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House Appropriations calls for fewer cuts to science funding than president

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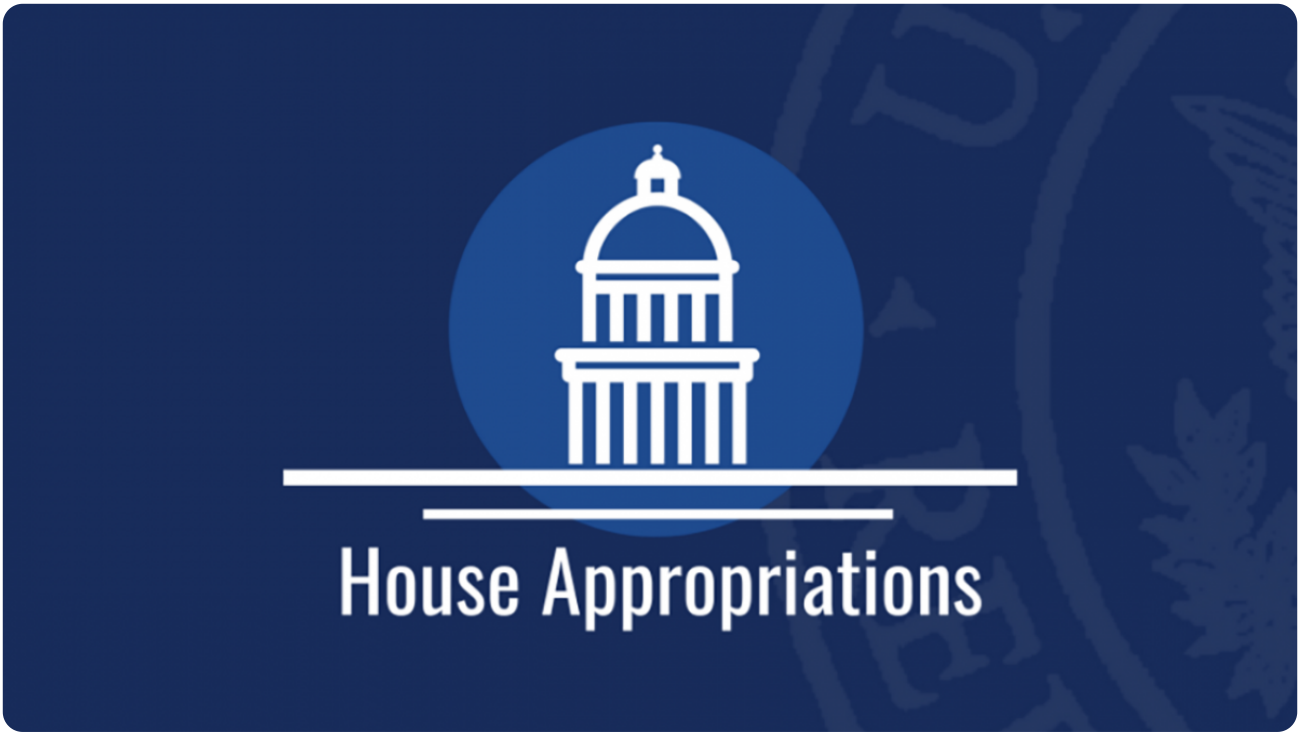

Yesterday (June 4), the House Appropriations Committee released its spending bill for fiscal year (FY) 2026. While the bill cuts discretionary spending, the cuts are not as

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.

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

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USDA–ERS	$91 million	$91 million	$80 million	–$11 million	–12%	$86 million	–$5 million	–6%
USDA–NASS	$188 million	$188 million	$185 million	–$3 million	–1%	$18 million	–$8 million	–4%
NRCS–Conservation Operations	$915 million	$896 million	$112 million	–$803 million	–92%	$850 million	–$19 million	–2%

[a] PBR, president's budget request.

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