

# Federation of Associations of Behavioral & Brain Sciences

*2023 Advocacy Outlook*



|                                 | FY22 Enacted     | FY23 Enacted     | FY24 Request     |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| National Institutes of Health   | \$44.959 billion | \$47.459 billion | \$48.598 billion |
| National Science Foundation     | \$8.838 billion  | \$9.900 billion  | \$11.314 billion |
| Institute of Education Sciences | \$737 million    | \$808 million    | \$871 million    |

*\*Refer to the [FABBS Federal Science Funding Dashboard](#)*

# Senate & House Appropriations Committee Leaders



For the first time, four women hold the top spots, often referred to as the four corners, on the Senate and House Appropriations committees.

Sen. Susan Collins  
(R-ME)

Sen. Patty Murray  
(D-WA)

Rep. Kay Granger  
(R-TX)

Rosa DeLauro  
(D-CT)

# Debt Limit & Congressional Climate

- President Biden and Speaker McCarthy reached a deal on the debt ceiling that Congress passed, preventing the U.S. from defaulting on the debt. The legislation suspends the nation's \$31.4 trillion debt limit through January 1, 2025.
- The House has threatened significant cuts to the original topline numbers found in the agreement, impacting 302(b) allocations which establish the cap on spending for each of the appropriations bills for subcommittees of interest.
- Caps on non-defense spending and an expansion of work requirements are among notable provisions that can affect FABBS scientists.
- Many advocates are concerned that a continuing resolution (CR) is the most likely outcome to avoid a lapse in funding causing a government shutdown.
  - This result would be particularly unfavorable for the NSF and the National Institute of Mental Health as temporary spending bills forgo increases and instead fund governmental programs at their current level with some additional restrictions.

# Federal Appropriations Process

| <b>On or Before:</b>   | <b>Action to be completed:</b>   |
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| First Monday in February                                       | President submits his budget.  |
| February 15  | Congressional Budget Office submits report to Budget Committees.   |
| Not later than 6 weeks after the President submits the budget. | Committees submit views and estimates to Budget Committees. (Frequently, the House Budget Committee sets own date based on Legislative Calendar) |
| April 1  | Senate Budget Committee reports concurrent resolution on the budget.   |
| April 15   | Congress completes action on the concurrent resolution on the budget. (This is not signed by the President).*                                    |
| May 15   | Annual appropriation bills may be considered in House.   |
| June 10  | House Appropriations Committee reports last annual appropriation bill.   |
| June 15  | Congress completes action on reconciliation legislation. (If required by the budget resolution).   |
| June 30  | House completes action on annual appropriation bills.  |
| October 1  | Fiscal year begins.  |

# Appropriations Advocacy *annual efforts*

- ❖ Community letters to Congressional leadership requesting strong Subcommittee (302b) allocations for CJS and LHHS
- ❖ Dear Colleague Letters
- ❖ Hill meetings with CNSF and CHF
- ❖ Submit testimony for Appropriations Subcommittees
- ❖ Follow-up with coalition letters supporting higher House/Senate proposal
- ❖ Possible topics for FY24 Report Language
  - NSF demographic data

[See the letters on the FABBS Website](#)

# Coalitions

## Leadership

### **American Brain Coalition**

ABC is comprised of professional neurological, psychological, psychiatric associations, and patient organizations. ABC seeks to advance the understanding of the functions of the brain, and to reduce the burden of brain disorders through public education and advocacy. FABBS is on the Advocacy Committee.

### **Coalition for National Science Funding**

CNSF advocates on behalf of the National Science Foundation. FABBS is a co-chair.

### **Friends of NIAAA**

A non-profit advocacy group of organizations supporting the mission and research being conducted by NIAAA.

### **Friends of NICHD**

This is a coalition of over 100 organizations interested in NICHD. Member organizations represent scientists, physicians, health care providers, patients, and parents.

**Friends of NIMH – FABBS and APA launched this coalition in 2020 to bring together the research and advocacy committees to support the National Institute of Mental Health.**

### **Friends of NIH OBSSR –**

This coalition works to support the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research (OBSSR) and other social and behavioral science research activities conducted across the NIH.

## Member

### **Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research**

AD Hoc represents 300 patient, medical and scientific organizations that support funding for NIH.

### **Coalition for Health Funding**

CHF advocates on behalf of funding for all public health agencies, including NIH and CDC. The coalition's staff organize briefings, sign-on letters, visits to Capitol Hill and send updates regarding budget and appropriations issues.

### **Coalition for National Security Research**

CNSR is a broad-based coalition including industry, research universities and institutes, and scientific and professional associations committed to a strong Defense Science and Technology (S&T) Program.

### **Friends of the Institute of Education Sciences**

FIES represents more than 40 scientific associations, education organizations, universities, and research institutions that support the support the critical research, data, statistics, and evaluation programs at IES.

### **Friends of NIA**

FoNIA supports the NIA mission and organizes relevant advocacy activities to educate policymakers about aging research and the Institute's funding needs. Over 50 organizations belong to the coalition.

### **Friends of NIDA**

This coalition of individuals, scientific and professional societies, patient groups and other organizations is committed to the elimination of drug abuse and addiction through education, advocacy, and the promotion of broad public and private support for the research agenda of the National Institute on Drug Abuse.



