



The following items are highlights from the FY2016 omnibus measure, also known as the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016.”

Agriculture:

AFRI = \$350M, a \$25M increase (+7.7%) over FY2015

Commerce-Justice-Science:

NSF = \$7.463B, a \$119M increase (+1.6%) over FY2015

The explanatory statement for CJS includes, “The agreement modifies House language regarding transparency and accountability by encouraging NSF to continue efforts to implement transparency processes, which includes requiring that public award abstracts articulate how the project serves the national interest, and provide periodic updates to the Committees on these activities. The agreement modifies House language regarding replicability of scientific research to direct that NSF provide periodic updates on its framework for ongoing and future improvements in this area.”

Additionally, the explanatory statement includes the following language for the Research and Related Activities Account: “This Act includes \$6,033,645,000 for Research and Related Activities. Within this amount, no less than \$160,000,000 is for the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research [EPSCoR]...In lieu of House language regarding funding percentages for certain activities, the agreement provides that funds for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences shall be up to the fiscal year 2015 level.” The latter sentence will preclude mandatory cuts to SBE and to the Geosciences that were included in the House bill.

NASA

Science Mission Directorate = \$5.589B, an increase of \$344M (+6.6%) over FY2015
Aeronautics Research Directorate = \$640M, a cut of \$11M (-1.7%) under FY2015
Space Technology = \$686.5M, an increase of \$90.5M (+15.2%) over FY2015
Space Grant Program = \$40M, flat with FY2015.

NOAA

Oceanic and Atmospheric Research = \$462M, an increase of \$29M (+6.7%) over FY2015
Sea Grant + Marine Aquaculture Program = \$73M, an increase of \$5.7M (+8.5%) over FY2015

NIST

Manufacturing Extension Program = \$130M, flat with FY2015
National Network for Manufacturing Initiative = \$25M

Defense:

DoD Research Development Test and Evaluation

Science & Technology (6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 research accounts) = \$13.251B, an increase of \$999M (+8.2%) over FY2015 (after DoD reprogrammed some FY2015 appropriated funds)

Basic Research (6.1 accounts) = \$2.309B, an increase of \$31M (1.4%) over FY2015

DARPA = \$2.891B, a decrease of \$25M (-0.9%) below FY2015.

Energy & Water:

DoE Office of Science = \$5.350B, an increase of \$279M (+5.5%) over FY2015

DoE ARPA-E = \$291M, an increase of \$11M (+3.9%) over FY2015

Interior:

National Endowment for the Humanities = \$148M, a \$2M (+1.7%) increase over FY2015

USGS

Water Resources Research Institutes = \$6.5M, flat with FY2015

Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Units = \$17.4M, flat with FY2015

EPA

Office of Science and Technology = \$735M, flat with FY2015

Labor-HHS-Ed:

HHS:

NIH = \$32.084B, a \$2B increase (+6.5%) over FY2015. This includes \$200M for the Precision Medicine Initiative; \$936M (an increase of \$350M) for Alzheimer's disease research; \$150M (an increase of \$85M) for the BRAIN Initiative; and an increase of \$100M for research to combat antimicrobial resistance. The Omnibus keeps the NIH salary cap at Executive Level II (unlike the House proposal to decrease the cap to Executive Level III).

Health Resources Services Administration, Titles VII and VIII Health Professions Program = \$492M, an increase of \$5M (+1%) over FY 2015

Agency for Health Quality and Research = \$334M, a cut of \$29.7M (-8.1%) below FY 2015

Education:

Pell Grants = \$22.5B, flat with FY2015. When combined with mandatory funding, the appropriation provides for the scheduled \$140 increase in the maximum Pell award to \$5,915 in the 2016-2017 school year. No funds were taken from the Pell surplus.

Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAAN) = \$29.3B, flat with FY2015

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants = \$733M, flat with FY2015

Federal Work Study = \$990M, flat with FY2015

TRIO = \$900M, an increase of \$60M (+7.1%) over FY2015

GEARUP = \$323M, an increase of \$21M (+7%) over FY2015

International Education/Title VI = \$72M (\$65M for domestic, \$7M for overseas), flat funding with FY2015

First In the World = \$0, a cut of \$60M (-100%) from FY 2015

Institute of Education Sciences = \$618M, an increase of \$44M (+7.7%) over FY2015

The omnibus does **not** contain policy riders related to gainful employment regulations, definitions of credit hour, state authorization, or teacher preparation program regulations, which were included in the earlier House and/or Senate bills. The bill would require the Department of Education to use a common set of performance-based metrics in selecting student loan servicers.

SFOPs:

University Partnerships = \$35M, an increase of \$17.5M (+50%) over FY2015. The bill provides for “not less than \$35M” for “new” partnerships between higher education institutions in the United States and developing countries. Prior bills included a focus just on partnerships with African institutions.

Innovation Labs = \$50M The bill would provide funding for all of the Innovation Labs, not just the subset that are former Collaborative Research Support Programs, now-called “Collaborative Innovation Labs”. Prior appropriations bills only funded the “Collaborative Labs” (\$32M in FY2015) which now are just nine of the 25 Labs.