INTEGRATIVE ACTIVITIES (IA)

IA Funding
(Dollars in Millions)

	FY 2024 Current Plan	FY 2025 (TBD)	FY 2026 Request	Change over FY 2024 Current Plan Amount	Change over FY 2024 Current Plan Percent
Total	**$430.02**		**$177.73**	**-$252.29**	**-58.7%**
EPSCoR	250.00		107.70	-142.30	-56.9%
Compliance in Research	3.00		2.34	-0.66	-22.0%
Evaluation & Assessment Capability	6.40		-	-6.40	-100.0%
Facility Operations Transition	[12.00]		-	N/A	N/A
Growing Convergence Research	15.77		-	-15.77	-100.0%
GRANTED	34.50		-	-34.50	-100.0%
HBCU Excellence in Research	25.00		20.00	-5.00	-20.0%
Major Research Instrumentation	31.17		20.00	-11.17	-35.8%
Mid-scale Research Infrastructure	40.05		-	-40.05	-100.0%
Modeling and Forecasting	3.46		-	-3.46	-100.0%
Planning & Policy Support	5.96		-	-5.96	-100.0%
Research Investment Communications	8.77		-	-8.77	-100.0%
STC Admin	0.59		-	-0.59	-100.0%
Science & Technology Policy Institute	5.35		2.30	-3.05	-57.0%
Strategic Initiatives Resources	[30.00]		25.39	-4.61	-15.4%

IA invests in activities that support transformative advances in science and technology by incubating new ideas and communities, supporting innovation in research and in NSF's own processes, and promoting the integration of research, training, and partnerships. They enhance the competitiveness of the Nation's research through activities that build capacity and competitiveness for science and engineering (S&E), especially along organizational and geographic axes.

IA provides funding for innovative programs designed to enhance the ability of jurisdictions and institutions to conduct globally competitive research. In FY 2026, IA's programs will include Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), Historically Black Colleges and Universities - Excellence in Research (HBCU-EiR), and Major Research Instrumentation (MRI).

In FY 2026, IA investments may support Administration priorities across the following activities, including:

- Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR):
  - EPSCoR investments uses three strategic investment tools to contribute to NSF in its statutory function "to strengthen research and education in the sciences and engineering, including independent research by individuals, throughout the United States, and to avoid undue concentration of such research and education." EPSCoR investment tools are Research Infrastructure Improvement (RII) awards, Co-Funding, and Outreach/Workshops.
  - At the FY 2026 Request level, EPSCoR funding will support EPSCoR's active RII awards made in prior years, which will build and strengthen research capacity in Administration and jurisdictional science and technology priorities.
- Compliance in Research: In FY 2026, NSF will continue to support its ability to maximize program delivery, to include strategic planning and implementation, training, stakeholder engagement,

complaint processing, partnership engagement, proactive compliance and recruitment and outreach activities. These activities respond to the need to ensure compliance and address Sexual Assault/Harassment Prevention & Response (SAHPR) related concerns and requirements. These efforts support the requirements to address sexual harassment as outlined in Section 10536 of the CHIPS and Science Act.

- Historically Black Colleges and Universities – Excellence in Research (HBCU-EiR): The HBCU-EiR program focuses on improving the research capacity and competitiveness of HBCUs by supporting new research opportunities at these institutions. In FY 2026, investments in HBCU-EiR will fund up to 40 HBCU-EiR research grants managed by NSF research and education directorates. NSF will provide supplemental support to HBCU-EiR research activities involving postdoctoral researchers, graduate and undergraduate students.
- Major Research Instrumentation (MRI): MRI invests in shared-use S&E research instrumentation. Such instrumentation is vital for progress in many fields; for example, cyberinfrastructure is important for AI research and research training, analysis and fabrication tools are necessary for quantum, microelectronics, and other nanotechnology-based research, and a range of types of sophisticated instruments are needed for research in to advance the bioeconomy. Approximately 30-40 new awards will support instrument and equipment acquisition and development across NSF's S&E domains.
- Science and Technology Policy Institute (STPI): STPI is a Federally Funded Research and Development Center sponsored by NSF on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). STPI provides analysis of significant domestic and international science and technology policies and developments for OSTP and other federal agencies.
- Strategic Initiatives Resources: Through the Strategic Initiatives Resources, NSF will support activities responding to national priorities that may not align with a specific disciplinary focus or project scope.

EPSCoR Funding
(Dollars in Millions)

	FY 2024 Current Plan	FY 2025 (TBD)	FY 2026 Request	Change over FY 2024 Current Plan Amount	Change over FY 2024 Current Plan Percent
Total, EPSCoR	**$268.24**		**$107.70**	**-$160.54**	**-59.8%**
Research Infrastructure Improvement	201.22		107.70	-93.52	-46.5%
Co-funding	66.64		-	-66.64	-100.0%
Outreach and Workshops	0.38		-	-0.38	-100.0%