



Advocacy Webinar

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Agenda

- Recap of Appropriations and Authorization Efforts
- Space Grant FY2023 Appropriations Ask
- Advocacy Meetings with Congressional Delegation
- Materials
- Question & Answer

Recap of Appropriations Activity

- FY 2021 Appropriations
 - Trump Administration Proposed Eliminating Office of Education at NASA
 - Alliance Request: \$52 million
 - FY21 Omnibus Provided \$51 million
- FY 2022 Appropriations
 - Biden Budget request: \$57 million
 - Alliance Request: \$60 million
 - Pending: House Bill: \$60 million, Senate Bill: \$57 million

Space Grant Program Authorization

- Space Grant Reauthorization language included in Endless Frontiers/USICA bill
 - Sen. Capito and Sen. Sinema
- House did not include NASA Reauthorizations in their America COMPETES Act
- Formal Conference Negotiations in coming weeks

Timeline for Budget and Appropriations

- Biden Administration
 - Legislative Agenda: Finish FY22 Appropriations, USICA/American COMPETES Act,
 - President's FY2023 Budget Request to be delayed
- FY23 Appropriations Ask
 - “ \$65 million to the National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program. 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”

Congressional Meetings

- Request meeting with aide that handles NASA or Space portfolio
 - Schedule meetings with member offices for late February – mid March
- Structure of the Meeting
 - Introductions and thank them for taking meeting
 - If new office contact, provide brief background of the NSGF program
 - Describe national and state accomplishments, value of the program
 - Do your homework - be knowledgeable about your legislator's background and their work on similar interests to forge connections [Congress.gov]
 - State our FY2023 programmatic request- \$65 million, how funds will be used
 - Obtain office appropriations forms/link.
 - Offer to be a resource

Congressional Meetings



- Talking Points
 - (John K may have additions for here)
- Follow Up
 - Email/Write the Legislator/Legislative Aide to thank them for their help and support
 - Submit their FY2023 forms
 - Complete Hill Day Outreach Tracking Form
 - Keep in contact throughout the year, send newsletters/announcements

Appropriations Committee Members

117th Congress, Second Session

Senate: Appropriations

Chair, Patrick Leahy, (D-VT)
Ranking Member, Richard Shelby (R-AL)

House: Appropriations

Chair, Rosa DeLauro (D-CT-3)
Ranking Member, Kay Granger (R-TX-12)

Senate Subcommittee Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

Chair, Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)
Ranking Member, Jerry Moran (R-KS)

House Subcommittee Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

Chair, Matt Cartwright (D-PA-8)
Ranking Member, Robert Aderholt (R-AL-04)

Majority:

Patrick Leahy (D-VT)
Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)
Jack Reed (D-RI)
Chris Coons (D-DE)
Brian Schatz (D-HI)
Joe Manchin, III (D-WV)
Chris Van Hollen, Jr. (D-MD)
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)

Minority:

Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
Susan Collins (R-ME)
Lindsey Graham (R-SC)
John Boozman (R-AR)
Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
John Kennedy (R-LA)
Bill Hagerty (R-TN)
Mike Braun (R-IN)

Majority:

Grace Meng (D-NY)
Brenda Lawrence (D-MI)
Charlie Crist, Jr. (D-FL)
Ed Case (D-HI)
C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD)
David Trone (D-MD)

Minority:

Steven Palazzo, (R-MS)
Ben Cline (R-VA)
Mike Garcia (R-CA)



Appropriations Request Forms and Letters of Support

- Member FY23 Appropriations' Request Template
- Sample FY23 Support Letters to Committee

Hill Day Materials

VSA/TIG Materials

- Link to forms and resources: <https://tinyurl.com/2p98abx5>
- Sample Meeting request
 - Infographic- national program
 - 117th Congress - Office Staff Contact List
 - House and Senate Member request letters
 - Language requests for member's appropriation form
 - "How to Communicate with Congress"
 - Congressional Visit Report
- Compile Materials, including those on your state program, to be sent with meeting request
- Help with Congressional office contacts – contact lkatz@vsadc.com



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NASA EPSCoR Appropriations

- FY22 Appropriations Status
 - Coalition Ask: \$32 million
 - House: \$26 million Senate: \$26 million
- FY23 Appropriations Ask
 - \$33 million and directs that no more than 10% of the allocation be used for administrative fees for the program.
 - Coalition of EPSCoR/IDeA States Appropriations Packet
 - Appropriations Bill: Commerce-Justice-Science
 - Agency Account: NASA Office of STEM Engagement/Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)