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May 2022 Federal Agency Updates

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May 9th, 2022 (11-12:30 EST)
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Grants Policy and Compliance Updates
On January 7th, 2022 GPC issued a revised GCAM to include the following updates:

- Addition of a new section describing the Award Closeout Process and Requirements
  - Recipients should prepare for award closeout 90 days prior to the expiration of the award’s period of performance
  - All final reports required by the award’s terms and conditions shall be submitted to NASA no later than 120 days after the end of the period of performance
- Added clarifying language regarding GCAM’s applicability to new awards, modified awards and new Notice of Funding Opportunities issued after the GCAM’s effective date (January 10, 2022).
- Changed the title of the “Buy American Encouragement” term and conditions to “Made in America Encouragement” to align with Administration priorities
- Clarification that New Technology reports does not apply to grants and cooperative agreements that support education programs.

The revised version is accessible on the GPC’s GPC webpage.
On February 4, GPC released the 2022 edition of the *NASA Guidebook for Proposers*.

The following updates were made to clarify existing guidance and procedures, and ensure compliance with the 2022 version of the Grant and Cooperative Agreement Manual:

- Clarification that renewal proposals must be funded as new awards, not extensions to existing awards (see GCAM, section 5.8.3 for more info).
  - Recipients of existing awards are permitted to submit “renewal proposals” to continue ongoing research. However, to ensure equitable treatment of all submitted proposals, NASA will consider all proposals received in response to a NOFO as new proposals and will review them impartially.
- Revisions to Appendix B, General Information Regarding Organization & Personnel, to clarify proposal personnel roles and responsibilities.
  - All Individuals named on a proposal cover page as a team member must be registered in the NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System (NSPIRES).

The *Guidebook* is available on GPC’s [website](#). A full list of updates is available [HERE](#).
Equity Action Plan – (EO) 13985

- NASA released on April 14, 2022, in response to EO 13985 “Advancing Racial equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government”.
  - The Plan is available in English and Spanish, and outlines NASA’s strategy for mitigating systemic barriers to equity in grants and cooperative agreements
- NASA plans to take the following actions to address equity in grants & cooperative agreements
  - Conduct a barrier Analysis of grants & cooperative agreements policies and process
  - Increase outreach initiatives & external – providing specialized training as well as cross-cutting and university-centered conference/workshop hosting and attendance
  - Expand Dual Anonymous Peer Review of grant proposals in the Science Mission Directorate (SMD)- reducing the impact of explicit and implicit biases that reviewers may have; reducing the likelihood of success from proposers in underrepresented communities.
  - Launch SMD’s Bridge program - focusing on research and engineering internships, apprenticeships and research experiences for faculty at HBCUs and Minority Serving institutions.
- To learn more about NASA 2022 Equity Action Plan or NASA Mission Equity, visit https://www.nasa.gov/mission-equity
Comment period on NASA’s proposed Term & Conditions closed on April 24, 2022

The New Term & Condition will require NASA grants and cooperative recipients to obtain a quotation from small and/or minority businesses, women's Business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms when the acquisition of goods or services exceeds the simplified Acquisition Threshold ($250,000). If recipients are unable to obtain at least one quote from a small and/or minority businesswomen’s business enterprise or labor surplus area firm, a written justification indicating why this was not possible must be maintained in the recipient’s records.

Comments and questions submitted are currently being adjudicated and will be posted on the Federal Register.
Implementation Guideline for National Security Presidential Memorandum -33 (NSPM-33)

• NSPM-33 includes new conflict of interest and conflict of commitment disclosure requirements. Agencies are expected to release guidance and templates informing applicants of who, how, and where this information should be disclosed. (See NSF’s and NIH’s tables for reference).

• GPC has worked with NASA’s grant-issuing programs to develop a disclosure table, similar to what NSF and NIH published early this year, and is awaiting further guidance from the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) prior to its release.
  • The table outlines the disclosure requirements during the Pre-Award and Post Award process, as well as specifies where the information must be disclosed( i.e. Biographical Sketch, Current & Pending Support etc.....)
  • Once the table is finalized, NASA will also release its conflict of interest, current and pending support, and bio sketch policy aligning with the disclosure table.
Upcoming Changes to Property Administration Requirements

• NASA is in the process of updating its Procedural Requirements (NPR) 4500.1, Administration of Property in the Custody of Contractors, to apply to NASA’s grants and cooperative agreements.

