**FY2023 EPSCoR/IDeA  
Appropriations Request Snapshot**

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| **Program** | **Request Details** |
| **NIH IDeA** | * **Bill: Labor-HHS-Education** * **Account: NIGMS/IDeA** * **Amount Requested: $ XX million** |
| **NSF EPSCoR** | * **Bill: C-J-S** * **Account: RR&A/IA/EPSCoR** * **Amount Requested: $X million** |
| **DEPSCoR** | * **Bill: Defense** * **Account: Defense-Wide, RDT&E** * **Line 3, PE 0601110D8Z** * **Request: $25 million** |
| **DOE EPSCoR** | * **Bill: Energy & Water** * **Account: OS/BES/EPSCoR** * **Amount Requested: $50 million** |
| **NASA EPSCoR** | * **Bill: C-J-S** * **Account: NASA OSTEM/EPSCoR** * **Amount Requested: $33 million & report language related to administrative costs** |
| **USDA EPSCoR** | * **Bill: Agriculture** * **Account: NIFA/AREA** * **Request: Report language directing 15 Percent of the AFRI enacted budget for EPSCoR** |

# **Summary of EPSCoR/IDeA Programs**

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| **Agency** | **Date Enacted** | **# of Eligible Jurisdictions** | **Types of Support/Award Mechanism** |
| **NIH IDeA** [**NIH IDeA Website**](https://www.nigms.nih.gov/Research/CRCB/IDeA/Pages/default.aspx) | **1993** | **24** | * **Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE)** * **Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE)** * **IDeA Program Infrastructure for Clinical and Translational Research (IDeA-CTR)** * **STTR Regional Tech Transfer Accelerator Hubs** * **Co-Funding** |
| **NSF EPSCoR** [**NSF EPSCoR Website**](https://www.nsf.gov/od/oia/programs/epscor/) | **1979** | **28** | * **Research Infrastructure Improvement Awards** * **Co-Funding** * **Workshops and Outreach** |
| **DEPSCoR**  [**DEPSCoR Website**](https://basicresearch.defense.gov/Pilots/DEPSCoR-Defense-Established-Program-to-Stimulate-Competitive-Research/) | **1996\*** | **37** | * **Basic Research Collaborations** * **DEPSCoR Set-Aside within Existing Programs (DURIP, YIP)** * **Education & Outreach** * **Conference Grants** |
| **DOE EPSCoR** [**DOE EPSCoR Website**](https://science.osti.gov/bes/epscor/About) | **1991** | **28** | * **Laboratory-State Partnership Awards** * **Implementation Grants** * **Early Career Awards** |
| **NASA EPSCoR** [**NASA EPSCoR Website**](https://www.nasa.gov/offices/education/programs/national/epscor/home/index.html) | **1993** | **28** | * **Research Infrastructure Development (RID)** * **Research Implementation CAN** * **International Space Station (ISS) Flight Opportunity Awards** * **EPSCoR Rapid Research (R3) Awards** |
| **USDA EPSCoR** [**USDA EPSCoR Website**](https://nifa.usda.gov/afri-fase-epscor-program) | **1991** | **26** | * **Research Career Enhancement Awards** * **Equipment Grants** * **Seed Grants** * **Strengthening Standard Grants** * **Coordinated Agricultural Project (CAP) Grants** |

*\*The original DEPSCoR program was enacted in 1996. The program was reconstituted in 2019.*

**NASA EPSCoR — FY2023**

**EPSCoR/IDeA Coalition Advocacy Material — Talking Points**

Request: Continued support for additional appropriations in FY2023 for the NASA EPSCoR program as well as report language directed at keeping administrative costs at no more than ten percent for each program within NASA’s Office of STEM Engagement.

**Background**

* NASA EPSCoR is a program designed to allow more states to participate in space and aeronautics research. Despite the fact that taxpayers from all 50 states and territories should benefit from a share of federal research and development (R&D) funding, outlays from Washington tend to be concentrated in a few states. Half of the states plus two territories receive less than 10 percent of all federal R&D funding. EPSCoR addresses this imbalance and fosters high-tech growth in all states and territories.

**Recent Funding History**

**FY2018 Enacted: $18.0 million**

**FY2019 Enacted: $21.0 million**

**FY2020 Enacted: $24.0 million**

**FY2021 Enacted: $26.0 million**

**FY2022 Enacted: TBD**

**FY2023 Budget Request: TBD**

**FY2023 Coalition Goal: $33.0 million**

* NASA EPSCoR has four key components: 1) Research Infrastructure Development (RID) awards provide $150,000 in core funding to the participating states to improve research capacity. 2) Research Implementation CAN awards competitively provide up to $750,000 over a 3-year period for research projects. 3) EPSCoR International Space Station, or ISS, Flight Opportunity Awards provide up to $100,000 for a three-year period. 4) EPSCoR Rapid Response Research or R3 awards enables EPSCoR researchers to work for one year with NASA researchers research problem important to NASA’s mission. Awards are up to $100,000 for a one-year performance period. Cost-share from the jurisdiction is required for NASA EPSCoR programs.

