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Superfund Research Program Funding Opportunities

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Agenda

- 1:00 Webinar Instructions
- 1:10 Introduction to Superfund Research Program and SARA Mandates
- 1:15 Multi-Project Centers (P42) Funding Opportunities
 - SRP Program Staff (What's New for RFA ES-14-001)
 - Scientific Review Process
 - Grants Management (Budgets, Applications, Forms)
 - Electronic Submission – what to expect
- 2:15 Question / Answer
- 2:30 Webinar ends

Link to RFA: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-14-001.html>

Link to RFA Information Page:
<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/supported/dert/cris/programs/srp/funding/rfa/index.cfm>

SRP Funding Mechanisms

Multi-Project Centers (P42)

Designed for integration across disciplines: Biomedical and Non-Biomedical Research; Community Engagement, Research Translation, and Training. Basic and application-oriented. Request for Applications. Annual RFA.

Small Business Research Grants SBIR/STTR (R41-44)

Foster the commercialization of technologies, relevant to hazardous substance clean-up and monitoring. Ongoing Funding Opportunity

Conference Grants (R13)

Provides funding for conferences related to SRP mandates. Ongoing Funding Opportunity

Individual Research Project (R01)

Designed to address specific issues to complement the multi-project research program; tackle issues of emerging concern for Superfund. Closed.

Occupational Training (R25)

Emerging issues in EHS training. Closed.

Funding Opportunities: <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/supported/dert/cris/programs/srp/funding/index.cfm>

SRP Mandates under SARA

University-based basic research program established in 1986 under Superfund Amendments Reauthorization Act (SARA)

Development of:

Health Effects

- Advanced techniques for the detection, assessment, and evaluation of the human health effects of hazardous substances

Assessing Risks

- Methods to assess the risks to human health presented by hazardous substances

Detection

- Methods and technologies to detect hazardous substances in the environment

Remediation

- Basic biological, chemical, and physical methods to reduce the amount and toxicity of hazardous substances

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SRP Strategic Plan (2010)

- Relevance
 - Interaction with stakeholders
 - Problem-based, solution-oriented research
 - Critical research areas
- Impact
- Innovation



SRP Stakeholders

Sister Superfund Programs:

- US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

Others: federal agencies, state, local, and tribal entities responsible for sites; individuals and communities living near hazardous waste sites

http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/supported/assets/docs/r_s/srp_about_2010_plan.pdf

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P42 Multi-Project Centers

RFA-ES-14-001

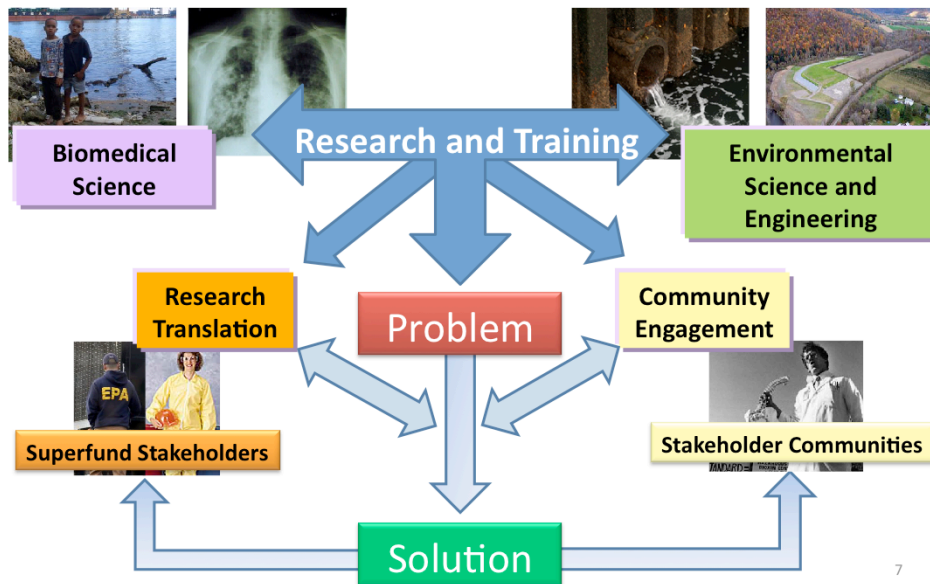
SUPERFUND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROGRAM (P42)

Improve public health by supporting integrative, inter-disciplinary research.