• **Applies only to recipients with Government Furnished Property (GFP)**

• **Changes include:**
  
  • Recipients with GFP will be required to submit their annual inventory reports using form NF 1018. (Currently, the NF 1018 requirement only applies to for-profit entities.)
  
  • Negative reports will not be required. (Currently, for-profit entities must submit negative reports, but that requirement will be rescinded once NPR 4500.1 is updated.)
  
  • **Reminder:** IHEs and nonprofit organizations whose primary purpose is conducting scientific research are **exempt** from equipment reporting requirements, including the requirement to use NF 1018.
The FY 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act identified a total of 21 NASA Community Projects/NASA Special Projects (earmarks) funded at a total of $22.65M within the Safety, Security and Mission Services Assistance Listing

- FY 2022 awards will be issued to nonprofit organizations as grants, NOT as cooperative agreements.

- NASA Grant Officers issued the Request for Proposals (RFPs) to the 21 entities on April 12, 2022, with proposals due May 12, 2022.

  - Proposals shall be submitted to the Grant Officer and Technical Officer identified in the RFPs

  - Questions related to proposal development should be directed to the Grant Officer listed in the RFP
Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Office of STEM Engagement
Upcoming Funding Opportunities in the NASA Minority University Research & Education Project (MUREP)

• **MUREP Small Business Technology Transfer Research (M-STTR) Planning Grants** – seeks to reduce barriers faced by Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) and small businesses in planning activity to prepare them for NASA’s annual small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) solicitation
  – Solicitation Released – April 7, 2022 with proposals due on **May 23, 2022**
  – *Eligibility- Open to all Minority – Serving Institutions*

• **MUREP Aerospace Academy (MAA)** - NASA’s Office of STEM Engagement (OSTEM) MUREP program solicits proposals from MSIs to establish a MUREP Aerospace Academy (MAA) for high school student. Through opportunities to engage with STEM. The MAA will increase participation and retention of historically underserved and underrepresented high school students and prepare them for success in college STEM degree programs and careers.
  – Solicitation Released – April 18, 2022 with proposals due on **June 20, 2022**
  – *Pre-Proposal teleconference – May 11, 2022, at 3:00 PEM EST*
  – *Eligibility- Open to all Minority – Serving Institutions*
Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Space Technology Mission Directorate
Open and Upcoming STMD Solicitations

  – Notice of Intent to Propose due: May 25, 2022
  – The solicitation exclusively seeks proposals that are responsive to one of the five topics:
    o **Topic 1** – Development of Fusion Plasma Direct Energy Conversion Processes for Thrust and Electric Power Production
    o **Topic 2** – Development of Deterministic High Bandwidth Onboard Wireless Networks
    o **Topic 3** – Improved Methods for Characterization of Blunt-Body Dynamic Stability
    o **Topic 4** – Advancing Manufacturing Approaches for Scalable Functionally Graded Materials for Space Applications
    o **Topic 5** – Development of Materials and Manufacturing Processes for High-Temperature Radiators

• Space Technology Research Institutes (STRI) scheduled to be released late May 2022
  – University-led, sustained, multi-disciplinary space technology research focused in strategic areas for transformative impact to future NASA exploration and science.
  – The planned award duration is 5 years; the maximum annual award amount is $3M
Science Mission Directorate
NEW! Since January 2022’s FDP: Request for Information (RFI) & Announcement of Opportunity (AO)

- **RFI: Interest in Competing for Operation of the Lunar and Planetary Institute:** 50 + years ago, the National Academy of Sciences recommended the creation of an independent-of-NASA, Lunar Science Institute that was renamed the Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI) in 1978. LPI is not a NASA facility, and it does not share a fiscal identity with NASA nor is it a Federally Funded Research and Development Center. Currently, NASA funds an LPI located close to NASA’s Johnson Space Center to enable and further NASA’s Planetary Science Goals. This RFI seeks to identify entities that may have a future interest in the activities-of-interest-to-NASA at short URL [https://go.nasa.gov/RFI22LP](https://go.nasa.gov/RFI22LP). Respond only via NSPIRES (NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System) by 1 June 2022. Email Questions/Comments to: Stephen.A.Rinehart@nasa.gov

