it with COSSA by filling out the form on our website.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

Fate of FY 2021 Funding and Coronavirus Relief in Limbo as Congress Returns

Lawmakers return from summer recess next week, leaving only 16 working days to act on funding legislation before fiscal year (FY) 2021 begins on October 1. As previously reported, the House passed its version of the FY 2021 appropriations bills in July, while the Senate has yet to release details of its bills. It is a near certainty that FY 2021 will begin under a continuing resolution (CR). Since it is an election year-one with major potential funding consequences-history suggests that a shorter CR will be enacted to keep the government running through the November elections. The next steps after that will depend heavily on the outcome of the election and which party will be controlling the House, Senate and White House beginning in January. Should there be a change in administration and/or party majority in one or both chambers of Congress, it is common for appropriations bills to be tabled until the new year to allow the new party in power to control the process.

What’s more likely to dominate attention in Congress over the next few weeks is the latest attempt to enact emergency funding to address the COVID-19 pandemic. Congressional leaders and White House negotiators made little-to-no progress over the summer, despite promises to broker a deal. As we head into the seventh month of the pandemic with the November election nearing, both parties are feeling the pressure to provide additional relief. Stay tuned to COSSA’s coverage over the coming weeks for the latest details on FY 2021 spending and COVID-19 relief and their impacts on social and behavioral science research.
White House Outlines FY 2022 R&D Budget Priorities

On August 14, the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) issued a memorandum laying out the Trump Administration's research and development budget (R&D) priorities for fiscal year (FY) 2022. The memo cites five key White House priorities and four "high-priority crosscutting actions" for U.S. federal agencies to consider as they develop their FY 2022 budget submissions.

While the FY 2022 memo shares similar priorities to R&D memos from previous fiscal years, a notable difference is the inclusion of public health security and innovation as a priority in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The five budgetary priorities listed in the memo are:

1. Public Health Security and Innovation
2. Leadership in the Industries of the Future and Related Technologies
3. Security
4. Energy and Environmental Leadership
5. Space Leadership

The memo also includes four "high-priority crosscutting actions" for federal agencies to better meet the budgetary priorities listed above. These four actions are:

1. Build the S&T Workforce of the Future
2. Optimize Research Environments and Results
3. Facilitate Multisector Partnerships and Technology Transfer
4. Leverage the Power of Data

Additional details can be found in the memorandum.

Stakeholders Rally to Salvage 2020 Census

With less than a month remaining before the Census Bureau plans to end all of its counting efforts for the 2020 Census, advocates are actively working to force the Bureau to take more time to ensure an accurate count. As previously reported, the Census Bureau announced in August that it would shorten its counting efforts by a full month, moving up its deadline from October 31 to September 30. According to the Bureau, the shortened timeframe is needed to in order to produce statutorily mandated apportionment counts by the end of the year. The House’s most recent coronavirus relief bill would extend that deadline, but the Senate has yet to act to do so. COSSA joined over 900 Census Project organizations in a letter to Senate leaders urging them to extend the statutory deadlines for reporting apportionment data in its next COVID relief package. In addition, Senators Brian Schatz (D-HI) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) led a bipartisan group of 48 senators calling on Congressional leaders to extend the deadline.

The Census Project has released a toolkit for individuals who want to take action in support of a fair and accurate 2020 Census. They encourage advocates to post to social media using the hashtags #SaveTheCensus and #DontRushTheCensus. In addition, stakeholders can write to their members of Congress in support of the Census here.

NIMH Requesting Comments on Improving Mental Health Disparities

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is requesting stakeholder comments to inform potential research seeking to improve mental health outcomes among minority and health disparity populations. The request specifically seeks input on how certain social determinants can affect mental health outcomes, how racial discrimination
may affect mental health outcomes, potentially understudied social or behavioral determinants of mental health, ideas or innovations to reduce mental health disparities, promising interventions to treat mental health disparities, tools to properly measure mental health outcomes, and ideas on preventing racial discrimination at the individual, family, or community level. Comment submissions will be accepted through October 30, 2020. More information is available on the NIH website.

