



EPSCoR/IDeA Foundation Update

2018 PI/PC Meeting

September 24, 2018



WHY IDeA AND EPSCoR?

- 1950: In legislation creating the National Science Foundation (NSF), Congress called on NSF to pursue strategies and tactics “to strengthen research and education in science and engineering throughout the United States and to avoid undue concentration of such research and education.”
- 1978: National Science Board approved the creation of the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) to further this mandate and to increase support for states that receive relatively small proportions of NSF funds.
- 1993: Congress authorizes the IDeA program “for the purpose of broadening the geographic distribution of NIH funding for biomedical and behavioral research by enhancing the competitiveness for research funding of institutions located in states in which the aggregate success rate for grant applications to the NIH has historically been low.”

Sources: NAS Evaluation of EPSCoR, 1993 Public Health Service Act

EPSCoR/IDeA Coalition

- EPSCoR/IDeA Coalition
- Created in 1988
- Type: Not-for-profit 501(c)(4)
- Target: Congress
- Mission: Increase Congressional Appropriations for federal-wide EPSCoR/IDeA programs

EPSCoR/IDeA Foundation

- Created in 1995
- Type: Not-for-profit 501(c)(3)
- Target: Agencies and States
- Mission: Dedicated to a vibrant science and technology enterprise, primarily through improving the university research infrastructure and competitiveness of states that historically have received smaller amounts of federal research funding

