

National Science Foundation
Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors and Science Act (CHIPS) FY 2026
Spend Plan

NSF CHIPS Funding in FY 2026

(Dollars in millions)

Research and Related Activities (R&RA) Account	\$50.00
Total CHIPS and Science Act Funding	\$50.00

Overview

As part of Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors and Science Act (CHIPS) (P.L. 117-167), Congress provided the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) with \$200 million over five years to establish a fund “for microelectronics workforce development activities.” NSF previously transmitted plans that described initial investments in workforce development, including scalable partnerships with the private sector, that would enhance the skilled semiconductor design and manufacturing workforce.

In FY 2026, NSF will continue to leverage the CHIPS for America Workforce and Education Fund to train new semiconductor researchers, practitioners, technicians, engineers, and educators, fulfilling a key need of the semiconductor industry through FY 2027 and beyond.

Legislative Language

Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors and Science Act (CHIPS), Public Law 117-167

SEC. 102. CREATING HELPFUL INCENTIVES TO PRODUCE SEMICONDUCTORS (CHIPS) FOR AMERICA FUND.

(d) CREATING HELPFUL INCENTIVES TO PRODUCE SEMICONDUCTORS (CHIPS) FOR AMERICA'S WORKFORCE AND EDUCATION FUND.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as the “Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) for America Workforce and Education Fund” (referred to in this subsection as the “Fund”) for the National Science Foundation for microelectronics workforce development activities to meet the requirements under section 9906 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (15 U.S.C. 4656).

(2) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes, there is appropriated to the Fund established in subsection (d)(1), out of amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated—

- (A) For fiscal year 2023, \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended;*
- (B) for fiscal year 2024, \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended;*
- (C) for fiscal year 2025, \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended;*
- (D) for fiscal year 2026, \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended; and*
- (E) for fiscal year 2027, \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended.*