Summary of Final Fiscal Year 2022 Federal Appropriations Agreement

After months of delays, Congress last Friday came to an agreement on a final Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 appropriations package. The $1.5 trillion omnibus funding deal, which includes a 6.7 percent increase in non-defense spending over current levels, averts the possibility of a government shutdown and allows Congress to begin work on the now delayed FY23 appropriations process.

For the higher education community, the agreement locks in place some significant increases for the federal research agencies and a down payment on the national campaign to double the maximum Pell Grant. However, there is some disappointment that the National Science Foundation only received a four percent increase over FY21 levels. FY22 marked the year that Congress brought back its old “earmark” process, now known as “community project funding.” Through this competitive application process, NYU’s Prison Education Program (PEP) was selected and will receive $300,000 (more details below).

Below is a short summary of the programs and agencies important to the higher ed/research community.

National Institutes of Health (NIH): The NIH will receive $45.18 billion in FY22, an increase of 4.7 percent over current levels.

National Science Foundation (NSF): The NSF will receive $8.84 billion in FY22, an increase of 4 percent over current levels.

Department of Energy Office of Science (DOE): The DOE Office of Science will receive $7.48 billion in FY22, an increase of $6.4 percent over current levels.

Department of Defense Basic Research (6.1): DOD Basic Research (6.1) will receive $2.76 billion in FY22, an increase of 3 percent over current levels.

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH): The NEH will receive $180 million in FY22, an increase of $7.5 percent over current levels.

Institute for Education Science (IES): The IES at the Department of Education will receive $737 million in FY22, an increase of 14.7 percent over current levels.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA): NASA will receive $24 billion in FY22, an increase of 3.3 percent over current levels.
Title VI-Fulbright Hays-International Education: Title VI International Education programs at the Department of Education will receive $81.66 million in FY22, an increase of 4.7 percent over current levels.

Pell Grants: The maximum Pell Grant award will increase by $400, raising the max award to $6,895 for the 2022-23 academic year.

Federal Work Study (FWS): FWS will receive $1.21 billion in FY22, an increase of 1.8 percent over current levels.

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG): SEOG will receive $895 million in FY22, a 1.7 percent increase over current levels.

Title VII and VIII Health Professions and Nursing Workforce Development Programs: Title VII and VIII programs at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will receive $799 million in FY2022, an increase of 5 percent over current levels.

Prison Education Program (PEP): Through the congressional “community project funding” application process, the NYU Prison Education Program will receive $300,000 in FY22. The program trains formerly incarcerated students who are completing their BA degrees at NYU in social science research methods.

The agreement also includes $1 billion to establish the Advanced Research Projects Agency Health (ARPA-H) within the Department of Health and Human Services (Office of the Secretary) to accelerate the pace of scientific breakthroughs for diseases such as ALS, Alzheimer’s, diabetes and cancer.

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