

Sebelius Confirmed as HHS Secretary



Kathleen Sebelius

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. It took President Obama two tries, but he finally has a Secretary of Health & Human Services.

The U.S. Senate confirmed former Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius on April 28, 2009, as head of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS). Secretary of HHS was the final cabinet position needing to be filled. Republicans in the Senate had delayed her confirmation because of their concerns about her views on abortion and campaign contributions she had received from a Kansas abortion provider. ■

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Obama Makes First NIH Budget Request

President Obama has sent his budget request for FY10 to Congress, and it contains both good and bad news for the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH).

What's the bad news? The President is asking Congress to provide \$30.996 billion for FY10, only \$443 million or 1.4% more than the NIH's FY09 budget. The NIH estimates that, if enacted, this budget would fund 38,042 Research Project Grants (RPGs), 171 more than FY09 with 9,849 competing RPGs, seven more than FY09. The NIH estimates that the overall success rate would remain at 20%.

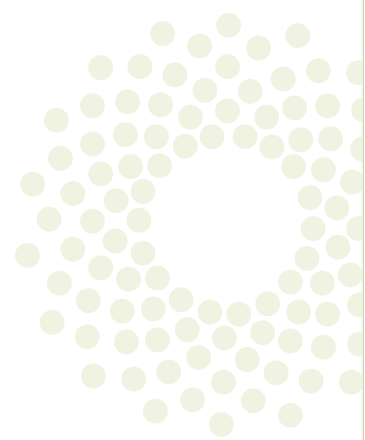
The good news is that the 1.4% increase does not include the \$10 billion the NIH received as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, often referred to as the stimulus package. Those funds will be available for use by the NIH until September 30, 2010. The large amount the NIH received in the stimulus package will mean that the FY10 NIH budget will be artificially high. Because of

the inflated FY2010 budget, Congress may agree with Obama's budget request for the NIH.

The bad news is that when the stimulus funding runs out at the end of FY10, budgets for the NIH will return to the level in each *annual* appropriations bill, creating a funding cliff or shortfall. Unless Congress and the Obama Administration work to address the problem, the post-stimulus funding fall-off will have a very negative impact on grant funding and research employment. In her press conference announcing the budget for the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), which includes NIH funding, HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius was asked about the funding cliff. Sebelius said, "We certainly need to begin working on what happens in 2011 and 2012."

To read the details of the proposed FY10 NIH budget, go to http://officeofbudget.od.nih.gov/ui/2010/Press%20info%20_revised%202_%20for%20rollout.pdf. ■

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National Institutes of Health FY10 President's Budget Request

Appropriation	FY08 Actual ^{1,2}	FY09 Omnibus	FY09 Recovery Act ³	FY10 President's Budget ^{1,2}	2010 PB +/- Omnibus
NCI	\$4,830,647,000	\$4,968,973,000	\$1,256,517,000	\$5,150,170,000	\$181,197,000
NHLBI	2,937,654,000	3,015,689,000	762,584,000	3,050,356,000	34,667,000
NIDCR	392,233,000	402,652,000	101,819,000	408,037,000	5,385,000
NIDDK ²	1,865,761,000	1,911,338,000	445,393,000	1,931,494,000	20,156,000
NINDS	1,552,113,000	1,593,344,000	402,912,000	1,612,745,000	19,401,000
NIAID ¹	4,583,344,000	4,702,572,000	1,113,288,000	4,760,295,000	57,723,000
NIGMS	1,946,104,000	1,997,801,000	505,188,000	2,023,677,000	25,876,000
NICHD	1,261,381,000	1,294,894,000	327,443,000	1,313,674,000	18,780,000
NEI	670,664,000	688,480,000	174,097,000	695,789,000	7,309,000
NIEHS	645,669,000	662,820,000	168,057,000	684,257,000	21,437,000
NIA	1,052,830,000	1,080,796,000	273,303,000	1,093,143,000	12,347,000
NIAMS	511,291,000	524,872,000	132,726,000	530,825,000	5,953,000
NIDCD	396,234,000	407,259,000	102,984,000	413,026,000	5,767,000
NIMH	1,412,951,000	1,450,491,000	366,789,000	1,474,676,000	24,185,000
NIDA	1,006,022,000	1,032,759,000	261,156,000	1,045,384,000	12,625,000
NIAAA	438,579,000	450,230,000	113,851,000	455,149,000	4,919,000
NINR	138,207,000	141,879,000	35,877,000	143,749,000	1,870,000
NHGRI	489,368,000	502,367,000	127,035,000	509,594,000	7,227,000
NIBIB	300,233,000	308,208,000	77,937,000	312,687,000	4,479,000
NCRR	1,155,560,000	1,226,263,000	1,610,088,000	1,252,044,000	25,781,000
NCCAM	122,224,000	125,471,000	31,728,000	127,241,000	1,770,000
NCMHD	200,630,000	205,959,000	52,081,000	208,844,000	2,885,000
FIC	66,912,000	68,691,000	17,370,000	69,227,000	536,000
NLM	322,212,000	330,771,000	83,643,000	334,347,000	3,576,000
OD	1,111,735,000	1,246,864,000	1,336,837,000 ³	1,182,777,000	-64,087,000
B&F	118,966,000	125,581,000	500,000,000	125,581,000	0
Type 1 Diabetes ²	-150,000,000	-150,000,000	0	-150,000,000	0
Subtotal, Labor/HHS	29,379,524,000	30,317,024,000	10,380,703,000	30,758,788,000	441,764,000
Interior/Superfund Research Program	77,546,000	78,074,000	19,297,000	79,212,000	1,138,000
Total, NIH Discretionary B.A.	29,457,070,000	30,395,098,000	10,400,000,000	30,838,000,000	442,902,000
Type 1 Diabetes ²	150,000,000	150,000,000	0	150,000,000	0
Total, NIH Budget Authority	29,607,070,000	30,545,098,000	10,400,000,000	30,988,000,000	442,902,000
NLM Program Evaluation	8,200,000	8,200,000	0	8,200,000	0
Total, Prog. Level	29,615,270,000	30,553,298,000	10,400,000,000	30,996,200,000	442,902,000

1/ Includes funds to be transferred to the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and Tuberculosis (FY 2008 - \$294,759,000; FY 2009 - \$300,000,000; and FY 2010 - \$300,000,000).

2/ Includes funds for the Type 1 Diabetes Initiative supported with mandatory funds (P.L. 107-360, P.L. 110-173, P.L. 110-275).

3/ Funds are appropriated from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 2009 (P.L. 111-5) and are available until September 30, 2010.