Provide sound science, data, information, and knowledge to inform the risk assessment and remediation management processes for hazardous waste sites.

Bring expertise of multiple biomedical and environmental science disciplines to address scientific uncertainties facing the National Superfund Program.

P42 Multi-Project Centers



P42 Multi-Project Centers

Scope of Research

**Broad Scope –
Ultimately should be a
clear link to Superfund.**

**Suggested Research Topics:
High priority areas for EPA/
ATSDR colleagues**

**Programmatic Balance
(See Current Grantees:
[http://tools.niehs.nih.gov/
srp/programs/index267.cfm](http://tools.niehs.nih.gov/srp/programs/index267.cfm))**

SRP Mandates

- Advanced techniques for the detection, assessment, and evaluation of the effect of hazardous substances on **human health**
- Methods to assess the **risks** to human health presented by hazardous substances
- Methods and technologies to **detect** hazardous substances in the environment
- Basic biological, chemical, and physical methods to **reduce the amount and toxicity** of hazardous substances

Strategic Plan

Relevance: to Superfund

Impact: to Stakeholders

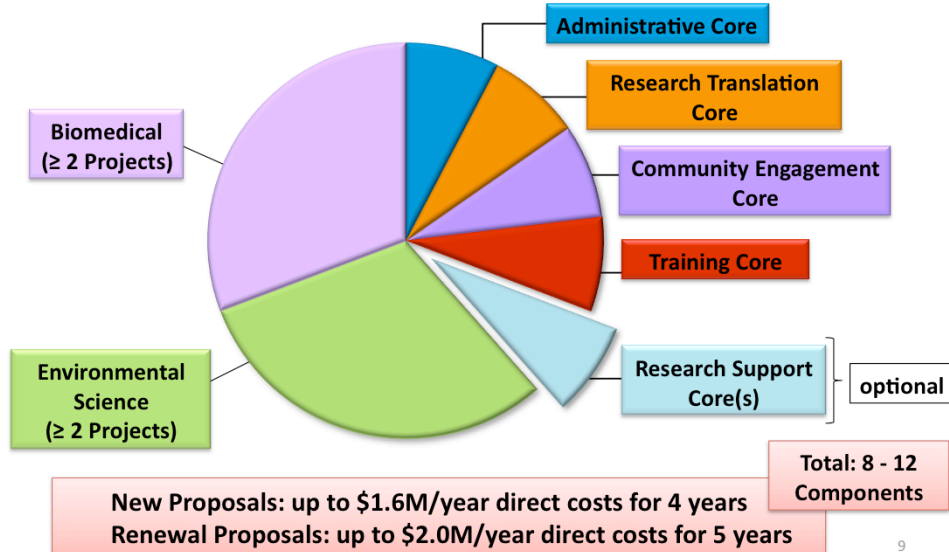
Innovation: Trans-disciplinary/Paradigm-shifting

Not Required: Superfund Site; CERCLA Substance

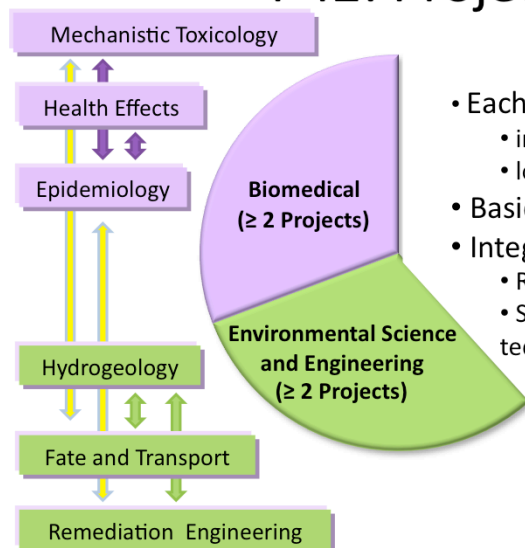
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P42 Multi-Project Centers

All Components Interacting, Addressing Problem



P42: Projects



- Each project is stand-alone
 - independent testable hypothesis
 - logical progression of tasks
- Basic to application - oriented
- Integration with other projects
 - Research Aims
 - Sharing: data, specimens, technology
- Interaction with Cores
 - Training, Community Engagement
 - Research Translation (including investigator-initiated research translation)



P42: Projects

FOCUS!!!!