- **Earth Venture Instrument-6 (EVI-6),** a Program Element Appendix (PEA) (Letter R) to the Third Stand Alone Missions of Opportunity Notice (SALMON-3) Announcement of Opportunity (AO). **EVI-6** solicits investigations requiring development and operations of Class D space-based Instrument(s) or Class D SmallSat(s) (which includes CubeSats). The Cost Cap on the PI-Managed Mission Cost (PIMMC) for an EVI-6 investigation is $37M in Fiscal Year 2024 dollars with a possibility of an additional request of up to $5.3M for an optional Science Enhancement Option (SEO). Mandatory Notices of Intent to Propose Due: June 2, 2022. Proposals Due: September 1, 2022. EVI-6 is committed to NASA’s open science principles, including the full, free, and open sharing of data, algorithms, software, and documentation from project initiation. Email questions to: EVI-6 Program Scientist, at hank.a.margolis@nasa.gov with the subject line “EVI-6 PEA.” For more information visit short URL: [https://go.nasa.gov/EVI6](https://go.nasa.gov/EVI6) and the EVI-6 Acquisition Homepage: [https://essp.larc.nasa.gov/EVI-6/](https://essp.larc.nasa.gov/EVI-6/)
The NASA I-Corps™ Pilot is intended to provide support for participation in the National Science Foundation (NSF) Innovation Corps (I-Corps™) Program to train faculty, students in higher-education, post-docs, and other researchers in innovation and entrepreneurship skills. The pilot employs education through virtual courses to guide participants in the process of developing a business model while supporting teams as they explore the commercial potential of their research, science, or technology. NASA’s Science Mission Directorate (SMD) and Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD) are partnering to expand the agency’s participation by leveraging the infrastructure of NSF’s I-Corps™ Program and National Innovation Network. Send NASA I-Corps Pilot questions to margaret.a.yancey@nasa.gov

On-Demand! Dr. Max Bernstein, SMD’s Senior Lead for Research, sara@nasa.gov, introduces the “ROSES-22 Summary of Solicitation” via YouTube! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_sTtXFJlcYor (90 minutes)
SMD and the NASA Equity Action Plan

• Science Mission Directorate Bridge Program
  • Contingent on availability of funds, a budget of $5 million in FY 22 and $7.5 million in FY 23, to foster collaboration and partnerships between NASA centers and Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Minority-Serving Institutions, Primarily Undergraduate Institutions and very high research activity universities per the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education
  • The focus will be on paid research and engineering internships, apprenticeships, and research experiences for faculty
  • The overarching goal is to create an environment where underserved communities are better equipped to partner with NASA

• SMD Bridge Point of Contact’s Email: patricia.t.boyd@nasa.gov
The Future of Reviewing Proposals for SMD NOFOs, AOs, etc.

- Thank you for reviewing proposals for SMD before, during and after COVID-19
- Volunteer at [https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/volunteer-review-panels](https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/volunteer-review-panels)
- The COVID-19 pandemic required SMD to conduct virtual-only peer review panels and demonstrated that virtual-only is viable
- Prior to COVID-19 virtual-only and hybrid reviews were rare exceptions, i.e., in-person was the popular standard
- SMD senior management, e.g., Associate Administrator (AA), Deputy AAs, Division Directors, are discussing and favor that the predominant peer review practice in 2023 and beyond remaining virtual only
- Are other FDP Federal Partners returning to *status quo ante*, e.g., in-person reviews? Do faculty reviewers think virtual-only provides a better work-life balance than in-person reviews? Other comments or concerns? Email: Mary.F.Sladek@nasa.gov
EPA Updates for FDP

Federal Demonstration Partnership

May 2022
Updates

- Research Funding Opportunities
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Notice of Intent

• Relating Perchlorate Concentrations in Ambient Waters with Fireworks Usage - Opening Soon

