

Public Law 96-44  
96th Congress

## An Act

To authorize appropriations for activities for the National Science Foundation for fiscal year 1980, and for other purposes.

Aug. 2, 1979

[H.R. 2729]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as the "National Science Foundation Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1980".

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Act for Fiscal  
Year 1980.

SEC. 2. (a) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the National Science Foundation for the fiscal year 1980 for the following categories:

- (1) Mathematical and Physical Sciences and Engineering, \$293,400,000.
  - (2) Astronomical, Atmospheric, Earth, and Ocean Sciences, \$241,500,000.
  - (3) United States Antarctic Program, \$55,000,000.
  - (4) Biological, Behavioral, and Social Sciences, \$170,000,000.
  - (5) Science Education Programs, \$86,200,000.
  - (6) Applied Science and Research Applications, \$68,700,000.
  - (7) Scientific, Technological, and International Affairs, \$27,300,000.
  - (8) Program Development and Management, \$59,600,000.
- (b) Of the total amount authorized under subsection (a)(5)—
- (1) \$750,000 is authorized for a program of education in appropriate technology;
  - (2) \$2,050,000 is authorized for the program Ethics and Values in Science and Technology; and
  - (3) \$2,250,000 is authorized for the program Minorities, Women and the Handicapped in Science.
- (c) Of the total amount authorized under subsection (a)(6)—
- (1) \$21,800,000 is authorized for the program of Earthquake Hazards Mitigation;
  - (2) \$2,600,000 is authorized for the program of Science and Technology to Aid the Handicapped;
  - (3) \$2,000,000 is authorized for a program in appropriate technology; and
  - (4) not less than 12.5 per centum shall be expended to small business concerns.
- (d) Of the total amount authorized under subsection (a)(7), \$1,500,000 is authorized for the State Science, Engineering, and Technology program.
- (e) Of the amount authorized under subsections (a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(4) for equipment and instrumentation, not less than 4 per centum shall be available for grants to two and four year colleges for equipment and instrumentation costing \$25,000 or less.

SEC. 3. Appropriations made under the authority provided in sections 2 and 5 shall remain available for obligation, for expenditure, or for obligation and expenditure for periods specified in the Acts making the appropriations.

SEC. 4. From appropriations made under the authority provided in this Act, not more than \$3,500 may be used for official consultation, representation, or other extraordinary expenses upon the determination of the Director of the National Science Foundation, and his determination shall be final and conclusive upon the accounting officers of the Government.

SEC. 5. In addition to the sums authorized by section 2, not more than \$6,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year 1980 for expenses of the National Science Foundation incurred outside the United States, to be paid for in foreign currencies that the Treasury Department determines to be excess to the normal requirements of the United States.

SEC. 6. Funds may be transferred among the categories listed in section 2(a), but neither the total funds transferred from any category nor the total funds transferred to any category may exceed 10 per centum of the amount authorized for that category in section 2(a) unless—

(1) thirty calendar days on each of which at least one House of Congress is in session have passed after the Director of the National Science Foundation or his designee has transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the President of the Senate, to the Committee on Science and Technology of the House of Representatives, and to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate a written report containing a full and complete explanation of the transfer involved and the reason for it, or

(2) before the expiration of the thirty days both the Committee on Science and Technology of the House and the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate have written to the Director to the effect that they have no objection to the proposed transfer.

SEC. 7. In partial fulfillment of the established statutory requirement that the National Science Foundation evaluate the status of and current and projected need for scientific resources (section 3(a) (5) and (6) of Public Law 81-507, as amended), the National Science Foundation shall develop indices, correlates, or other suitable measures or indicators of the status of scientific instrumentation in the United States and of the current and projected need for scientific and technological instrumentation.

SEC. 8. The National Science Foundation shall conduct a Flood Hazard Mitigation Study and shall report to the Congress with specific program recommendations by the end of the fiscal year 1980.

42 USC 1862  
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**SEC. 9.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this or any other Act, the Director of the National Science Foundation shall keep the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Science and Technology of the House of Representatives fully and currently informed with respect to all of the activities of the National Science Foundation.

Approved August 2, 1979.

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**HOUSE REPORTS:** No. 96-61 (Comm. on Science and Technology) and No. 96-321 (Comm. of Conference).

**SENATE REPORTS:** Nos. 96-106 (accompanying S. 527) and 96-107 (both from Comm. on Labor and Human Resources).

**CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 125 (1979):**

Mar. 27, considered and passed House.

May 8, S. 527 passed Senate; proceedings vacated and H.R. 2729, amended, passed in lieu.

July 13, House agreed to conference report.

July 18, Senate agreed to conference report.