



WASHINGTON UPDATE

September 1, 2020 Volume 39, Issue 17

[Subscribe to COSSA Washington Update](#) | [Subscribe to Members-Only Emails from COSSA](#)

In This Issue

FEATURED NEWS

[National Academies Study on COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Releases Discussion Draft, Seeks Feedback \(Short Turnaround\)](#)

[Notable COVID-19 Resources](#)

COSSA IN ACTION

[September Headlines to Feature Deep Dive Discussion with Dr. Annette Anderson of the Johns Hopkins Center for Safe and Healthy Schools](#)

[Psychology of COVID-19 Authors Answer "Why Social Science?"](#)

[Letters & Statements](#)

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

[Fate of FY 2021 Funding and Coronavirus Relief in Limbo as Congress Returns](#)

FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

[White House Outlines FY 2022 R&D Budget Priorities](#)

[Stakeholders Rally to Salvage 2020 Census](#)

[NIMH Requesting Comments on Improving Mental Health Disparities](#)

[Applications Open for FY 2020 Title VI International Research and Studies Program](#)

[Nomination Opportunities](#)

[Funding Opportunities](#)

[Notices & Requests for Comment](#)

[Open Positions](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

[SEAN Releases Guidance on Contact Tracing](#)

[Nomination Opportunities](#)

[Notices & Requests for Comment](#)

[Recent Reports](#)

COSSA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

[Nominations Open for 2021 Moynihan Prize](#)

FEATURED NEWS

National Academies Study on COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Releases Discussion Draft, Seeks Feedback (Short Turnaround)

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.](#)

COSSA IN ACTION

September Headlines to Feature Deep Dive Discussion with Dr. Annette Anderson of the Johns Hopkins Center for Safe and Healthy Schools

COSSA members are encouraged to sign up for the monthly Headlines webchat on Thursday, September 10 at 2:00 pm Eastern Time. The COSSA team will break down the most important social and behavioral science news from the past month, followed by a deep dive discussion with [Dr. Annette Anderson](#), Deputy Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Safe and Healthy Schools. Individuals employed by or affiliated with a COSSA member organization or university can register for the webchat [here](#).



Psychology of COVID-19 Authors Answer "Why Social Science?"

The latest *Why Social Science?* guest post comes from the authors of [Together Apart: The Psychology of COVID-19](#), a free book from SAGE Publishing, who write about how social and behavioral science findings can be used to encourage people to take action to protect themselves and their communities from COVID-19. Read it [here](#) and [subscribe](#).

WHY SOCIAL SCIENCE?

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 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 underestimating 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/NHLBI: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Availability of Administrative Supplements and Revision Supplements on Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) (Closes: October 6, 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)
- NIH/NIMHD: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Emergency Competitive Revisions for Social, Ethical, and Behavioral Implications \(SEBI\) Research on COVID-19 Testing among Underserved and/or Vulnerable Populations](#) (Closes: September 9, 2020)
- NIH/NIMHD: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Emergency Competitive Revisions for Community-Engaged Research on COVID-19 Testing among Underserved and/or Vulnerable Populations](#) (Closes: September 9, 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](#)

- [Understanding Multimorbidity \(R01 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#) (Opens: September 5, 2020)
- NIH: [NIH Director's Emergency Early Independence Awards \(DP5 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#) (Closes: September 4, 2020)
- NIH: [NIH Director's Early Independence Awards \(DP5 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#) (Closes: September 4, 2020)

[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) (see COSSA's [previous coverage](#)) 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](#)

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

19-22, 2020

- **CANCELLED:** [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@coffa.org.

Consortium of Social Science Associations Members

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

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

Centers and Institutes

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

Affiliates

SAGE Publishing
Wiley

American Academy of Arts and Sciences
American Academy of Political and Social Science
Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences
Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research
Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan
Institute for Social Science Research,
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
NORC at the University of Chicago
RTI International
Social Science Research Council

COSSA

Executive Director: Wendy A. Naus
Director of Public Affairs: Julia Milton
Staff Assistant: Ben Goodrich

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.

ISSN 0749-4394.