**National Benefits**

* At a time of increasing global competitiveness and economic challenges, the U.S. must invest in the research that will lead to new technologies and train the people who will compose the workforce of the future. The research conducted through NASA EPSCoR is vital not only to our space and aeronautics future, but also to broader technological endeavors.
* The U.S. must engage all citizens - wherever they are located - in a national research community. The U.S. needs the talents and expertise of students and faculty in all states, just as students and researchers in all states should have the opportunity to pursue answers to the challenges that face our nation.
* Since participating states must also invest in the program, NASA EPSCoR leverages federal investment in a time of tight federal dollars to deliver significant results.

**State Benefits**

* NASA EPSCoR allows more states to participate in NASA's research enterprise, creates a broader base of research expertise available to the agency to meet its mission, and expands the workforce of educated and trained STEM students capable of meeting global challenges.
* NASA EPSCoR acts as an incubator for innovation in a state. Through increased research capacity, the program provides opportunities for high-tech economic growth in the local communities and helps educate high-skilled workers for those industries.

**NASA EPSCoR – FY2023**

**EPSCoR/IDeA Coalition Advocacy Material – Sample Support Letter**

**House of Representatives United States Senate**

The Honorable Matt Cartwright The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen   
Chairman Chairwoman

Subcommittee on Commerce-Justice-Science Subcommittee on Commerce-Justice-Science   
House Committee on Appropriations Senate Committee on Appropriations  
H-310 The Capitol 142 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515 Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Robert Aderholt The Honorable Jerry Moran   
Ranking Member Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Commerce-Justice-Science Subcommittee on Commerce-Justice-Science   
House Committee on Appropriations Senate Committee on Appropriations  
1016 Longworth House Office Building 125 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515 Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Cartwright and Ranking Member Aderholt:

Dear Chairwoman Shaheen and Ranking Member Moran:

I am writing to request that you include $33 million for the NASA Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (NASA EPSCoR) in FY2023. NASA EPSCoR is an important program for my state in helping to increase STEM research and education opportunities and high-tech job growth. Likewise, I urge the Committee to include language limiting NASA's administrative fee to no more than 10 percent for each of the Office of STEM Engagement programs.

NASA EPSCoR is a joint federal-state program designed to allow more states to participate in space and aeronautics research. Currently, half of the states plus two territories receive less than 10 percent of all federal R&D funding. These states also have a disproportionately low percentage of high-tech business growth. EPSCoR is an effort to help these states and territories become more economically competitive, broaden the expertise base for NASA, and develop a skilled workforce capable of generating high-tech jobs in all states of the nation.

The program achieves these goals by providing resources to help build research capacity in states and enhance expertise and competitiveness in research areas of interest to the agency. NASA EPSCoR is a competitive grant program that helps spread research opportunities and growth to more states, and helps NASA take advantage of significantly underutilized expertise within the participating jurisdictions. States contribute a match for these programs, thereby stretching federal dollars further and ensuring that research goals are both national and regional.

In a time of increasing international competition, it is imperative that we continue to invest in research, leverage federal dollars, and lay the foundation for successful long-term growth in all areas of the country. To that end, I request that you support NASA EPSCoR in FY2023.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

**NASA EPSCoR — FY2023**

**EPSCoR/IDeA Coalition Advocacy Material — Sample Request Form**

**Appropriations Request Application FY2023**

* + 1. Organization Completing Application:

Please include organization name, mailing address and a street address if different (It must have a physical address that is NOT a PO box).

Insert University

* + 1. Contact person(s) in organization including email address and phone number:

This should include a local name and address, but you may also include relevant Washington, DC representatives.

Insert State Contact

* + 1. Appropriations Bill/Subcommittee (Please select only one):

FY2022 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

* + 1. Department (if applicable):

n/a

* + 1. Agency (Please be specific, e.g.: Forest Service):

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

* + 1. Agency account:

NASA Office of STEM Engagement/EPSCoR

* + 1. Priority Ranking (if applicable):

If you are submitting more than one request, you must rank the requests in order of priority

* + 1. Will this request be submitted by multiple Members of Congress?

Yes. this request will be submitted by many representatives from EPSCoR-eligible states

*For Programmatic Funding Requests*

* + 1. Program Name:

NASA EPSCoR

* + 1. FY2023 Coalition Request:

$33 million

* + 1. Amount requested in the President's FY2023 Budget:

TBD

* + 1. Federal funding history (going back at least three years):

FY19: $21 million

FY20: $24 million

FY21: $26 million

FY22: TBD

* + 1. BRIEF description of program value, nationally and in your community:

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* + 1. Program Authorization

NASA EPSCoR was last reauthorized in 2017 in the NASA Transition Bill (P.L. 115-10)

*For Language Requests*

* + 1. Proposed Language?

Yes

The Committee provides $33 million for the NASA EPSCoR Program and directs that no more than 10% of the allocation be used for administrative fees for the program.

**16.** Has similar language been included previously? If so, please provide:

Yes, similar language was included in the conference report for FY 2021 Appropriations.