Centers should be VERY judicious in assembling research projects. Center should, with projects, keep a clear focus and not try to do too much!!

Include projects with most solid connection to the Center's problem-solving theme.

Lean Times: Not too big! Come in under budget, well under 12-component limit.

Especially True for New Center Proposals!

Interactions:

Cross-reference interactions between projects and cores. Should be consistent throughout.

Abstract / Titles – Avoid Jargon

- P42 Reviewers have broad expertise
- Write abstracts/titles for a general audience
- Write Specific Aims for technical experts
- http://grants.nih.gov/grants/plain_language.htm



P42: Projects

Resource Sharing Plans

NEW: for investigators to explore opportunities for sharing research products and broad opportunities for research translation during project development.

1 paragraph PLAN for each:

Research Data Sharing Plan:

- Publication-based data-sharing opportunities; databases
 - Explain if sharing not appropriate.
- Must follow all NIH required data-sharing.

Investigator-Initiated Research Translation

Plan: Identify potential interactions between researcher and end-user (not researcher to researcher) drawing from SRP's 4 research translation components. (Consistency with RTC).

See "Suggested Research and Activities" for Investigator-Initiated Research Translation suggestions.

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/supported/dert/programs/srp/funding/rfa/index.cfm>

P42: Administrative Core (Required)

Administrative Core (AC) Functions

- Planning and coordination
- Promote cross-discipline interaction
- Ensure research translation
- Oversee fiscal and quality management

External Advisory Committee (EAC)

- Provides Guidance to Director
 - Scientific Merit
 - Relevance, Integration
 - Research Translation, Community Engagement, Training activities

Anticipated EAC Members*

Academics (*biomedical AND environmental science and engineering*), Stakeholders, EPA/ATSDR, Industry, Community

Helpful
Tips

AC Breaks Silos

- Between Disciplines
- Basic to Applied
- Lab to End-user

AC Promotes Careers

Trainees, Early Stage Investigators, Succession Planning (if applicable)

**New Applicants: include expertise of potential EAC members, not names*

Not to exceed \$125,000
Direct Costs

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Research Translation Core (Required)

Research Translation Core Function:

Communicating and facilitating the use of research findings emanating from the Center in the manner most appropriate for their application and the advancement of research objectives.

Include Plan for Four Components

1. Communication
2. Government Partnerships
3. Technology Transfer
4. Information Dissemination

Not to exceed \$125,000
Direct Costs

Helpful
Tips

Note: SRP Research Translation
– much broader scope than
NIH's Clinical Translation (bench
to bedside).

Information from Center to
Center as well as Center
outward (to all end-users)

Plan for Reporting News to SRP:

- For Example: reporting to the SRP
Data Collection Form: [http://
tools.niehs.nih.gov/srp/resources/rtc.cfm](http://tools.niehs.nih.gov/srp/resources/rtc.cfm)

See Suggested Research and Activities Document for ideas for the RTCs:

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/supported/dert/programs/srp/funding/rfa/index.cfm>

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Research Translation Core (RTC)

1. Communicating within SRP

- a. Project-Specific: Within Center
- b. Center-Specific: Center Out
- c. Between Center/SRP
- d. Between Centers

Expertise: staff with experience in diverse science topics.

RTC – work with investigators on research translation plan for each project (clusters of projects).

2. Partnerships with Government Agencies

EPA/ATSDR a priority, but not a requirement.

Where to start?

- SRP's Additional Resources Webpage*
- Find your EPA Region's Superfund Technical Liaison / ATSDR staff
- Superfund Site Remedial Project Manager

4. Information Dissemination to Other End-Users

End-Users: formal/informal education groups, hazardous waste practitioners, lay public, other academic researchers

Examples: Educational materials, Web sites, webinars, "outreach," etc.

* <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/supported/srp/funding/rfa/index.cfm>

Community Engagement Core (Required)

Community Engagement Core

Function:

To enhance knowledge exchange and to support community needs with regard to the science emanating from the Center

Target communities

SRP defines target communities as those impacted by sites contaminated with hazardous substances.

- **Members of the affected community**
- **May also include:** local government, tribal councils, community service groups, non-governmental organizations

Helpful
Tips

HIGHLIGHT “**Bidirectionality**” between community and Center (not “outreach”)

A *Community Engagement Component Statement* must be included in application.

Where to start?

