

October 9, 2021

To: Ken Sembach; STScI, Director  
John Mather; GSFC, JWST Senior Project Scientist  
Neill Reid; STScI, Science Mission Office

Re: GO Funding Levels for JWST

On behalf of the JSTUC, I am writing to acknowledge the fast and important work taken up by the JWST Cycle 1 Grant Support Task Force. We acknowledge that NASA has responded to initial community feedback and will be providing significantly more funding than initially indicated. This is a welcome direction.

The JSTUC endorses the proposed budget adjustment methodology presented at the JSTUC meeting on October 4, 2021. This one-time fix is an acceptable short-term remedy, though several of us have concerns with the budgeting process and we look forward to the opportunity to work with your teams to improve the procedure.

We are currently working on a detailed set of recommendations for the Cycle 2 budget process and will present those to you in short order.

Sincerely Yours,



James Bullock, on behalf of the JSTUC

