

Summary of UC Priorities in the First FY 2024 Negotiated Package

On Sunday, March 3, 2024, appropriators released final text for six of the federal fiscal year (FY) fiscal 2024 spending bills in preparation for a vote later this week. The package provides funding for the programs and agencies within the Agriculture; Military Construction-Veterans Affairs; Energy-Water; Transportation-Housing and Urban Development; Interior-Environment; and Commerce-Justice-Science appropriations bills, which are set to expire on Friday, March 8. The remaining six of the 12 appropriations bills are funded through March 22, with negotiations on final bill text ongoing.

The package provides approximately \$467.5 billion in discretionary spending for the current fiscal year, which is an increase of \$1.5 billion (0.3 percent) from the FY 2023 enacted level.

Below are highlights of the first FY 2024 package, while a chart with the specific funding levels for UC's FY 2024 appropriations priorities can be [found online](#).

RESEARCH

- **National Science Foundation (NSF)**
 - The legislation provides the NSF \$9.06 billion, which is a \$480 million decrease (5% decrease) below FY 2023 enacted.
 - Recognizing the difficult budget allocation for NSF, the legislation does not provide specific funding for artificial intelligence or quantum research. However, the bill encourages robust funding for these important initiatives, including the establishment of a National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource pilot.
- **Department of Energy (DOE)**
 - The legislation provides the Office of Science \$8.24 billion, which is \$140 million above (1.7% increase) FY 2023 enacted.
 - The legislation provides the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) \$460 million, which is a \$10 million decrease (2.1% decrease) from FY 2023 enacted.
 - The legislation provides the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) \$3.46 billion, which is a \$40 million decrease (1.1% decrease) from FY 2023 enacted.
- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration**
 - The legislation provides the Science Mission Directorate \$7.334 billion, which is a \$461 million decrease (5.9% decrease) below FY 2023 enacted.
 - Within the Science Mission Directorate, the legislation provides Earth Science \$2.195 billion, which flat compared to FY 2023 enacted.
- **Department of Agriculture**
 - The legislation provides the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) \$445.2 million, which is a \$9.8 million decrease (2% decrease) from FY2023 enacted.
 - The legislation includes the Specialty Crop Research Initiative waiver for the cost share requirement.

- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**
 - The legislation provides the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) \$656 million, which is a \$5 million decrease (0.7% decrease) below FY 2023 enacted.
- **Department of Veterans Affairs**
 - The legislation provides VA Medical and Prosthetic Research \$943 million, which is a \$27 million (2.9%) increase above FY 2023 enacted.

HEALTH POLICY

- **Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) program cut relief**
 - The legislation provides relief from \$8 billion annually in Medicaid DSH program cuts scheduled to take effect in current law on March 1st, eliminating the cuts through Dec. 31, 2024. Medicaid DSH cuts remain in law for 2025 through 2027.

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