

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("ARRA")

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Stimulus Timeline

- Feb 13 - H.R. 1 Passed by Senate and House
- Feb. 17 - Bill signed into law
- Feb. 19 - Fed agencies begin reporting on formula block grant awards
- March 3, Fed agencies begin reports on use of funds
- May 3 - Fed Agencies make Performance Plans public and report on allocations for entitlement programs
- May 15 - Detailed Agency financial reports
- May 20 - Fed Agencies begin reporting on competitive grants and contracts awarded
- July 10 - Recipients of fed funding begin reporting on use of funds

- See H.R.1 Section 16.12 for additional administrative/reporting requirements under the law.
- OMB final guidance (doc 9) is yet to come - see page 14 for additional reporting requirements
- Agencies must use recovery.gov for data collection starting March 3rd
- Things are changing daily and information presented here is definitely subject to change in the near future or within the next two years.

- 8.2 Billion for Research Awards (7.4 B transferred to Institutes and Centers based on a percentage formula)
- 1 Billion for extramural construction - Nat'l Ctr for Research Resources (NCRR)- exemption from normal 50% cost share being discussed.
- 300 Million for shared instrumentation (NCRR)
- 400 Million (OHRP) for comparative effectiveness research ("CER")
- 800 Million to Office of Director for 2 yr projects (Ex. "Challenge Grants)
- OIG increases for oversight and audit

- RFAs will be out this and next week - quick response times necessary
- Some funds used to go down payline and pick up projects with merit not previously funded - will be calling and asking for 2-year project/budget revisions
- Competing scientific supplements
- Non-competing administrative supplements w/in approved aims of original project - designed to increase tempo of the project
- 2-year Challenge Program - .5 Million per year - announcement this week

- Stimulus funds must be tracked and reported on separately from regular funds, even if awarded as supplement to an existing award
- CFDA # will distinguish Stimulus funds from other funds - supplements will be awarded as type 3 funds (Year 2 supplements as well)
- Awards will be for two years only – carry-forward between Years 1 and 2 will, generally, be allowable - possibility for one 1-year no-cost extension.

- EVERY award will be based on DETAILED budget - even modular submissions - be prepared to submit “Just in Time”. Quick response is imperative.
- Quarterly reports within 10 days of each quarter showing:
 - amount received
 - amount expended
 - status of project completion (%?)
 - number of jobs created or saved - including information for any subgrantees over \$25,000
 - Definition of “jobs” and addt'l info forthcoming.
- Anticipate using recovery.gov for data collection beginning March 3rd.

- **Q:** CTSA supplement for reduced awards?
A: “Funds will float many ships”
- Efficiency and Reporting are important to make sure we don't hit a fiscal wall in 2 years
- Already submitted, but not yet awarded, applications (3-5 yrs) will be renegotiated to 2-yr awards if stimulus funds used. RESPOND
- Funds released separately in Year 1 and then non-competitive Year 2 - must show progress and expenditures
- Upcoming 30, 60, 90 days NIH must report
- Competitive year is 09, Renewal is 2010 - SPEED

- ARRA includes \$1 Billion in funding for CDC
 - \$300 Million for immunization program
 - \$650 Million for evidence-based clinical and community-based prevention and wellness strategies that deliver specific, measurable health outcomes that address chronic disease rates
 - \$50 Million to the states to implement healthcare associated infections reduction strategies

NSF - Money for Existing Programs / Proposals

- 2 Billion for Research and Related Activities to be shared across NSF programs - Meeting of Science Board Feb. 23rd and 24th (proposals currently under review)
- 300 Million for Major Research Instrumentation (“MRI”) proposals already in house from January 09 deadline.
- 400 million for Major Research Facilities (already in place)
- 2 Million for Office of Inspector General

- 200 Million for Academic Research Infrastructure program. Construction grants solicitation out in 1.5 weeks
- 60 Million for Noyce Teacher Scholarship program
- 25 Million for Math/Science Partnerships program (k-12)
- 15 Million for a new Professional Masters Science program

- NSF already has 24,000 proposals in house with 8,000 reviewed – 3,000 of which are scored very high or excellent (value of the 3,000 is 3B).
Proposals with high scores declined after October 1, 2008 - eligible.
- NSF will award Stimulus money as separate new awards - not supplements
- Awards will be from 2 to 5 years to avoid a “renewal wave” in 2 years (so long as OMB approves this week)

- “Dear Colleague” letter in 1 - 2 weeks
- Press release (today?)
- May be an opportunity to renegotiate budget/SOW on in-house proposals

- Stimulus Awards will have special terms and conditions: “Think FFATA on Steroids”
- We must track and report on stimulus awards separately from other awards
- Quarterly technical/financial reports - aggregate and individual? Within 10 days
- Use recovery.gov site for reporting
- If funds not being used, NSF will take them back
- Report on number of jobs created or retained - including by subrecipients of funds

- Spend early, spend often
- Spend well - extra OIG oversight on these funds
- Use policy@nsf.gov for questions for now
- Sign up for NSF e-mail alerts - Dear Colleague letters, FAQs, etc.

- 1 Billion overall
- 400 Million for Science (including earth science climate research missions)
- 150 Million for Aeronautics (aviation safety, environmental impact mitigation and Next Generation Air Transport Systems)
- 50 Million for cross-agency research and NASA-owned facilities restoration
- 400 Million for exploration

- 16.8 Billion: (aprox. 2.9 Billion available to University-like research).
 - The bulk of the funding will be invested in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects; research in biofuels, fossil fuels, nuclear physics and fusion energy; technologies to modernize and expand energy transmission; as well as loans and grants to develop advanced batteries.
 - 400 Million for ARPA-E: high risk research in energy sources and energy efficiency collaborations with industry

- DOE is trying to revamp its loan and application programs by exploring and implementing “rolling” reviews. Instead of having an opportunity deadline and then reviewing a lot of applications, they will attempt to review applications as they arrive.

- 600 Million overall
- 220 Million for Scientific and Technical Research and Services
- 360 Million for construction of research buildings
 - 180 Million for competitive construction grant program for research science buildings

- 50 Million for Arts and the Humanities primarily to be distributed through NEH
- Meeting late last week/early this week to identify programs/opportunities

- Higher Transparency
- Higher Scrutiny
- Requiring “Strict Adherence” to cost principles, administrative regulations and award terms and conditions
- Subrecipient monitoring (over \$25K) -very important
- Timeliness imperative - could lose funds over late reports.
- ALL INFORMATION RE: Mechanisms and Reporting subject to review and approval by OMB

Stimulus Package - Updates

- Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research website:
 - <http://research.wustl.edu/Resources/Stimulus/>
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