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**Washington Update:  
The Legislative Landscape and  
The Federal Appropriations  
Process**

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# Trump Administration: Impacts on Research Ecosystem

## Big things in year 1

- Cancelled grants / awards
- Changes to funding models – more forward funding = fewer new awards in 2025 and 2026
- Reduced staff and expertise at federal science agencies
- Significant cuts for S&T proposed in Trump Budget Request – largely rejected by Congress
- Reduction in international researchers and foreign partnerships
- Disruption and uncertainty

## What to expect in year 2

- More of the same (e.g., downward pressure on budgets)
- New initiatives and advisory capabilities in response to specific threat or opportunity spaces
- Agency leadership beginning to put their imprints on agenda
- Congress in an election year focused on impacts/messaging for states/districts
- **Expect the unexpected!**

# THE YEAR AHEAD: APPROPRIATIONS OUTLOOK

Mar/Apr

- Community advocacy requests due
- FY 2027 PBR released
- Appropriations subcommittees hold hearings to review agency budget requests

May/June

- House Appropriations subcommittees and then full committees “mark up” (reviewed/amended/approve) individual bills
- Community advocacy continues

July/Aug

- Sprint to August Recess
- Potential Senate Appropriations Committee mark-ups
- Campaigning for Midterm elections begins

Sept/Oct

- FY 2026 ends Sept 30
- Continuing Resolution (CR) likely used to fund the government through the midterms
- Campaigning continues (Oct Recess)

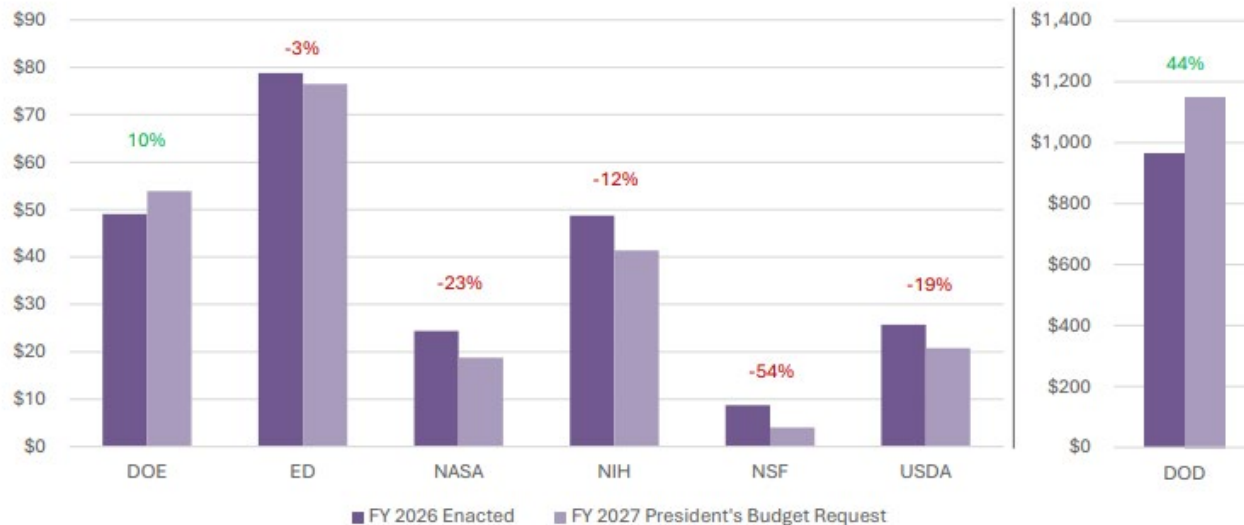
Nov/Dec

- Midterm Elections occur
- Lame duck of Trump 2.0 begins.
- Potential completion of FY 2027 appropriations

# FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2027 – PRESIDENT’S BUDGET REQUEST

- FY 2027 President’s Budget Request closely resembles the FY 2026 PBR for spending and priorities.
- **Budget request** would:
  - **Have substantial cuts to biomedical research** (not as drastic as FY26)
    - Would cut NIH ~12% and NSF ~54%
    - Eliminate three ICs at NIH, and the SBE Directorate at NSF
  - **Proposes to cap F&A at 15% and MYF at 100%**
  - **Emphasize Administration/MAHA priorities** for agency direction

## KEY AGENCIES AT A GLANCE (IN BILLIONS OF \$)



Proposed cuts for S&T are likely to be rejected by Congress

# NIH FEDERAL FUNDING LAG

## What happened?

- Cancellation of DEI awards
- Temporary pause on all federal funding
- Review panels and advisory council meetings temporarily stopped
- Several programs archived – may or may not be revised
- Major reductions in force (RIFs); Loss in agency leadership
- Six week government shutdown
- Emergency Modifications for Peer Review
- FY 2026 funding for research agencies maintained

## What's next?

- Recovery from government shutdown
- FY2026 slow spend of funding
- Lag in FY26 NOFOs/Reduced NOFOs
- Hiring of agency leadership and staff
- Shortened and simplified solicitations to reduce administrative burden
- New research priorities for FY 2027
- Potential rebalance of grant mechanisms i.e. R01 vs. OTA; less center opportunities

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# Questions?

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