

House Appropriations calls for fewer cuts to science funding than president

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Yesterday (June 4), the House Appropriations Committee released its spending bill for fiscal year (FY) 2026. While the bill cuts discretionary spending, the cuts are not as

deep as what President Trump was calling for in May with his budget proposal (see comparisons in the table below).

Today (June 5) the bill will be voted on by the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee where it is expected to be approved. Additional details will come out next week when the bill goes before the full House Appropriations Committee. Over the next few weeks, the Senate will put forward its agriculture appropriations bill. The two bills will need eventually to be reconciled for final approval.

		FY25	FY26	Difference	% Change (FY26	FY26	Difference	% Change (FY26 vs
Program	FY24	(est)	PBR ^a		FY25)	House		FY25)
USDA-ARS Salaries	\$1.78	\$1.78	\$1.70	-\$88	-5%	\$1.79	+\$2	No
	billion	billion	billion	million			million	change
USDA-	\$57	\$57	\$0	-\$57	-100%	\$21	-\$36	-63%
ARS Buildings	million	million		million		million	million	
USDA-NIFA	\$1.68	\$1.68	\$1.0	-\$634	-38%	\$1.65	-\$25	-1%
	billion	billion	billion	million		billion	million	
USDA-NIFA,	\$562	\$562	\$366	-\$196	-35%	\$556	-\$6	-1%
Extension	million	million	million	million		million	million	
USDA-NIFA,	\$41	\$41	\$0	-\$41	-100%	\$40	-\$1	-2%
Integrated	million	million		million		million	million	
USDA-NIFA,	\$1.08	\$1.08	\$671	-\$405	-38%	\$1.06	-\$18	-2%
Research	billion	billion	million	million		billion	million	

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Program	FY24	(est)	PBRa		FY25)	House		FY25)
USDA-ERS	\$91	\$91	\$80	-\$11	-12%	\$86	-\$5	-6%
	million	million	million	million		million	million	
USDA-NASS	\$188	\$188	\$185	-\$3	-1%	\$18	-\$8	-4%
	million	million	million	million		million	million	
NRCS-Conservation	\$915	\$896	\$112	-\$803	-92%	\$850	-\$19	-2%
Operations	million	million	million	million		million	million	

Do you have NIFA grants that are suspended/frozen?

If you have a NIFA grant that has been suspended/frozen, please let us know (you can remain anonymous). USDA staff are seeking information about the grants that will potentially unfreeze them. There needs to be economic impact data specifically at the farm level. We can work with you to develop that information.

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^a PBR, president's budget request.