

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies passed their Appropriations bill for FY 2009 on Tuesday, June 17th. Overall, the National Science Foundation received \$6.854 billion, an increase of \$789.10 million, or 13%, over the FY '08 Consolidated Appropriations, and equal to the President's request.

Research and Related Activities:

The Research and Related Activities account receives \$5.554 billion, a decrease of \$49.85 million, or 1 percent, below the President's request, and an increase of \$722.67 million, or 15 percent, over the FY '08 Consolidated Appropriations. EPSCoR is provided with \$133 million, an increase of \$19.5 million, or 17 percent, over the request. Of that \$133 million, \$90 million is directed to EPSCoR's research infrastructure improvement (RII) awards, an increase of \$14 million, or 18 percent, over the requested amount.

Education and Human Resources:

The Education and Human Resources account is funded at \$840.260, an increase of \$49.85 million, or 6.3 percent above the requested level of \$790.41 million, and an increase of \$114.66 million, or 16 percent over the FY '08 Consolidated Appropriations.

The following changes from the President's request were made to the account.

- The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program is provided \$55 million, an increase of \$38.4 million, or 331 percent.
- The Math and Science Partnership Program is provided \$61 million, an increase of \$10 million, or 20 percent.
- The Graduate Research Fellowships Program is provided \$107 million, a decrease of \$10 million, or 8.3 percent.

Additionally, the Committee has established a "Climate Change Education Program" with an initial investment of \$10 million.

Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction:

The Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction account is funded at \$147.51 million, equal to President's request. The Committee denied the request for use of the account for late-stage design activities. [JAF's comment: The latter sentence is identical wording to that in the Senate version and means the MREFC funding cannot be used for the equivalent of "bridge" funding.]

Agency Operations and Award Management:

The Agency Operations and Award Management account is funded at at the requested level of \$305.06 million.

National Science Board:

The National Science Board is funded at the requested level of \$4.03 million.

Office of the Inspector General:

The Office of Inspector General is funded at the requested level of \$13.10 million.

NSF FUNDING BY APPROPRIATIONS

(Dollars in millions)

	FY 2008 Enacted	FY 2009 Request	House Mark
Research and Related Activities	4,821.47	5,593.99	5,544.14
Education and Human Resources	725.6	790.41	840.26
Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction	220.74	147.51	147.51
Agency Operations and Award Management	281.79	305.06	305.06
National Science Board	3.97	4.03	4.03
Office of Inspector General	11.43	13.1	13.1
Total, NSF	\$6,065.00	\$6,854.10	\$6,854.10