

1. Email for colleagues if your school has a government affairs office

Subject: Want to join a small faculty outreach effort on NSF SBE funding?

Hi all,

I'm reaching out because I'm concerned about FY2027 funding for NSF's Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate (SBE), and I think our university should make its concerns known.

I'm hoping to put together a small group of faculty and researchers from [University] to request a brief meeting with [Senator/Representative]'s office about why SBE research matters to our institution, trainees, and local community. Since [University] has a government relations/government affairs office, I'm also planning to reach out to them for help coordinating the request and advising on the message.

Would you be willing to join a short outreach effort? Ideally this would be a group of at least 2–5 faculty members, center directors, department chairs, or other researchers who can speak concretely about grants, students, labs, and community impact.

If you're interested, I can share a draft email and next steps.

Best,
[Your Name]

2. Email for colleagues if your school does not have a government affairs office, or you are not using it

Subject: Would you join a small faculty outreach effort on NSF SBE funding?

Hi all,

I'm reaching out because I'm concerned about FY2027 funding for NSF's Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate (SBE), and I think it would be valuable for our university's researchers to make that concern known directly.

I'm hoping to organize a small group of faculty and researchers from [University] to request a brief meeting with [Senator/Representative]'s office about why SBE research matters to our institution, trainees, and local community. My understanding is that this kind of outreach tends to carry more weight when it comes from a small group of faculty constituents rather than from one person alone.

Would you be willing to join? Ideally this would be at least 2–5 faculty members or research leaders who can speak clearly about the local importance of SBE funding.

If you're interested, I can send around draft language and coordinate next steps.

Best,
[Your Name]

3. Brief email for colleagues

Email Template

Quick question: would you join an NSF SBE outreach meeting request?

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Hi [Name],

I'm helping organize a small group of [University] faculty/researchers to request a brief meeting with [Senator/Representative]'s office about FY2027 NSF SBE funding.

The goal would be to have a few faculty constituents explain why social, behavioral, and economic science funding matters to our university and community. If you'd be open to joining, I can send the short draft and next steps.

Best,
[Your Name]