- SRP Additional Resources Webpage*
- Suggested Research and Activities Document
- Develop logic model

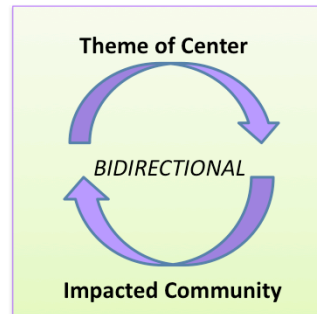
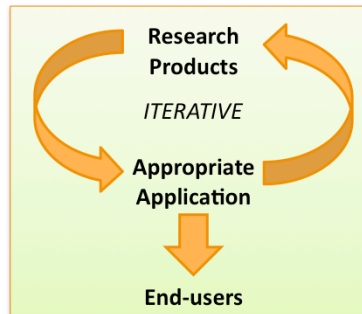
Not to exceed
\$100,000 Direct Costs

* <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/supported/srp/funding/rfa/index.cfm>

Research Translation

Community Engagement

Shared Challenge: Finding the most Appropriate End-User / Community Group for Center Research and Activities



- Initiated by the Center (RTC/ Investigator)
- Based on research “product”
- Opportunistic and Rapid Response
- Critical role reporting successes

- Partnership-driven
- Finite/Defined Activities
 - Provide access to expertise or conduct community-based projects

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Training Core (Required)

Training Core Function:

Graduate and Post-doctoral level cross-disciplinary training

- Promote interactions between biomedical and environmental science trainees
- Professional development
- Communicating research effectively
- Involvement in Research Translation, Community Engagement, etc.
- Achieves program integration



Inquiring Reviewers want to know:

- Recruitment?
- Past trainee successes
- Use of CareerTrac (for renewals)

Cost Limitations:

- New Applicants:
\$100,000 Direct Costs
- Renewal Applicants:
\$125,000 Direct Costs

P42: Research Support Core (Optional)

- Research Support Core

- Provides centralized services
- Shared by at least 2 projects

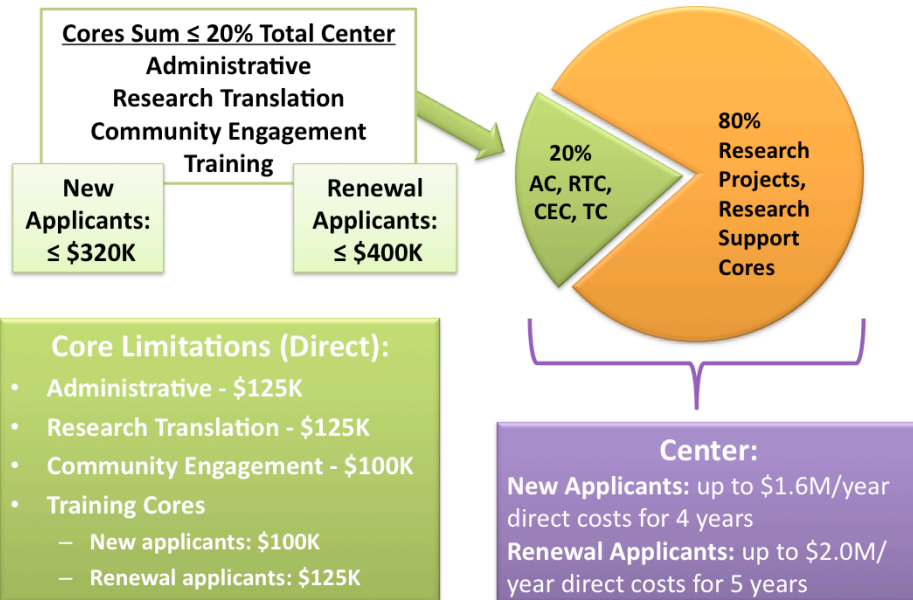
Helpful
Tips

- Pros and Cons of RSC

- Pros:
 - Excellent Interactions/Integration
 - Opportunities for Training
 - Assurance of Quality
- Cons:
 - May not be critical (if facilities already available)
 - 12 component limit

If Research Support Core is not included, project should adequately detail research support activities (e.g. QA/QC)

Cost Limitations (Direct)



Recent Changes

- Budget Ceilings for Overall Center and Cores
- Total Projects and Cores limited to 12 Components
- Training Cores required
- Research Support Cores optional
- Environmental Science and Engineering replaced “Environmental Science” and “Non-biomedical”