• National Priorities: Research on Disinfectants, Disinfection By-Products (DBPs), and Opportunistic Pathogens in Drinking Water Distribution Systems Request for Applications - Opening Soon
Recent EPA Recipient/Applicant Information Notices
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• All EPA Recipient/Applicant Information Notices (RAINs) are available at EPA’s Grants Policy Resources page:
https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-grants-policy-resources
EPA Grants Award Process Webinar
EPA Grants Webinars

Upcoming Webinars

• **Developing a Budget**
  May 5, 2022, 2:00-3:00 pm ET
  Learn how to develop budgets and budget narratives in this instructor-led version of EPA’s Developing a Budget online training course.
EPA Grants Webinars

Upcoming Webinars

- **Financial Management**
  May 10, 2022, 2:00-3:30 pm ET
  Hear from EPA’s Research Triangle Park Finance Center about grant financial management, including how to successfully enroll in the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system, properly draw down and account for funds, make adjustments in ASAP, submit financial reports, and financially close out a grant.
EPA Grants Webinars

Past Webinars

• **Competition Process** on April 28, 2022
  Learn how to find and successfully apply for EPA grants.

• **Grants Award Process Webinar** on January 26, 2022
  This high-level webinar covered topics related to finding and applying for grants as well as the basics of managing a grant award. Details about this webinar and previous offerings are available from the link above.
EPA Grants Listserv

• EPA’s Office of Grants and Debarment uses this listserv to send out periodic updates about:
  • new guidance and information posted on our website
  • new trainings and webinars available to potential applicants and recipients
  • changes in grants management requirements
  • other pertinent general grants information

• Sign up at: https://www.epa.gov/grants/forms/subscribe-epa-grants-update-listserv
EPA Grants Listserv
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NIH Update – FDP

NIH OFFICE OF POLICY FOR EXTRAMURAL RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION

MAY 2022

AVERY TUCKER
Budget News & Fiscal Policy Updates

• On March 15, 2022, President Biden signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103) into law, providing funding to NIH for the Fiscal Year (FY) ending September 30, 2022.

• NIH maintains several important fiscal policy Guide Notices:
  • NOT-OD-22-076, FY 2022 Salary Cap
    • Effective Jan 2, 2022: $203,700
  • NOT-OD-22-108, FY 2021 NRSA Stipend Levels
    • Effective for all FY22 NRSA awards
  • NOT-OD-22-105, Notice of Fiscal Policies in Effect for FY 2022
POLICY UPDATES
Publication of the Revised NIH GPS for Fiscal Year 2022

- Update is applicable to all NIH grants and cooperative agreements with budget periods beginning on or after October 1, 2021.
  - Previous versions of the NIH GPS remain applicable as standard terms and conditions of award for all NIH grants and cooperative agreements with budget periods that began prior to October 1, 2021.

- NIH will continue to publish interim grants policy changes and/or clarifications through the issuance of NIH Guide Notices, available here.

- As is standard, a significant changes table was published alongside the GPS update.

See details: NOT-OD-22-050
NRSA Childcare Costs: F’s and T’s

• NIH began providing childcare support to recipients of NRSA fellowships on April 8, 2021.
  • Applies to full-time NIH-NRSA-supported fellowship positions.
    • Each fellow is eligible to receive $2,500 per budget period
    • For households where both parents are NRSA fellows, each parent is eligible to receive $2,500.
• NIH also began providing childcare support to recipients of NRSA training grants awarded (continuation, new, or renewal) in FY 2022.
  • For eligible Training Grants, childcare costs will be provided, unless otherwise specified on the notice of award, based on the number of trainee slots awarded.
  • No additional action is needed on the part of the applicant at the time of application to request these funds.

See details and application instructions for F’s: NOT-OD-21-074
See details for T’s: NOT-OD-21-177
See Frequently Asked Questions: Childcare Cost FAQs
Implementation of Changes to the Biographical Sketch and Other Support Format Page

- NIH expects applicants and recipients to use the updated Biosketch and Other Support format for applications, Just-in-Time (JIT) Reports, and Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPRs).

- As of January 25, 2022, NIH now requires the use of the updated format pages.
  - Effective January 25, 2022, electronic signatures and supporting documentation are required.
  - Failure to follow the appropriate formats on or after January 25, 2022, may cause NIH to withdraw applications from or delay consideration of funding.

