

Current News from NIH

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Federal Demonstration Partnership

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NIH Special Council Review

- New Special Council Review (SCR) policy to help NIH effectively manage resources.
- Piloted May 2012
- Requires NIH IC Advisory Councils to provide additional consideration of new and renewal applications from well-supported investigators who currently receive \$1 million or more in direct costs of NIH funding to support Research Project Grants (RPG).
- Council members will receive a list of competing applications that will be considered for funding from PD/PIs that meet the SCR threshold along with a justification of the IC's recommendation to consider for funding or not consider for funding.
- Does not represent a cap on NIH funding.
- For additional details, please see NIH Guide Notice [NOT-OD-12-140](#).

Changes to Policies and Procedures for FY2013 NIH Awards to Foreign Institutions

- Payment for all foreign awards issued after October 1, 2012 will transition to PMS “B” subaccounts;
- This transition affects carryover regardless of the carryover authority noted in the NoA. Carryover of an unobligated balance from an award issued prior to October 1, 2012 to an award issued after that date must be done with NIH assistance;
- For all initial SNAP awards issued to foreign institutions after October 1, 2012, foreign grantees are not required to report expenditure data annually via the FFR. FFR expenditure data is required only at the end of a competitive segment for SNAP awards;
- For initial awards issued after October 1, 2012 when preparing the FFR expenditure data, grantees must use the currency rate in effect at the time the funds are drawn down from PMS;
- For additional information, including the process for foreign grantees to register for PMS, please see NIH Guide Notice [NOT-OD-12-139](#).

Guidance Regarding Changes that Involve Human Subjects in Active Awards Requiring Prior NIH Approval

- Current NIH policy requires prior approval from the NIH IC for a change in scope (*NIH GPS* [8.1.2.5](#));
- One of the potential indicators of a change in scope is a change from the approved involvement of human subjects;
- NIH Guide Notice [NOT-OD-12-129](#) provides detailed guidance on the types of changes in human subjects research awards that will require prior NIH approval and provides information on the process for submission of such requests.

More at: [NOT-OD-12-129](#)

Delayed Onset Human Subjects Research

- Certain research applications may be submitted to NIH with the knowledge that human subjects will be involved during the period of support, but definite plans for this involvement cannot be described in the application (Delayed Onset Human Subjects Research);
- After award and prior to the involvement of human subjects, the grantee must submit to the awarding IC for approval, a detailed human subjects section in accord with the NIH competing application instructions;
- NIH Guide Notice [NOT-OD-12-130](#) clarifies the description of the types of delayed onset awards and the process for submitting prior approval requests.

More at: [NOT-OD-12-130](#)

The 2011 Revised FCOI Regulations Have Arrived!

- **Guide Notice NOT-OD-12-143 :**
 - **One-Time Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI) Reporting Guidance for Certain FY 2012 Awards Issued On Or After August 24, 2012;**
- **Updated eRA FCOI Module;**
- **8/12/2012 Training Webinar on FCOI Reporting Requirements and eRA FCOI Module Demo (archived);**
- **Checklist for Policy Development for grantees;**
- **Presentations and Case Studies;**
- **Summary Charts on FCOI Reporting Requirements;**
- **FAQs and Tutorial (with certificate of completion).**

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- <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/coi/>