



National Aeronautics and
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JSTUC NASA HQ Perspective

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Science Mission Directorate
ASTROPHYSICS
 Organizational Chart

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Dominic Benford (Deputy)

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Senior Research Scientist
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Miles Skow

PROGRAM SUPPORT
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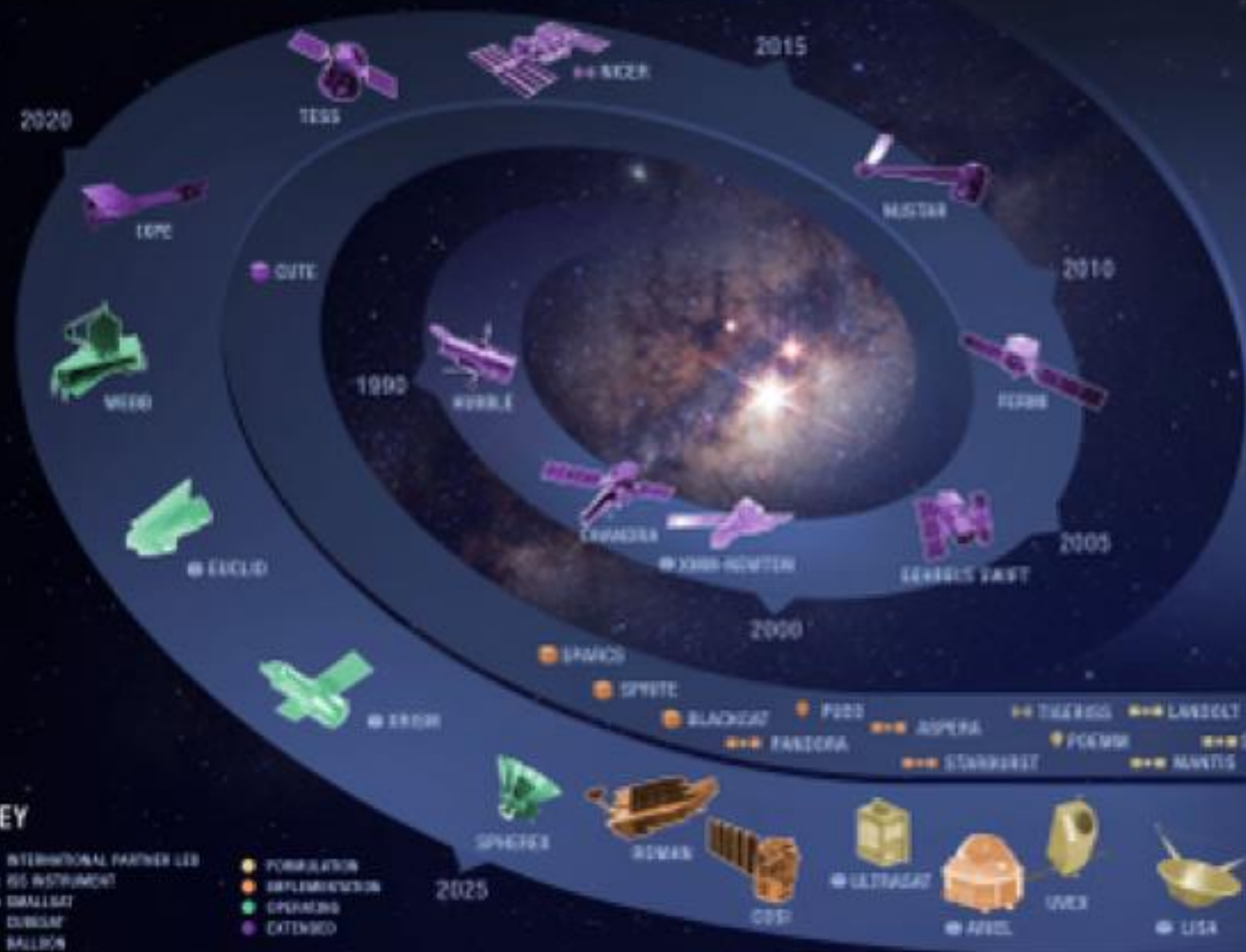
NASA Leadership

- Acting Administrator: Sean Duffy
- Awaiting confirmation for Administrator: Jared Isaacman
(Senate hearing Dec 3)

- Associate Administrator: Amit Kshatriya
- Deputy Associate Administrator: Casey Swails



ASTROPHYSICS FLEET



KEY

- INTERNATIONAL PARTNER LED
- IS INSTRUMENT
- SMALLSAT
- ⊕ CUBE SAT
- BALLOON

- ▲ PIONEERING
- ◆ IMPLEMENTATION
- OPERATING
- EXTENDED

PIONEERS & CUBESATS

- SPANCS
- SPYGLASS
- BLACKCAT
- PDS
- FANCIER
- ASPERA
- STARDUST
- THERES
- LANSLET
- PCMM
- STAR
- MONTE

TRADITIONAL MISSIONS

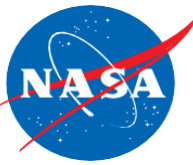
- SPACER
- SOFAR
- COSI
- ULTRACAT
- ARCADE
- UVER
- LISA
- PROBE