# FABBS Coalitions

## ❖ FABSS' Role

- Member of 12 coalitions
- Co-chair of the Coalition for National Science Funding and Friends of NIMH
- Opportunities to bring behavioral and brain science perspectives to the table
- Support advocacy efforts by: 1) Meeting with Congressional offices 2) Drafting/providing input on policy and funding letters and statements 3) Bringing members to Capitol Hill 4) Help coordinate advocacy

## ❖ Role of Coalitions

- Bring diverse scientific communities to advocate with a unified voice
- Establish appropriations “Asks”
- Coordinate Capitol Hill advocacy efforts



# Appropriation v. Authorization

## Appropriations Legislation

- ❖ Provides spending for the agencies and programs previously authorized
- ❖ Congress is not required to provide appropriations for an authorized discretionary spending program
- ❖ Congress may provide appropriations for programs or agencies whose authorization has lapsed

## Authorizing Legislation

- ❖ Establishes, continues, or modifies federal agencies or programs
- ❖ Often includes funding targets for an agency over a given time period

# New Leadership for House Science Committee *118th Congress*



Science Chairman Frank Lucas

(R-OK)

# Agency Advocacy Opportunities

- ❖ National Institute of Health
  - ARPA-H
  - New Director
- ❖ National Science Foundation
  - CHIPS and Science Implementation
  - TIP Directorate
- ❖ Institute of Educational Sciences
  - Get members appointed to the National Board of Education Sciences (NBES)
- ❖ Ongoing
  - Responding to RFI's
  - Providing input for strategic plans
  - Recommend behavioral and brain scientists for key leadership positions

# Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H)

- ARPA-H is a research funding agency that supports transformative biomedical and health breakthroughs – ranging from the molecular to the societal – to provide health solutions for all
- FABBS has taken a multi-pronged approach to include behavioral science in the agency's work
  - Encouraging our members to become [Program Managers](#)
  - Engaging with Program Managers as they are announced
  - Working with ARPA-H colleagues to weave behavioral and brain expertise and insights into the fabric of ARPA-H

# National Science Foundation: TIP Directorate

- National Science Foundation (NSF) Director Sethuraman Panchanathan announced the launch of a new research [Directorate for Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships \(TIP\)](#) on March 16th, 2022
- In August, Congress passed the "CHIPS and Science Act," authorizing the establishment of the directorate and charging it with the critical mission of advancing U.S. competitiveness through investments that accelerate the development of key technologies and address pressing societal and economic challenges.
- FABBS has worked with congressional leaders to inform these efforts, including through our role in the Coalition for National Science Funding.
  - We will continue to provide feedback and work to ensure that these new priority areas include brain and behavioral sciences.

# Administration for Children and Families

- The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) was signed into law in 2018. This Act was intended to ensure that children in the child welfare system would receive evidence-based interventions. The FFPSA represents exciting legislation and has the potential to significantly enhance services received by children who have the greatest needs.
  - The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) added a criterion to FFPSA program approval that excludes programs supported by studies using active control groups, resulting in children and families being denied access to programs with the strongest evidence base through FFPSA funding.
- FABBS has advocated that this problem be solved by ACF removing the exclusion of interventions that are supported by studies using active control groups. FABBS will continue to have conversations with ACF staff as well as Congressional offices to implement this policy change.

# CIP Code Nominations

- FABBS nominated CIP 42.2710 Developmental and Adolescent Psychology to the DHS STEM Designated Degree Program List.
- We are monitoring the Federal Register to see if the nomination will be accepted.

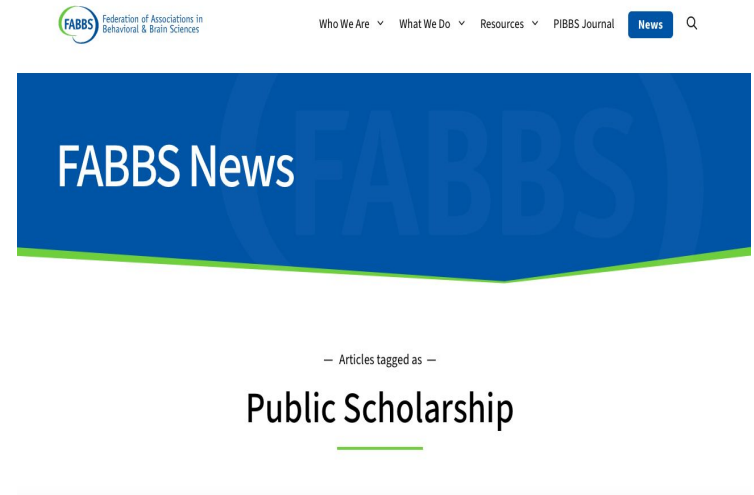


# Open Science Resources

- Find the [Open Science Hub](#) on our website
  - Collected guides, resources, and recommendations for researchers and organizations interested in improving Open Science practices
- Develop a FABBS statement

# Connecting Research to Policy

- ❖ Public Scholarship Toolkit
  - Opportunities
  - Education & Resources
- ❖ PIBBS
- ❖ FABBS Newsletter
- ❖ Contact us: [info@fabbs.org](mailto:info@fabbs.org)
- ❖ Advocacy vs Lobbying Opportunities:
  - Requests for Information (RFIs)
  - Convergence Accelerator Topics
- ❖ Strategic Plan
- ❖ Reviewer
- ❖ Rotator



# Advocacy Goals for 2023

- ❖ Support strong science funding to key agencies
- ❖ ARPA-H
  - Advocate for the inclusion of our sciences from the start of this new organization.
- ❖ TIP Directorate
  - Ensure the new TIP directorate works alongside other directorates like SBE and EDU to advance FABBS disciplines.
- ❖ ACF
  - FABBS will advocate for ACF to remove the exclusion of interventions that are supported by studies using active control groups.
- ❖ CIP Code Nominations
  - Inclusion of new fields on DHS website, including Developmental and Adolescent Psychology and General Psychology.
- ❖ Open Science Resources
  - Develop an Open Science statement and additional online resources.