**Organization Making Request:** [*Insert State*] Space Grant Consortium

**Organization Point of Contact:** [*State Space Grant Director*]

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**Program or Language Request:** Both. Programmatic is the funding level and Report Language Request

**Appropriations Subcommittee:** Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS)

**Agency:** NASA, Office of STEM Engagement

**Budget Account:** NASA STEM Opportunities

**Program Name:** National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program

**Program Purpose:** Space Grant provides funding to 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to enhance science and engineering education. The program provides hands-on experiences for US graduate and undergraduate students to prepare them for STEM careers. Space Grant is a state-based program that is responsive to state STEM needs as well as national priorities. States contribute a match to leverage federal dollars so that more students are reached.

**Programmatic Request**: $65 million to the National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program

**FY 2023 Language Request:**  The Committee directs amounts be allocated to State consortia for base grants and directs all 52 participating jurisdictions receive no less than $1.1 million each”.

**Rationale for Increased Spending:** The requested increase in the program amount will support strengthening and promoting the national network of state-based systems, in partnership with NASA, to develop a diverse, well-prepared STEM workforce. It will also help improve student accessibility to STEM-based experiential learning opportunities, STEM researchers and faculty mentors, and broaden and accelerate participation of underrepresented minorities and women in STEM-based academic fields.

* **Strengthen and promote our national network** of state-based systems in partnership with NASA; committed to developing and sustaining a diverse, adaptable, and competitive STEM workforce.
* **Improve student accessibility** to a widening range of STEM-based authentic learning opportunities, researchers, and mentors.
* **Broaden, extend, and accelerate participation** of underrepresented minorities and women in diverse and inclusive STEM-based academic fields and careers.
* **Advance the nation’s STEM literacy, education, and workforce pipeline** to further the progress of science and create knowledge that transforms the future and sustains our global leadership

**Fiscal Year 2021 Funding Received:** $51 million

**Fiscal Year 2022 Funding Received: Pending** $57-60million

**Level of Funding Requested for Fiscal Year 2022:** $65 million

**Proposed Program Funding President’s Fiscal Year 2023 Budget:** TBD