



March 15, 2023

The Honorable Hal Rogers  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,  
Science, and Related Agencies  
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Matt Cartwright  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,  
Science, and Related Agencies  
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Rogers and Ranking Member Cartwright,

As the Subcommittee begins deliberations on the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, the Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF) writes to respectfully urge the Committee to appropriate at least \$11.9 billion for the National Science Foundation (NSF) in FY24. CNSF is an alliance of over 140 professional organizations, universities, and businesses, who are united by a commitment to the future vitality of the national science, mathematics, and engineering enterprise of the United States.

NSF funding is critical to ensure our innovation ecosystem is prepared to lead the world in the emerging technologies that are key to our national defense. Last year, large bipartisan majorities passed the CHIPS and Science Act, which authorized \$15.7 billion for the agency in FY24.

The Science provisions of CHIPS and Science direct NSF to expand its mission toward transforming innovation ecosystems with the new Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships (TIP) Directorate; address growing workforce gaps in emerging technology areas by expanding its efforts in STEM education and broadening participation programs; and advance many priorities in foundational research and infrastructure programs. NSF is well prepared to take on the enhanced competitiveness mission envisioned in congressional innovation legislation and ramp up its investments in critical science and technology areas.

Even before the launch of the new TIP directorate and other new programs authorized in CHIPS and Science, NSF was unable to fund more than \$2 billion worth of research proposals rated “very good or higher” each fiscal year. It is imperative that the rest of NSF see sustainable growth. New efforts can only be successful when built on a strong foundational research enterprise that supports research, education, and infrastructure to sustain our science and technology ecosystem.



For these reasons and more, NSF needs major growth in FY 2024 appropriations. We call on Congress to continue its support for NSF, provide at least \$11.9 billion, and set NSF on a funding trajectory that will meet the major challenges our nation faces and ensure success for our future competitiveness, security, and resilience.

Thank you for considering our input. Please do not hesitate to call on CNSF as a resource as you move forward with the appropriations process.

Sincerely,

The Coalition for National Science Funding

Identical letter to: Chair Shaheen and Ranking Member Moran

American Anthropological Association  
American Association for the Advancement of Science  
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR)  
American Association of Geographers  
American Association of Physics Teachers  
American Astronomical Society  
American Chemical Society  
American Crystallographic Association  
American Educational Research Association  
American Geophysical Union  
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE)  
American Institute of Biological Sciences  
American Mathematical Society  
American Physical Society  
American Physiological Society  
American Political Science Association  
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
American Society for Microbiology

American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics  
American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
American Society of Plant Biologists  
American Sociological Association  
American Statistical Association  
American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
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