Resource Sharing Plan for Projects

Review Criteria Changes

- Modifications to overall center description of Significance, Investigator, Innovation, Approach and Environment
- Cores: each core has specific review criteria

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Recent Changes

- Research Translation Core
 - Translation plan for each project
- Research Strategy (12 page limit)
- Review Scoring System
- One Resubmission (A1)
- Community Engagement
 - Core is Required
 - Community Engagement Projects (CEPs)
 - explicitly mentioned (had always been welcome)
 - e.g. community-based participatory research (biomedical and environmental science)
 - New: “*Community Engagement Component Statement*” section for CEC and CEPs.

Unchanged Characteristics

- Not a site-specific program
- Basic to application-oriented research
- Innovative approaches to research

Helpful
Tips

A Successful P42 Center

* Projects and Cores Uniformly Meritorious

Research and Training

Biomedical
Approaches

Non-Biomedical
Approaches

* Integration, Interaction, Synergy:
- Biomedical and Non-biomedical
- Projects and Cores

Research
Translation

Problem

Community
Engagement

* Addressing Important
Problem

Superfund Stakeholder

* Aids Stakeholders in Effective
Decision-Making

Stakeholder Communities

Solution

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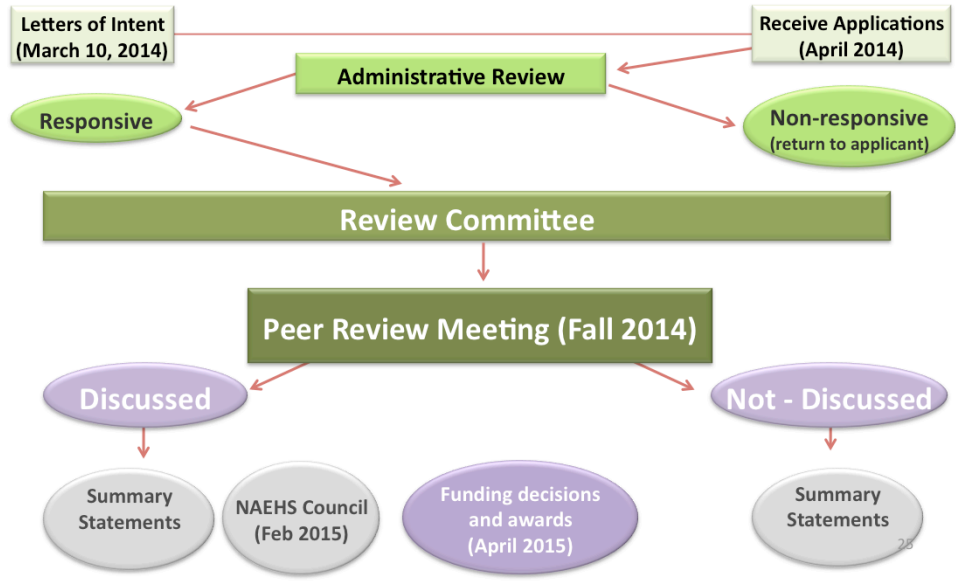
Review

NIEHS SCIENTIFIC PEER REVIEW

SALLY TILOTTA, PHD (2014 P42 REVIEW)

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The Peer Review Process



Pre-Submission of P42 Application

- Submission of Letter of Intent (LOI):
 - Assists in review planning
 - Email to Dr. Sally Tilotta at sally.tilotta@nih.gov
 - **Requested by March 10, 2014 (not required, but highly recommended)**
- Include in the LOI:
 - Descriptive title of the Overall Center
 - Brief description of the research proposed in the Center
 - Include the title of each Research Project and Core
 - Name, address, and telephone number of the PD(s)/PI(s)
 - Names of key personnel (Project and Core Leaders)
 - Names of any participating institutions

P42 Peer Review Process

- Review Criteria are in the solicitation: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-14-001.html>
- Review of the Individual Research Projects, Cores
- Review the Overall Center

Research Projects

- Significance
- Investigator(s)
- Innovation
- Approach
- Environment

NIH's Five
Review
Criteria
(*criterion
scores 10-90*)

- Contribution to SRP Center
- Other Specific Criteria*

Impact Score
(10-90)

*Each Project reviewed.
Each Receive Criterion Scores
and written critiques.*

Note: Human Subjects, Animal Care, and Biohazards will be considered in the score.
Budget Concerns are not considered in score.