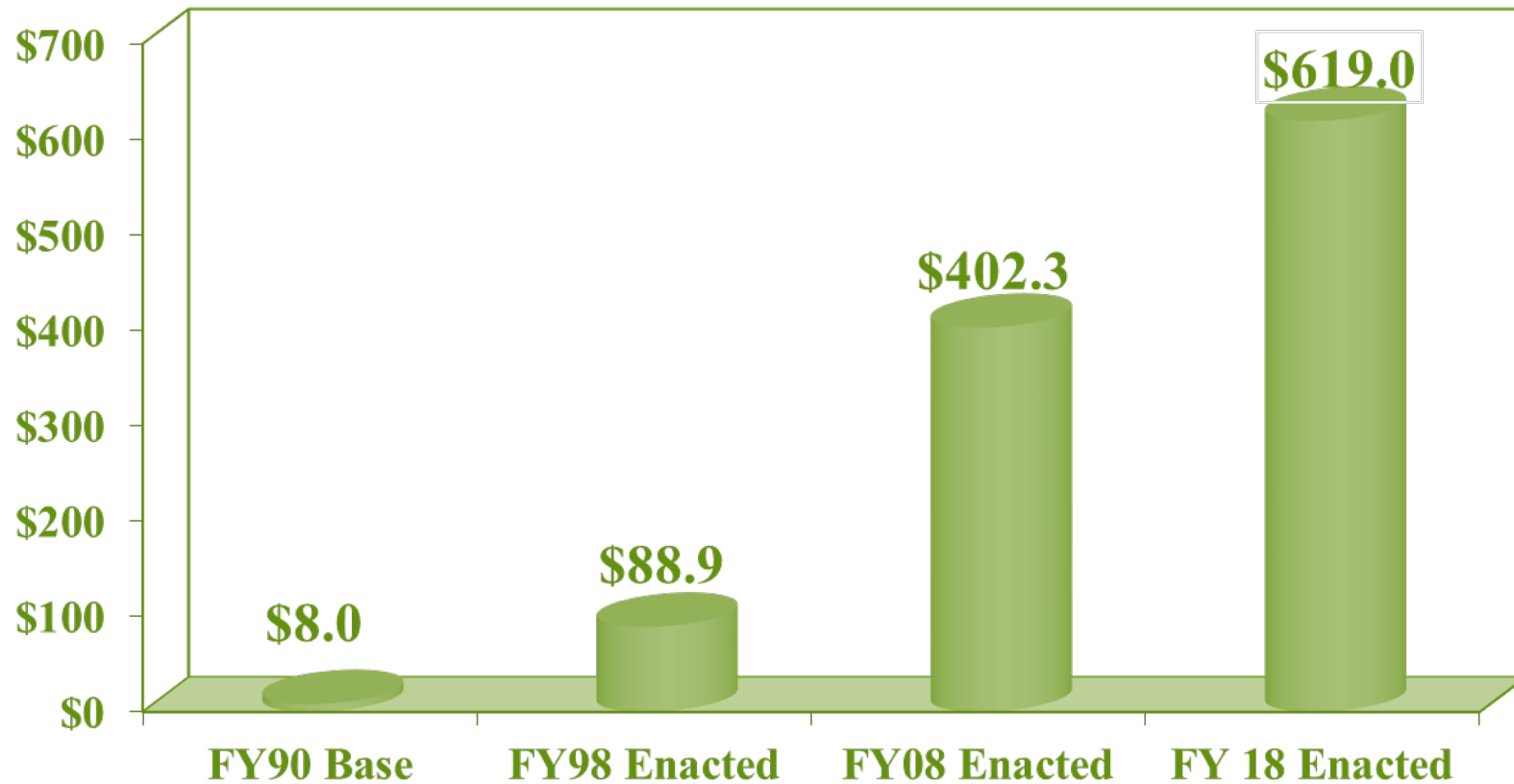
EPSCoR/IDeA Coalition Activities

- Annual Conference – FEBRUARY 25-26, 2019
- Budget Hearings – Testimony and Questions
- Dear Colleague Letters
- Mark-up preparation
- On-going education of Members and staff
- Government Affairs Working Group
- Newsletters – Shared with NAIPI President

EPSCoR/IDeA Foundation Activities

- Agency Outreach
- State Outreach – EPSCoR/IDeA State Conferences
- Communicating Impacts
- Task Forces
- Data Collection (one repository for all programs)
- Partnerships with PD/PI Groups (e.g., NAIPI) and national organizations/associations

Coalition Impact on EPSCoR/IDeA Funding: FY90 – FY18



IDeA Program Budget Milestones

- 1993 – 1999 – Low dollar program (\$750K to “high” point of \$10 million) consisting of pilot studies, matching grants, shared instrumentation grants, co-funding
- In FY 2000 – Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND) led an effort to boost IDeA funding to \$40 million. The COBRE program is launched.
- In FY 2001 – Congressmen Roger Wicker (R-MS) and Ernest Istook (R-OK) match the Senate effort by increasing IDeA funding to \$100 million. BRIN is launched.
- By the end of the NIH doubling period in FY 2004, IDeA had grown to \$215 million.
- In FY 2012 – House Labor-HHS Appropriations Chairman Denny Rehberg (R-MT) secures \$276 million for IDeA.
- In FY 2016 - House Labor-HHS Appropriations Chairman Tom Cole (R-OK) leads effort to secure \$320 million for IDeA. Supported by Vice-Chair Congressman Steve Womack (R-AR) and Congressman Mike Simpson (R-ID).

Recent IDeA Budget Summary

NIH Institutional Development Award Program

Appropriations:

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| ▶ FY17 FINAL | \$333.4 million |
| ▶ FY18 FINAL | \$351.0 million |
| ▶ FY19 FINAL | \$361.6 million |

House Appropriations Labor-HHS Subcommittee	
Republicans	Democrats
Tom Cole (OK), Chairman	Rosa DeLauro (CT), RM
Mike Simpson (ID)	Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA)
Steve Womack (AR), Vice-Chair	Barbara Lee (CA)
Chuck Fleischmann (TN)	Mark Pocan (WI)
Andy Harris (MD)	Katherine Clark (MA)
Martha Roby (AL)	
Jaime Herrera Beutler (WA)	
John Moolenaar (MI)	

Senate Appropriations Labor-HHS Subcommittee Members	
Republicans	Democrats
Roy Blunt (MO), Chairman	Patty Murray (WA), Ranking Member
Richard Shelby (AL)	Richard Durbin (IL)
Lamar Alexander (TN)	Jack Reed (RI)
Lindsey Graham (SC)	Jeanne Shaheen (NH)
Jerry Moran (KS)	Jeff Merkley (OR)
Shelley Moore Capito (WV)	Brian Schatz (HI)
James Lankford (OK)	Tammy Baldwin (WI)
John Kennedy (LA)	Chris Murphy (CT)
Marco Rubio (FL)	Joe Manchin (WV)
Cindy Hyde-Smith (MS)	Patrick Leahy (VT), <i>Ex-Officio</i>

Foundation Priorities

- Working with new leadership at NSF and NIH
- Supporting the Nomination of Kelvin Droegemeier for the position of Assistant to the President for Science and Technology /OSTP Director
- Eligibility
- Program Development as Budgets Increase/New Programs (e.g., DEPSCoR)
- Telling the EPSCoR/IDeA "Story" to a Variety of Stakeholders
- Acquiring Data to Support Message
- Improving Communications Platforms
- Increasing IDeA Presence at Annual Meeting
- Bringing Students to the Hill
- Strengthening Partnerships with PD/PI Associations and National Organizations
- Ensuring Future Success of Programs in a Very Uncertain Environment



THANK YOU

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