- Applicants and recipients remain responsible for disclosing all research endeavors regardless of the version of the forms used.

Learn more: NOT-OD-21-110
Learn More: Biosketch FAQs & Other Support FAQs
Reminder: FORMS-G Grant Application Forms & Instructions Must be Used for Due Dates On or After January 25, 2022

- Applicants **must** use FORMS-G application packages for due dates on or after January 25, 2022.
  - (see [NOT-OD-21-169](#) for details).

- FORMS-G Grant Application Instructions are now posted on the [How to Apply - Application Guide](#) page.
  - All significant changes to form instructions are published.

- FORMS-G application packages have been posted to all active Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs).

- NOTE: Application due dates remain unchanged.

See details: [NOT-OD-22-018](#)
Changes to the Federal Financial Report Cash Transaction Section effective April 1

• Effective April 1, 2022, recipients no longer complete the cash transaction section (lines 10a through 10c) of the SF -425 Federal Financial Report (FFR) in the HHS Payment Management System (PMS).

• Instead, PMS will pre-populate the cash transaction section using recipient real-time cash expense information from PMS and adjust recipient-reported disbursements to equal cash advance drawdowns on all non-closed sub-accounts.
  • Recipients must certify at the time of each drawdown whether the cash drawdown request is for reimbursement of actual expenditures or is an advance for immediate disbursement and must assert that funds are used in compliance with all award conditions and federal statutory requirements.

See Guide Notice for details: NOT-OD-22-099
Update – Implementation of Requirement to Submit SF-425/FFR via Payment Management System

• Recipients have reported a significant increase in errors in submitting reports via a single-entry point since January 1, 2021.

• Given the significant impact, agencies will provide leniency, as appropriate, where these challenges prevent recipients from submitting timely FFRs.
  • Notify the Grants Management Official of any delays and retain all documentation related to this flexibility in the event of an audit finding.

• Beginning in March 2021, on behalf of NIH, PMS began converting all NIH Final FFRs to Interim Annual FFRs in order to relax the validations on a weekly basis.

• Recipients should indicate in the Remarks section that this is a Final FFR. The FFRs will be reviewed by NIH OFM staff as Final FFRs.

Mandatory Submission of SF -425/FFR via Payment Management System - Points of Contact

• Direct all systems policy inquiries to:
  - NIH Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration (OPERA) Systems Policy Branch
    Email: OPERA-systems-policy@nih.gov

• Direct all eRA systems-related inquiries to:
  - eRA Service Desk
    Submit a web ticket: https://grants.nih.gov/support/index.html
    Toll-free: 1-866-504-9552
    Phone: 301-402-7469
  - The FFR due date and the data on Lines 1 thru 9 are populated by NIH eRA. If any of this data on the FFR is incorrect, please contact the eRA Service Desk directly.

• Direct all PMS systems-related inquiries to:
  - ONE-DHHS Help Desk
    Email: PMSSupport@psc.hhs.gov
    Toll-free: 1-877-614-5533
  - For all inquiries related to Line item 10a Cash Receipts, 10b Cash Disbursements and line item 10d Total Federal Funds Authorized, please contact PMS Helpdesk at 1.877.614.5533 or you can submit a ticket to PMS using the self-service web portal. Please ensure that you provide the Payee Account Number (PAN), PMS Document Number and Sub-account number and provide the details of the issue.

• PMS Training opportunities will be posted at: https://pms.psc.gov/training/gr-ffr-training.html

Update - Adjusted Timeline for Requiring Two-Factor Authentication to Access eRA Modules Using Login.gov or InCommon Federated Accounts

• As of Sept. 15, 2021, eRA users are now required to transition to the use of the two-factor authentication service provider Login.gov.

• Timeline:
  • All PIs and key personnel associated with an application or Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) are required to transition to the use of two-factor authentication 45 days after the submission of their competing grant application (Type 1 or 2) or their RPPR.
  • This approach currently is only applicable to all scientific account holders but excludes administrative accounts until early-to-mid 2022. (See also eRA Commons User Roles)

• See step-by-step instructions, FAQs, video tutorials and more related to Login.gov at the Access eRA Modules via Login.gov webpage.