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Cores

- Contribution to SRP Center
- Other Criteria Specific to Each Core
 - Administrative
 - Research Translation Core
 - Community Engagement
 - Training
 - Research Support Cores
(see RFA for specific criteria)

Impact Score
(10-90)

Overall Center

Addresses a critical problem relevant to the SRP

Relevance/Merit of Projects and Cores (scientific gain)

Collaboration/Integration/Synergy

Leadership

**Final Score
(Range: 10-90)**

Helpful Hints

- Read and understand the Funding Announcement
- Contact Program Staff for clarification of scientific matters and Grants Management Staff for budget issues.
- Follow the guidelines: page limits, font size, etc.
- Start early.....

Grantsmanship Issues

- Be clear and concise....don't expect reviewers to "know what you mean."
- All the components are important. One weak research project will impact the overall score. Extraneous or unnecessary cores will reduce cohesiveness of the center.
- Too many projects...application sinks under its own weight.
- Inadequate time allowed to prepare application.

Budget

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LISA EDWARDS, MBA

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Electronic Budget

- Webinar for Applicants: Initial Look at the Electronic Submission Process of Multi-Project Applications
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/webinar_docs/webinar_20121213.htm
- SF424 (R&R) Detailed Budget forms differ from Paper PHS398 Budget Forms in both look/feel and substance
 - Some items in different places
 - Some items not collected as specific line items
- Budget data collected at component and subaward levels only
Component and subaward budget data used to auto-calculate “Cumulative” (Composite) budget

Budget Preparation

Form Pages, Approvals, Other Support, Notices

Forms (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm>)
SF424 (R&R) electronic submission

Approvals

IACUC Approval (Vertebrate Animals)

IRB Approval (Human Subjects)

Begin process at time of application, but final approval will be requested for Just In Time*

Other Support

"0%", "Varies", "As Needed", etc., are not acceptable

Total time commitment cannot exceed 12 calendar months

New Notices

- Revised Grants Policy Statement: NOT-OD-12-157
- Salary caps: NOT-OD-12-035
http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/policy/salcap_summary.htm.

*Just in Time: Request for information required prior to award.

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Budget Preparation

Non-Modular

Provide detailed categorical budgets

- Each Project
- Each Core
- Each Subaward/Consortium (Note: SF424 will not allow Subawards on Subawards)

Escalation

Budgets submitted in subsequent years may request an escalation on recurring direct costs. (Note: Currently NIH does provide an escalation in subsequent years)

Must be justified:

- Is the amount of escalation requested supported by institutional policies?
- Is the amount clearly stated?

Travel to Annual Meeting

Administrative Core Budget: Funds for travel by appropriate staff (i.e., Center Director, Project/Core Leaders, Center Administrator, and four trainees) to attend the Superfund Research Program three-day annual meeting shall be included in the Administrative Core's budget for each year.

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Budget Preparation

- Parent Grant Direct Costs
 - Consideration of *equipment* in the out-years will be based upon justification and availability of funds
- Subawards/Consortium
 - must follow same guidelines as parent; [budget pages required and should follow associated project or core](#)
 - Subawards/consortium direct costs are included in the parent grant Subtotal Direct Costs, which may be subject to budget caps
 - F&A of subawards/consortium is included in Total direct Costs of parent grant , but will not count against budget cap
- Budget Justifications (Be detailed and specific)
 - Are all costs itemized?
 - [Are all additions and changes in subsequent/future years fully justified and identified clearly; specifically changes in personnel effort?](#)

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R&R Budget form will NOT be used in the Overall component.
 Instead, ASSIST will summarize budget information from other components.

OMB Number: 4040-0001
 Expiration Date: 06/30/2011

RESEARCH & RELATED BUDGET - SECTION A & B, BUDGET PERIOD 1

* ORGANIZATIONAL DUNS: Use DUNS of organization responsible for the component.

* Budget Type: ☒ Project ☐ Subaward/Consortium

Enter name of Organization:

* Start Date: * End Date: Budget Period 1

Every Sr./Key listed must have measurable effort in either Calendar Months or a combination of Academic and Summer Months.

