Summary of the FY 2023 President’s Budget Request

On March 28, 2022, President Joe Biden released his fiscal year (FY) 2023 budget request. The $5.8 trillion package provides $1.6 trillion in discretionary spending to fund the federal agencies in FY 2023, which is a nearly 9 percent increase above FY 2022. The budget includes an approximate 5 percent increase in non-defense discretionary spending and an approximate 4 percent increase in defense discretionary spending, as compared to FY 2022.

Below are highlights of the FY 2023 president’s budget request, while a chart with the specific funding levels for UC’s FY 2023 appropriations priorities (FY 2022 enacted, UC’s FY 2023 request and the president’s FY 2023 request) can be found online.

EDUCATION

- **Federal Student Aid**: Includes $2,175 increase for the maximum Pell Grant with a path to doubling the Pell Grant by 2029. It also includes $1.19 billion for Federal Work-Study, which provides part time jobs for eligible undergraduate and graduate students. The administration also continues to support expanding federal student aid, including Pell Grant eligibility, to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

- **Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI)**: Includes a $450 million initiative to expand research and development infrastructure at four-year Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions and other Minority Serving Institutions.

- **Basic Needs**: The administration recognizes the need to evaluate barriers within the current law that limit access to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for various groups, including low-income college students and youth that have aged out of foster care.

RESEARCH

- **National Science Foundation**: Includes $10.5 billion in discretionary funding for the National Science Foundation (NSF), a $2 billion or 24 percent increase over FY 2022 enacted, and provides $880 million for the Directorate for Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships, to help translate research into practical applications.

- **National Institutes of Health**: Includes $45.3 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), $275 million or 0.6 percent increase over FY 2022 enacted.

- **ARPA-H**: Includes $5 billion for the newly established Advanced Research Projects Agency-Health (ARPA-H), which is modeled after the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) to develop high-risk, high-reward capabilities to drive biomedical breakthroughs.

- **Department of Energy**: Includes $7.8 billion for the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science, a $350 million or 4.7 percent increase over FY 2022 enacted. The request also seeks $700 million for Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E), a $250 million or 50 percent increase over FY 2022 enacted.
• **Climate Change Research:** Proposes $3.3 billion focused on climate energy innovation and infrastructure, including over $900 million at NSF as part of the U.S. Global Climate Change Research Program, over $400 million increase for the Earth Science program at NASA and a $100 million increase at USDA (including $24 million for new climate hubs).

**HEALTH CARE**

• **Pandemic Preparedness:** Proposes $81.7 billion in new mandatory spending over five years to improve Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and public health agency response to future pandemics and other biological threats. These new funds include $12.05 billion to NIH for “research and development of vaccines, diagnostics, and therapeutics against high priority viral families, biosafety and biosecurity, and to expand laboratory capacity and clinical trial infrastructure.” The proposal also includes $28 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to invest in public health infrastructure and $40 billion for the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR).

• **Mental and Behavioral Health:** Proposes $20.8 billion – a $4.9 billion (30 percent) increase – for programs that support mental and behavioral health. The budget also includes legislative proposals for a $7.5 billion Mental Health System Transformation Fund “to increase access to mental health services through workforce development and service expansion,” and for improved enforcement of laws requiring parity between mental and physical health in both Medicare and the private health insurance market.

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