• For further information about using an InCommon Federated account see the Access eRA Modules Via an InCommon Federated Account webpage.

Learn more: NOT-OD-21-040, NOT-OD-21-172
iEdison to Transition from NIH eRA to NIST

• Management of the iEdison system will transition from the NIH eRA to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), U.S. Dept. of Commerce (DOC) in the summer of 2022.

• The transition will also include several new capabilities and enhancements, including:
  • Ability to initiate discussions with the agency staff within an invention record using two-way communications.
  • Integration with the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) database to ensure accuracy and reduce recipient reporting burden.
  • Optional real-time email notifications to both recipient and agency users for notifications regarding certain required reporting and reviewing actions.
  • Enhanced security through Login.gov

• All existing data and any attachments associated with individual invention and patent reports will be transferred to the new iEdison system. In addition, existing and active iEdison accounts will be associated with the new iEdison system.

Learn more: NOT-OD-22-100
HHS AND FED-WIDE SYSTEM UPDATES
Change in Federal-wide Unique Entity Identifier Requirements

- In March 2019, the General Services Administration (GSA) announced that the U.S. Government is moving to a new government-owned Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) which will replace the DUN and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number in all systems.

- Beginning April 4, DUNS no longer displays in Integrated Award Environment (IAE) systems (e.g. SAM.gov, FSRS) and is not accepted for entity registration.

Learn more: NOT-OD-19-098, NOT-OD-21-170
Questions?

Division of Grants Policy:
• E-Mail: GrantsPolicy@mail.nih.gov

Division of Grants Compliance & Oversight:
• E-Mail: GrantsCompliance@mail.nih.gov

Systems Policy Branch
• E-Mail: OPERAsystemspolicy@mail.nih.gov

Division of Extramural Inventions and Technology Resources:
• E-Mail: Inventions@nih.gov
Department of Homeland Security

Division of Financial Assistance Policy & Oversight (FAPO)

May 9, 2022
• **FAPO Mission**
  – To ensure financial assistance integrity, accountability, and controls in the award and administration processes, and quality and timeliness of related data to ensure integrity in the stewardship of federal funds.

• **FAPO Goals**
  – Educate the DHS financial assistance workforce (People).
  – Streamline DHS-wide financial assistance business models to support OCFO decisions (Decision Support).
  – Provide policy guidance, oversight, and technical assistance to DHS Components (Stewardship/Deliberate Resourcing).
### DHS Grant Making Components

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FAPO’s major initiatives include:
• Managing DATA Act Reporting
• Implementing DHS Grant Measures
• Reviewing DHS Notices of Funding Opportunity
• Performing oversight reviews of DHS financial assistance programs.
• Representing DHS on the following government-wide initiatives:
  – Presidential Management Agenda (PMA) Area 3 Strategy 2.
  – DHS Civil rights Evaluation Tool.
  – National Security Presidential Memorandum (NSPM) -33
• OMB M-22-11 provides guidance to implement *Build America, Buy America Act* ("the Act"). Pub. L. No. 117-58, §§ 70901-52. The Act strengthens Made in America Laws and will bolster America’s industrial base, protect national security, and support high-paying jobs.

• Starting on May 14, 2022, agencies must make sure that all grant programs for infrastructure comply with the requirements of section 70914 of the Act.

• Section VIII defines and discusses guidance relative to construction materials.

• The memo also outlines waiver principles and criteria.
• “Building capacity in Federal financial management and through Federal financial assistance to catalyze American industrial strategy, address climate-related risks, and deliver equitable results.”

• Strategic management and oversight of federal financial assistance can help build capacity and strengthen American industry, maximizing federal funding allocated to U.S. products in critical supply chains and incentivizing strong workplace practices—such as good pay, safe workplaces, and freedom for workers to organize, bargain collectively, and have their voices heard—among financial assistance recipients.

• The DHS Deputy Secretary is one of the leads for this area. More to come…
January 2021 – Biden Administration announced several Executive Orders to address and advance equity across the government.

The DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) took action to implement Executive Order 13985.