A. Senior/Key Person

Prefix	* First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	* Project Role	Base Salary (\$)	Months	Months	Sum. Months	* Requested Salary (\$)	* Fringe Benefits (\$)	* Funds Requested (\$)
1.					Project Lead							
2.												
3.												
4.												
5.												
6.												
7.												
8.												
9. Total Funds requested for all Senior Key Persons in the attached file												
											Total Senior/Key Person	

Additional Senior Key Persons:

Add Attachment

Delete Attachment

View Attachment

B. Other Personnel

* Number of Personnel

* Project Role

Cal. Months

Acad. Months

Sum. Months

* Requested Salary (\$)

* Fringe Benefits (\$)

* Funds Requested (\$)

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Post Doctoral Associates

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Graduate Students

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Undergraduate Students

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Secretarial/Clerical

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Total Number Other Personnel

Total Other Personnel

Total Salary, Wages and Fringe Benefits (A+B)

RESEARCH & RELATED Budget (A-B) (Funds Requested)

R&R Budget Sections A & B

Personnel separated into 2 sections:

- **A. Senior/Key Person**
 - First field must be completed, even if person on a component given role of “Project Leader” and not PD/PI
- **B. Other Personnel**
 - Postdocs, Grad Students, Undergrads: Only number of personnel required (not specific names)

*Include only personnel employed by (e.g., receiving salary from) your organization.

Close Form

RESEARCH & RELATED BUDGET - SECTION C, D, & E, BUDGET PERIOD 1

* ORGANIZATIONAL DUNS:

* Budget Type: ☐ Project ☐ Subaward/Consortium

Enter name of Organization:

Delete Entry

* Start Date:

* End Date:

Budget Period 1

C. Equipment Description

List items and dollar amount for each item exceeding \$5,000

Equipment Item	* Funds Requested (\$)
1. Itemize up to 100 pieces of equipment. If more, include total dollars in line 11 and provide details in the Additional Equipment attachment	<input type="text"/>
2. <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3. <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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8. <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
9. <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
10. <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
11. Total funds requested for all equipment listed in the attached file	<input type="text"/>
Total Equipment	<input type="text"/>

Additional Equipment:

Add Attachment

Delete Attachment

View Attachment

B. Travel

	Funds Requested (\$)
1. Domestic Travel Costs (Incl. Canada, Mexico and U.S. Possessions)	<input type="text"/>
2. Foreign Travel Costs	<input type="text"/>
Total Travel Cost	<input type="text"/>

E. Participant/Trainee Support Costs

	Funds Requested (\$)
1. Tuition/Fees/Health Insurance	<input type="text"/>
2. Stipends	<input type="text"/>
3. Travel	<input type="text"/>
4. Subsistence	<input type="text"/>
5. Other <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/> Number of Participants/Trainees	Total Participant/Trainee Support Costs <input type="text"/>

Not required for P42

RESEARCH & RELATED Budget (C-E) (Funds Requested)

R&R Budget
Sections C - E

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R&R Budget Sections C - E

- **Item D, Travel**

- 424 form differentiates between foreign and domestic travel
- Continues to be treated as single cost (regardless of type) similar to 398 budget

- **Item E, Participant/Trainee Support Costs**

- Do not use for NIH FOAs
- Costs for NRSA Training-type components should use Training Budget form

R&R Budget Sections F - K

Subaward/Consortium/Contractual Cost not pre-populated. Include both Total Direct and Indirect cost

R&R Budget Sections F-K

- **Tuition remission**
 - Include in Item F, Other Direct Costs (boxes 8, 9 or 10)
- **Supplies**
 - Not a major line item on 424 budgets
 - Included as line F.1 (Other Direct Costs: Materials and Supplies)
- **Alteration and Renovations**
 - Not a major line item on 424 budgets
 - Included as line F.7 (Other Direct Costs: Alterations and Renovations)
- **Inpatient and Outpatient Care Costs**
 - 424 does not include as major / minor line item
 - Current instructions require inserting in fields F.8-F.10 (Other Direct Costs: Other Costs)

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Cumulative budget is automatically calculated based on budget period data provided.