Research & Analysis (R&A) Updates

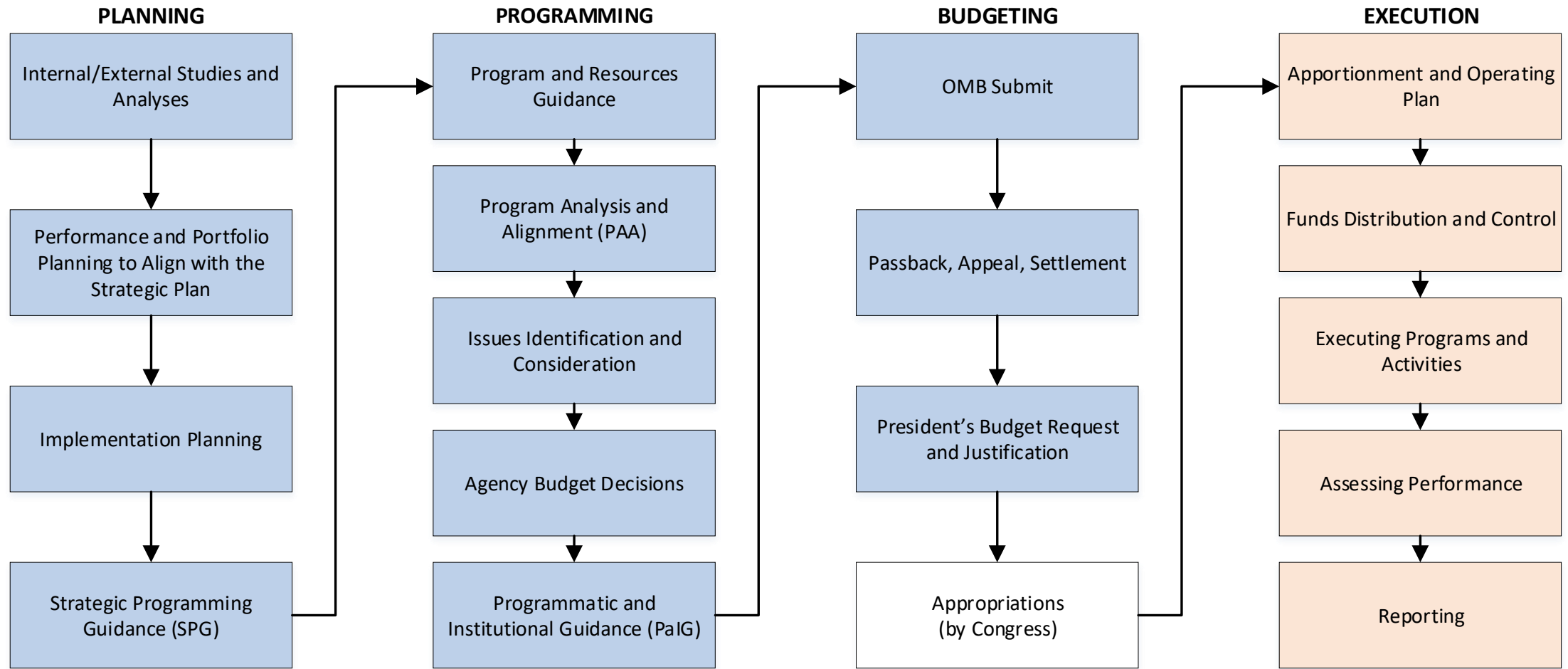
- Few Astrophysics Division ROSES-25 solicitations were impacted by the Government shutdown
 - **F.9 Citizen Science Seed Funding:** proposal due date postponed to Jan 22nd, 2026
 - **F.3 XRP:** Step-1 proposals are now due Dec 3rd, 2025; Step-2 deadline is unchanged
 - Existing ROSES-25 deadlines set for dates beyond mid-January 2026 are not expected to be delayed
- No peer reviews have been postponed due to the shutdown. Selections are being formulated and funding is being released to PIs as pre-planned.
- A full release of ROSES-26 elements is anticipated in mid-February or soon after. Please check the ROSES-26 blog (<https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/solicitations/rozes-2026/>) for decision announcements including timing.

Astrophysics Budget Outlook

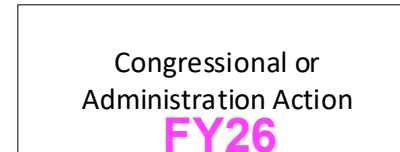
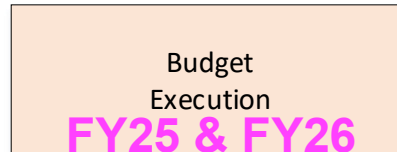
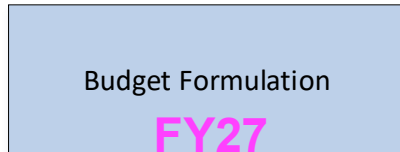
- We are currently under FY26 Continuing Resolution (CR) through January 30, 2026, consistent with enacted in Public Law 119-37, dated November 12, 2025, Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026 (H.R. 5371).
- CR = funded at FY24 levels



Budget Management Overview



Legend:



DSN Updates

- Coordination with SCA N is underway to ensure JWST safety and mission objectives are incorporated in the DSN planning for Artemis II+.
- SCA N is working on establishing a partnership with Goonhilly and UKSA. This is still preliminary as both sides work through agreements, funding and security assessments.
- The JWST Project has formal documented risks against the DSN for over-commitment of services during Artemis and tracking impacts to DSN unplanned downtime for maintenance.

Questions?