CRCL developed the DHS Civil Rights Evaluation Tool to assist recipients in operationalizing civil rights legal requirements and meeting their existing obligations under civil rights law and regulation.

Recipients must submit information on their civil rights complaints, and policies and procedures for the delivery of program and services equitably and without discrimination as required in DHS Terms and Conditions.

For more information on this requirement, please visit the Civil Rights Resources for Recipients of DHS Financial Assistance webpage or email CRCL at CivilRightsEvaluation@hq.dhs.gov.

• The purpose of NSPM-33 is to strengthen protections of U.S. Government-supported R&D against foreign government interference and misappropriation, while maintaining an open environment to foster research discoveries and innovation that benefit the United States and the world.

• Session tomorrow, May 10th, at 11am
• Vince Sprouls, Director
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  Vincent.Sprouls@hq.dhs.gov

• Heidi Custer, Senior Policy Analyst
  202-447-5393
  Heidi.Custer@hq.dhs.gov
Speaker
Jeremy Leffler

- Outreach Specialist, Policy Office
  - Division of Institution & Award Support
  - Office of Budget, Finance & Award Management
- policy@nsf.gov
Topics

- NSF’s New Directorate: Technology, Innovation and Partnerships (TIP)
- Draft Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) (NSF 23-1)
- Reminder on Submission of Project Reports
- Get ready for Research.gov!
- Other NSF/FDP session of note
- Upcoming NSF outreach opportunities
- Resources
Technology, Innovation & Partnerships (TIP) – NSF’s New Directorate

- Advance critical and emerging technologies;
- Accelerate the translation of research results from the lab to market and society;
- Cultivate new education pathways leading to a diverse and skilled future technical workforce comprising researchers, practitioners, technicians and entrepreneurs.

• Federal Register 60-day public comment
  • April 13, 2022 (posted in Federal Register)
    • June 13, 2022 (comments due)

• PAPPG issued and posted on NSF website
  • October 2022

PAPPG becomes effective

January 2023
PAPPG Proposed Changes

- Transition from FastLane to Research.gov
- Use of Broad Agency Announcements (BAAs) and the BAA Management System (BAAM)
- Use of Concept Outlines and new ProSPCT tool
- Inclusion of a new supplementary document: Plan for Safe and Inclusive Field/Vessel/Aircraft Research (PSI-FVAR)
PAPPG Proposed Changes

• Revision to the Biographical Sketch
  • Professional Preparation standardization
  • Must be submitted via SciENcv; will include requisite certification from NDAA 2021, Section 223 regarding information being accurate, current and complete.
  • ORCID encouragement

• Revision of Current and Pending Support
  • Increased standardization with NSPM-33 Implementation Guidance
  • Current and Pending Support will be resubmitted prior to making a funding recommendation
  • Must be submitted via SciENcv; will include requisite certification from NDAA 2021, Section 223 regarding information being accurate, current and complete
  • ORCID encouragement
PAPPG (NSF 23-1) Proposed Changes

• Revision of GOALI requirements
• Incorporation of new section on Research Security
• Implementation of the Build America, Buy America Statutes
• Incorporation of new section on Scientific Integrity
• Addition of New Check Boxes for the Proposal Cover Sheet
  • Potential Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern
  • Plan for Safe and Inclusive Field/Vessel/Aircraft Research
Reminders on Submission of Project Reports

• The *Uniform Guidance* requires Federal awarding agencies to post overdue project reports at the time of award closeout to a **PUBLIC-FACING** repository of **POOR PERFORMERS** – the Federal Awardee Performance Information and Integrity System (**FAPIIS**).

