Last week, President Trump released his Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 budget plan with a proposed NIH budget of $38.7 billion, a cut of about 7% or $3 billion compared to FY 2020 funding levels. ASHG has signed onto a multi-society letter led by the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research recommending a $44.7 billion budget for NIH. We encourage ASHG Advocates to contact their Members of Congress in support of increased NIH funding through our Advocacy Center.

White House Budget Cuts NIH Funding by $3 Billion

GPAC Plans Advocacy Activities for Members

The ASHG GPAC gathered for two days of planning and generating ideas at the ASHG Headquarters, January 30-31

Take Action
The Government and Public Advocacy Committee (GPAC) met at ASHG headquarters last month to draft an action plan to help actualize ASHG’s Strategic Plan. Led by GPAC Chair Lynn Jorde, PhD, the committee has generated a variety of exciting ideas for programmatic activities designed to help more ASHG members engage in advocacy. Stay tuned for more to come!

New ASHG Perspective on Advocacy

**ASHG PERSPECTIVE**

Advocating for Genetics and Genomics Research to Policymakers

It is essential for the genetics and genomics community to communicate the exciting progress in our field to policymakers. This outreach is key for bolstering governmental support for research and ensuring a favorable policy environment for scientists. To advance fundamental discoveries, clinical advances, and the economy, policymakers need to know the importance of genetic research and our commitment to policies that foster responsible and inclusive research.

ASHG's new Perspective on advocacy was published in AJHG on February 3

ASHG has released a new Perspective in the latest issue of *The American Journal of Human Genetics* (AJHG). The timely Perspective describes how and why ASHG members can advocate for genetics and genomics research to Congress.