



Dear AMS Grassroots Network:

The U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee has passed, with bipartisan support, the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations (CJS) bill for FY 2015. This bill provides funding for the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Your help is urgently needed to prevent any reductions in the FY 2015 NSF budget of \$7,255,000,000 passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Please contact your Senators **NOW** and urge him/her to:

- Support a FY 2015 NSF budget level of at least \$7,255,000,000 for NSF that passed the full Senate Appropriations Committee

(The House has passed a FY 2015 NSF budget of \$7,409,205,000. Eventually the House and Senate will have to conference and compromise on an FY 2015 NSF budget)

- Oppose any amendments that undermine the NSF peer review process and programs funded through the bill.

For your information, the funding levels passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee are:

- Total NSF Budget - \$7,255,000,000
- Research and Related Activities - \$5,838,690,000
- Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction - \$200,760,000
- Education and Human Resources - \$889,750,000
- Agency Operations and Award Management - \$307,000,000
- Office of the National Science Board - \$4,370,000
- Office of Inspector General - \$14,430,000

This FY 2015 NSF budget of \$7,255,000,000 provided by the Senate Appropriations Committee represents an increase of \$83,032,000 (or 1.2 percent) over the FY 2014 NSF budget of \$7,171,918,000.

This budget bill will be considered by the entire Senate as early as today, so it is urgent that your Senators hear from you now.

Additionally, we are concerned that there will be amendments offered that will not only cut the FY 2015 NSF budget of \$7,255,000,000 approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee, but also:

- Reduce the FY 2015 budget level for the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Directorate;
- Reduce the FY 2015 budget level for the Geosciences Directorate; and

unfortunately, there are Members of the Senate who want to do away with some NSF programs and may offer amendments to reduce the level of funding for these programs. Cuts to programs will reduce the total amount of money NSF receives.

Please contact your Senators and ask them to support a FY 2015 NSF budget of at least \$7,255,000,000 passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

To find out how to contact your Senator, please go to www.votesmart.org, type in your address and look for their contact information.

Thanks for your help!

FYI . The U.S. House of Representatives passed the following budget numbers:

- Total NSF Budget - \$7,409,205,000
- Research and Related Activities - \$5,978,645,000
- Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction - \$200,760,000
- Education and Human Resources - \$876,000,000
- Agency Operations and Award Management - \$335,000,000
- Office of the National Science Board - \$4,370,000
- Office of Inspector General - \$14,430,000