• No one wants to go into FAPIIS. **DON’T WAIT UNTIL IT’S TOO LATE.**

• Click [here](#) to learn more about the project reporting module on Research.gov and see the current status of your reports.
Goodbye FastLane Proposal Preparation…Hello Research.gov

- FastLane targeted to be removed as submission option from all solicitations when the Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) (23-1) goes into effect in January 2023
- Solicitations will clearly specify whether submission via Research.gov is available or required
- Grants.gov remains an option for most proposals

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND REVISION NOTE ABOUT RESEARCH.GOV PROPOSAL PREPARATION:

Innovating and migrating proposal preparation and submission capabilities from FastLane to Research.gov is part of the ongoing NSF information technology modernization efforts, as described in Important Notice No. 147. In support of these efforts, proposals submitted in response to this program solicitation must be prepared and submitted via Research.gov or Grants.gov and may not be prepared or submitted via FastLane.
Other FDP sessions of note

• SciENcv
  • Tuesday @ 11am

• NSPM-33
  • Wednesday @ 1pm

• Research.gov
  • Wednesday @ 3pm

• NSF OIG Discussion on Promising Practices for NSF Award Management
  • Thursday @ 11
NSF Outreach Opportunities

• Spring 2022 NSF Grants Conference – June 6-10
  • Registration opens May 11th – no cost to register
  • Sessions with Q&A
  • Proposal Preparation and Merit Review
  • Award Management
  • Directorate-specific sessions

• NSF Policy Office Webinar Series
  • Topic-specific sessions
  • Available live and on-demand
  • Next session on June 30th

• Resource Center
  • On-demand presentations – searchable by topic and year

More information at: https://nsfpolicyoutreach.com
Resources

- Policy Office Website
- Current PAPPG (NSF 22-1)
- For-Comment Draft PAPPG (NSF 23-1)
- NSF Pre-award and Post-award Disclosures Relating to the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support
- Current and Pending Support FAQs
NIFA Priorities

• Addressing USDA priorities
• Addressing the needs of partners
• NIFA on the horizon
USDA Priorities

• Addressing Climate Change via Climate-smart Agriculture and Forestry
• Advancing Racial Justice, Equity and Opportunity
• Creating More and Better Market Opportunities
• Tackling Food and Nutrition Insecurity
• Making USDA a Great Place to Work for Everyone
Addressing needs of partners

• Listening through input sessions
• Adding more webinars and feedback sessions
• Focusing on high-quality customer service
• Building back 4-H Headquarters with strong, experienced leaders and new science advisors at LGUs
• Extended RFA deadlines during major weather events this fall
NIFA on the Horizon

$1.01 billion in funding for USDA assistance and support for historically underserved farmers, ranchers, forest landowners and operators, and groups.

$60 million invested in AFRI Education and Workforce Development for 4-H and positive youth development. The largest single infusion of NIFA funding for 4-H in the agency’s history.

New Investigators opportunities in the AFRI Foundational RFA with technical assistance for that program.

NIFA peer review panels: the best professional development opportunity at PRS.nifa.usda.gov to sign up.

New focus on helping universities improve and develop better practices through Civil Rights Audits.
Realizing NIFA’s Potential

- Rebuilding the NIFA workforce
- Improving training of NIFA Staff
- Improving training of Panel Managers
- Enhancing customer experience

- Improving NIFA processes and technology
- Upgrading NIFA Website
- NIFA Reporting System
- Re-engineering RFAs
- Standardizing Application Deadlines (SPIRA)
**Customer Experience Team Pilot** (Started Aug. of 2021)

- **What**: a Team of staff, across NIFA, organized to address customer issues quickly, with high-quality and consistency.
- **Purpose**: to effectively listen to and address common customer-based needs.
- **Impact**: minimize frustration and unnecessary burden to customers and NIFA staff.
- **Accomplishments**: Established group mailbox that streamlined customer access to NIFA and serves as central repository of issues for analysis and process improvement. Serves to strengthen the relationship with customers resulting in stronger collaboration and teamwork.
Schedule of Program Implementation from RFA to Award (SPIRA)

- Launched in 2020 to provide a means to plan and evenly distribute the grants management lifecycle workload
- Establishes all annual program schedules
- Calendar for Request for Applications

Identify RFAs to Publish → Enter POCs and Target Dates → Review and Approve → Publish and Distribute → Track Performance
NIFA Resources

• Competitive Grants
• Capacity Grants
• Coronavirus FAQs
• Coronavirus Website
• NIFA Weekly Updates
Non-Discrimination Statement

https://www.usda.gov/non-discrimination-statement

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Congratulations on your Retirement!

Thank-You Debbie for all the time you gave to the FDP.
We will miss you!