

CHANGES BETWEEN FY 2006 REQUEST AND FY 2006 CURRENT PLAN

The FY 2006 Current Plan for the National Science Foundation is \$5,581.17 million, or .43 percent less than requested. This represents an increase of \$100.4 million above the FY 2005 Actual of \$5,480.77 million. Funding levels for the FY 2006 Current Plan include two rescissions totaling 1.28 percent.

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(Dollars in Millions)

	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Request	FY 2006 Current Plan	Change between	
				FY 2006 Request and FY 2006 Current Plan Amount	Percent
Research and Related Activities	\$4,234.82	\$4,333.49	\$4,331.48	-\$2.01	-0.0%
Education and Human Resources	843.54	737.00	796.69	59.69	8.1%
Major Research Equipment	165.14	250.01	190.88	-59.13	-23.7%
Salaries and Expenses	223.45	269.00	246.81	-22.19	-8.2%
National Science Board	3.65	4.00	3.95	-0.05	-1.3%
Office of Inspector General	10.17	11.50	11.36	-0.14	-1.2%
Total, NSF	\$5,480.77	\$5,605.00	\$5,581.17	-\$23.83	-0.4%

Totals may not add due to rounding.

The FY 2006 Current Plan for the **Research and Related Activities** (R&RA) Account is \$4,331.48 million, a decrease of \$2.01 million, or less than one percent, from the FY 2006 Request. Funding for all activities, subactivities, and programs closely aligns with the FY 2006 Request. Here are some highlights:

The Plan for the Directorate for Biological Sciences includes \$98.72 million for plant genome research.

The Plan for the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences provides \$50.74 million for the National Radio Astronomy Observatories, almost \$5.0 million for Elementary Particle Physics research programs, and \$141.54 million for the National Nanotechnology Initiative.

The Plan for the Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) provides continued support for the Children's Research Initiative and almost \$2.60 million for Science Metrics.

Of funds provided for Integrative Activities, \$88.39 million will support Major Research Instrumentation.

The Directorate for **Education and Human Resources** (EHR) is funded at \$796.69 million, an increase of \$59.69 million, or 8.1 percent, over the FY 2006 Request. Support for all subactivities and programs closely follows the FY 2006 Request. Increased funding is chiefly focused on the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), Research and Evaluation on Education in Science and Engineering (REESE), and formal K-12 education programs, especially those that broaden participation.

The **Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction** (MREFC) Account is funded at \$190.88 million, a decrease of \$59.13 million, or 23.7 percent, from the FY 2006 Request. Of this, \$45.14 million provides for the Atacama Large Millimeter Array (ALMA) radio telescope, \$46.40 million for the EarthScope, \$46.25 million for the IceCube Neutrino Detection project, and \$53.09 million for the

Scientific Ocean Drilling Vessel. The decrease reflects \$41.78 million requested for the cancelled RSVP project in the FY 2006 Request and the unobligated balance of \$14.88 million originally appropriated for RSVP in FY 2005. This unobligated amount was distributed pro rata to the four ongoing projects.

The **Salaries and Expenses** (S&E) Account totals \$246.81 million, a reduction of over \$22.0 million from the FY 2006 Request. Certain proposed infrastructure investments will continue to be postponed as available resources will be used to fund staffing increases. S&E funds provide for the operation, management, and direction of all Foundation programs and activities, and include necessary funds to develop and coordinate NSF programs.

The **National Science Board** (NSB) is funded at \$3.95 million.

The **Office of Inspector General** (OIG) is funded at \$11.36 million.