Applications Open for FY 2020 Title VI International Research and Studies Program

The International and Foreign Language Education Office (IFLE) within the U.S. Department of Education is accepting applications for the International Research and Studies (IRS) program for fiscal year (FY) 2020. The IRS program provides competitive grants to institutions and individuals to conduct research on improving education in foreign language and other international fields. Each year, the IRS program awards up to five additional points to applications that meet one of several competitive preference priorities. The priorities for FY 2020 are:

1. Research on more effective methods of providing instruction and achieving competency in modern foreign languages, area studies, or other international fields.
2. Studies and surveys to assess the use of graduates of programs supported under title VI of the HEA by governmental, educational, and private-sector organizations and other studies assessing the outcomes and effectiveness of supported programs.
3. Developing and publishing specialized materials for use in foreign language, area studies, and other international fields or for training foreign language, area, and other international specialists.

Applications will be accepted through September 8, 2020. More information is available on the Department of Education website.

Nomination Opportunities

- NSF/NSB: Vannevar Bush Award (Closes: September 30, 2020)
- NSF/NSB: Public Service Award (Closes: September 30, 2020)

Funding Opportunities

- NEW: NSF: Dynamic Languages Infrastructure - Documenting Endangered Languages (DLI-DEL) Data, Infrastructure, and Computing Methods (Closes: November 18, 2020)
- NEW: NSF: Harnessing the Data Revolution: Coordination Hub (HDR Central) (Closes: November 12, 2020)
- NIH: NIH Director's Emergency Transformative Research Awards (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (Closes: September 30, 2020)
- NSF/SBE: NSF Dynamic Language Infrastructure - NEH Documenting Endangered Languages (DLI-DEL) (Closes: September 15, 2020)
- NEW: ED/IFLE: Title VI International Research and Studies (IRS) Program FY 2020 (Closes: September 9, 2020)
- NIH/OBSSR: Advancing Research to Develop Improved Measures and Methods for
See the full list on the COSSA website.

Notices & Requests for Comment

- **NEW:** DOJ/BJS: [Proposed Collection Comments Requested; Reinstatement, With Change, of a Previously Approved Collection: National Survey of Prosecutors (NSP)](Closes: October 13, 2020)
- AHRQ: [The Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) Social and Health Experiences Self-Administered Questionnaire and COVID-19 Changes](Closes: September 7, 2020)

Open Positions

- NIH/NCI: [Program Director, Health Behaviors Research Branch](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

SEAN Releases Guidance on Contact Tracing

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Societal Experts Action Network (SEAN) has released a new rapid expert consultation, Encouraging Participation and Cooperation in Contact Tracing. The guidance draws on survey research to provide federal, state, and local decision-makers, with evidence-based strategies to enhance contact tracing efforts, such as partnering with trusted sources, offering incentives, giving advance notice, tailoring messaging, and accepting partial information. The guidance is available on the National Academies website.

Nomination Opportunities

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Call for Nominations: The Quality of Care in Nursing Homes](Closes: September 9, 2020)

Notices & Requests for Comment

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Public Comment Opportunities: Discussion Draft of the Preliminary Framework for Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine](Closes: September 4, 2020)

Recent Reports

- **NEW:** NASEM: Encouraging Participation and Cooperation in Contact Tracing

COSSA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Nominations Open for 2021 Moynihan Prize

The American Academy of Political and Social Science (AAPSS) is now accepting nominations for the annual Daniel Patrick Moynihan Prize in Social Science and Public Policy. The Moynihan Prize
was created to recognize social scientists, public officials, and civic leaders who champion the use of informed judgment to advance the public good. The winner is recognized at a formal event to be (tentatively) held in 2021 and receives a $20,000 prize. The nomination form can be found here and nominations will be accepted until October 16, 2020.

**APSA Launches Campaign to Increase Student Voting, Civic Engagement**

The American Political Science Association (APSA), a COSSA governing member, has launched a campaign to encourage participation in the political process on college campuses. The RAISE (Resources to Amplify and Increase Student Engagement) the Vote initiative aims to provide the tools needed to effectively encourage student registration, voting, and democratic engagement. It provides concrete steps and best practices that faculty can use in the classroom and on campus to encourage student engagement and highlights the research, teaching, and service of APSA members related to civic engagement and voting, encouraging faculty to use these resources in their classrooms.

