

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act NSF Implementation



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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - Science

“Even beyond energy, from the National Institutes of Health to the National Science Foundation, this recovery act represents the biggest increase in basic research funding in the long history of America’s noble endeavor to better understand our world. Just as President Kennedy sparked an explosion of innovation when he set America’s sights on the moon, I hope this investment will ignite our imagination once more, spurring new discoveries and breakthroughs that will make our economy stronger, our nation more secure, and our planet safer for our children.”

President Barack Obama
February 17, 2009



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - NSF

NSF Programs Receiving Recovery Act Funding

- \$3 billion supplements FY 2009 funding
 - \$2 billion for Research and Related Activities for proposals already in house and that will be reviewed and/or awarded prior to September 30, 2009.
 - \$ 1 billion to award funds as specified in the Recovery Act



FY 2009 Appropriation

Appropriations Account	FY 2009 Appropriation	FY 2009 Recovery Act	Total FY 2009 Appropriations
Research & Related Activities	\$5,183	\$2,500	\$7,683
Education & Human Resources	\$845	\$100	\$945
Major Research Equipment & Facilities Construction	\$152	\$400	\$552
Agency Operations & Award Management	\$294	-	\$294
National Science Board	\$4	-	\$4
Inspector General	\$12	\$2	\$14
TOTAL	\$6,490	\$3,002	\$9,492



American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

- Reporting and Accountability Requirements
 - OMB expectations for accountability & transparency for agencies and recipients
 - Higher scrutiny from
 - Administration
 - Congress
 - Public
 - Recovery Act Accountability & Transparency Board
 - NSF Office of the Inspector General (OIG)



ARRA Proposal Eligibility

- Proposals that will be reviewed and/or awarded prior to September 30, 2009.
 - Proposals received under existing deadlines that can be reviewed in a timely manner;
 - In-house proposals that have already been reviewed.
 - Reversal of decision on previously declined proposals.



ARRA Proposal Eligibility

- ARRA Provision 1604 – Limit on Funds
 - *“None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in this Act may be used by any State or local government, or any private entity, for any casino or other gambling establishment, aquarium, zoo, golf course, or swimming pool.”*
- March 20, 2009 White House Memorandum, Subject: *Ensuring Responsible Spending of Recovery Act Funds*
 - President Obama noted that, to the extent permitted by law, agencies "shall not approve or otherwise support funding for projects that are similar to those described in section 1604."
 - The Memorandum did not elaborate on the types of projects that might be "similar" to those listed in section 1604.
 - If a PO wishes to recommend an award that he/she believes is similar to the above listed projects, the PO must contact the Office of General Counsel prior to forwarding the recommendation for DD concurrence.



Reversal of Decline Decisions

■ Policy

- Must be based on both the high quality of reviews and the lack of available funding at the time of the decision;
- Declined proposals that were DD-concurred on or after October 1, 2008, and rated “Very Good or above” or the functional equivalent by review panels of “Very Good or above” are eligible for reversal.
- Proposals rated below Very Good are eligible for resubmission under NSF’s resubmission process.



Proposal Processing & Award Administration (Cont'd)

- Will use Standard Grants only
- ARRA-Specific Programs
- No Revision of Existing Deadlines
- NSF will not accept Recovery Act funding from another agency, nor use Recovery Act funds for any outgoing interagency agreements.
- No Supplemental Funding Requests or Creativity Extensions
- No Shifting of Funds on Existing Awards



Award Notice Language

- This award is funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) (Public Law 111-5) and is subject to the ARRA Terms and Conditions, dated April 2009, available on the NSF website at:
http://www.nsf.gov/awards/managing/award_conditions.jsp?org=NSF



Special Award Conditions

- Other ARRA-Specific Conditions:
 - Reporting and Registration Requirements under Section 1512 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5
 - Recovery Act Transactions listed in Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and Recipient Responsibilities for Informing Sub-recipients
 - Reporting Protecting State and Local Government and Contractor Whistleblowers under Section 1553 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5
 - ARRA Provision 1604 Regarding Limit on Funds
 - Referrals to the NSF Office of the Inspector General



NSF ARRA Website

- Additional information, including FAQs are available on the NSF ARRA website at:
 - www.nsf.gov/recovery/

