

**SUMMARY JUSTIFICATION FOR A NON-RECURRING EXPENSES FUND**

NSF requests Congressional concurrence on the establishment of a Non-recurring Expenses Fund (NEF) for agency use on cancelled funding resulting from appropriations in FY 2023, and all subsequent fiscal years. NSF’s NEF would closely resemble similar Funds established across the government in agencies such as the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Education, and the Department of Agriculture.

Since FY 2016, NSF has returned to the Treasury between \$60 million and \$92 million each year. Most of these cancelling funds are in the Research and Related Activities (R&RA) and STEM Education (EDU) accounts.

**NSF Cancelled Appropriated Funding by Account**

(Dollars in Millions)

	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Research and Related Activities	\$51.06	\$52.08	\$56.49	\$42.86	\$56.29	\$62.51
STEM Education <sup>1</sup>	15.12	15.56	14.02	12.08	19.01	24.93
Agency Operations and Award Management	3.46	2.76	3.35	4.98	3.44	3.53
Office of Inspector General	0.19	0.07	0.06	0.17	0.34	0.97
Office of the National Science Board	0.16	0.22	0.11	0.07	0.24	0.11
<b>Total Cancelled Appropriated Funds</b>	<b>\$69.99</b>	<b>\$70.69</b>	<b>\$74.04</b>	<b>\$60.16</b>	<b>\$79.32</b>	<b>\$92.05</b>

<sup>1</sup> Education and Human Resources account is renamed to STEM Education.

With authority to establish an NEF, instead of these funds canceling and returning to the Treasury, NSF would be able to use the funds for the limited purposes included in the legislation: information and business technology system modernization and facilities infrastructure improvements, including nonrecurring maintenance necessary for the operation of the Agency and its funded research facilities.

If passed in FY 2023, this legislation proposed would only apply to funds appropriated in FY 2023 and after. This would not apply to any funds appropriated prior to FY 2023.