More information about the project is available on the RAISE the Vote website.

**Nomination Opportunities**

- **NEW:** AAPSS: [2021 Daniel Patrick Moynihan Prize in Social Science and Public Policy](#) (Closes: October 16, 2020)

**Recent Reports**

- **NEW:** APSA: [RAISE the Vote Campaign](#)

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**EVENTS CALENDAR**

- **VIRTUAL:** [American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition](#), September 10-13, 2020
- **VIRTUAL:** [Economic History Association Annual Meeting](#), September 10-13, 2020
- **VIRTUAL:** COSSA Headlines | September, September 10, 2020, 2:00 pm
- **CANCELLED:** History of Science Society Annual Meeting, October 8-11, 2020
- **VIRTUAL:** COSSA Headlines | October, October 8, 2020, 2:00pm
- **VIRTUAL:** Evaluation 2020, October 26-31, 2020
- **VIRTUAL:** NIH Fall Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration, October 27-30, 2020
- **CANCELLED:** Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, October 29-31, 2020
- **VIRTUAL:** [CCAS Annual Meeting](#), November 4-7, 2020
- **VIRTUAL:** [APPAM Annual Fall Research Conference](#), November 11-13, 2020
- **VIRTUAL:** National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, November 11-13, 2020
- **VIRTUAL:** North American Regional Science Council Annual Meeting, November 11-15, 2020
- **VIRTUAL:** Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, November 12-15, 2020
- **VIRTUAL:** COSSA Headlines | November, November 12, 2020, 2:00 pm
- **CANCELLED:** American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 17-22, 2020
- **CANCELLED:** American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, November 18-21, 2020
- **VIRTUAL:** National Communication Association Annual Convention, November 19-22, 2020
- **VIRTUAL:** African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 19-21, 2020
- **TBD:** Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Annual Convention, November
CANCELLED: \textit{Social Science History Association Annual Conference}, November 19-22, 2020

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 jmilton@cossa.org.

\textbf{Consortium of Social Science Associations Members}

\textbf{Governing Associations}

- American Anthropological Association
- American Association for Public Opinion Research
- American Economic Association
- American Educational Research Association
- American Political Science Association
- American Psychological Association
- American Society of Criminology
- American Sociological Association
- American Statistical Association
- Law and Society Association
- Linguistic Society of America
- Midwest Political Science Association
- National Communication Association
- Population Association of America
- Society for Personality and Social Psychology
- Society for Research in Child Development

\textbf{Membership Organizations}

- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- African Studies Association
- American Association of Geographers
- American Council of Learned Societies
- American Evaluation Association
- American Historical Association
- American Psychosomatic Society
- Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations
- Association of American Law Schools
- Association of Research Libraries
- Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences
- Council on Social Work Education
- Economic History Association
- History of Science Society
- Midwest Sociological Society
- National Association of Social Workers
- National Council on Family Relations
- North American Regional Science Council
- Rural Sociological Society
- Social Science History Association
- Society for Prevention Research
- Society for Research on Adolescence
- Society for Social Work and Research
- Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
- Society of Behavioral Medicine
- Southern Political Science Association
- Southern Sociological Society
- Southwestern Social Science Association

\textbf{Colleges and Universities}

- Arizona State University
- Boston University
- Brown University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Duke University
- George Mason University
- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- Indiana University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Michigan State University
- North Carolina State University
- Northwestern University
- Ohio State University, The
- Pennsylvania State University
- Princeton University
- Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
- Stanford University
- Texas A&M University
- University of Arizona
- University of Arkansas
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of Chicago
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- University of Georgia
- University of Illinois
- University of Iowa
- University of Maryland
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota
- University of Nebraska, Lincoln
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Texas, Austin
- University of Virginia
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Virginia Tech
- West Virginia University
- Yale University

\textbf{Affiliates}

- SAGE Publishing
- Wiley
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