RESEARCH & RELATED BUDGET - Cumulative Budget

		Totals (\$)
Section A, Senior/Key Person		
Section B, Other Personnel		
Total Number Other Personnel		
Total Salary, Wages and Fringe Benefits (A+B)		
Section C, Equipment		
Section D, Travel		
1. Domestic		
2. Foreign		
Section E, Participant/Trainee Support Costs		
1. Tuition/Fees/Health Insurance		
2. Stipends		
3. Travel		
4. Subsistence		
5. Other		
6. Number of Participants/Trainees		
Section F, Other Direct Costs		
1. Materials and Supplies		
2. Publication Costs		
3. Consultant Services		
4. ADP/Computer Services		
5. Subawards/Consortium/Contractual Costs		
6. Equipment or Facility Rental/User Fees		
7. Alterations and Renovations		
8. Other 1		
9. Other 2		
10. Other 3		
Section G, Direct Costs (A thru F)		
Section H, Indirect Costs		
Section I, Total Direct and Indirect Costs (G + H)		
Section J, Fee		

R&R SUBAWARD BUDGET ATTACHMENT(S) FORM

If submitting an application with >30 subaward budgets, budgets 31 and above should be converted to PDF and included as part of the Budget Justification of the parent budget in Section K of the R&R Budget form.

The sum of all subaward budgets (e.g., those attached separately on this form and those provided as part of the budget justification), must be included in Line F.5 Subawards/Consortium/Contractual Costs of the parent budget.

When submitting subaward budgets that are not active for all periods of the project, fill out the subaward R&R Budget form and include only the number of periods for which the subaward is active. The budget period start/end dates reflected in each period of the subaward should match the project budget period start/end dates that correspond to the active periods.

ASSIST provides the ability to add up to 30 subaward budgets per component using the SF424 RR budget form. ASSIST will automatically include the subawards with the application so there is no need to attach them as separate files.

P42 Multi-Project Centers

- Announcement:
 - RFA-ES-14-001: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-14-001.html>
- Applications Details
 - One application per institution
 - Letters of Intent: March 10, 2014
 - Due Date: April 10, 2014 by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization.
 - Scientific Review: October, 2014
 - Awards Start Date: April, 2015
- Consultation with SRP Program Administrator Staff is highly recommended (in person or teleconference)

P42 Resources

- RFA Webpage
 - Suggested Research and Activities - Numerous areas of general interest as well as specific needs identified by stakeholders.
 - Tips for Applicants – electronic submission, what to include, etc.
 - Additional Resources – Links to EPA, ATSDR, information to aid in community engagement activities, and other helpful websites .
 - Program Contacts

The screenshot shows the NIH NIEHS website. The header includes the NIH logo and the text "National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences" and "Your Environmental. Your Health." Below the header is a navigation bar with links for "Health & Education", "Research", and "Funding Opportunities". The main content area is titled "RFA Webpage:" and includes the URL <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/supported/srp/funding/rfa/index.cfm>. To the left of the main content is a sidebar with a "Research" section containing links for "Funded by NIEHS Grants", "About the National Research and Training Division", "Research Programs Funded by NIEHS", "Superfund Research Program", "SRP Funding Opportunities", "Funding Opportunities Webinar", "Individual Research Grants (R01)", "Multiproject Center Grants (P42)", and "Additional Resources". The main content area also features a section titled "Multiproject Center Grants (P42)" with a "Superfund Research Program" sub-header. This section describes the 2013 Request for Applications (RFA) and provides a link to the "Current P42 Grantees:" at <http://tools.niehs.nih.gov/srp/programs/index267.cfm>. The page number "47" is visible in the bottom right corner.

Electronic Submission: Using ASSIST

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What is ASSIST?

ASSIST - Application Submission System & Interface for Submission Tracking

- Web-based system for the preparation and submission of multi-project applications
- ASSIST replaces Grants.gov
 - Grants.gov for single-project applications
 - ASSIST for multi-project applications

ASSIST allows applicants to...

- Use existing eRA Commons and Grants.gov accounts
- Pre-populate data from eRA Commons profiles
- Control application access
- Have multiple users within and outside the applicant organization work concurrently
- Check application against Grants.gov and NIH business rules before submitting
- Preview/print NIH application image before submitting
- Track Grants.gov and eRA Commons submission status

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Part 1. Overview Information

Participating Organization(s)	National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences NIEHS
Components of Participating Organizations	National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences NIEHS
Funding Opportunity Title	Superfund Hazardous Substance Research and Training
Activity Code	R42 - Cooperative Research and Research Training Program
Announcement Type	Release of RFA-ES-14-001
Related Notices	N/A
Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number	RFA-ES-14-001
Companion Funding Opportunity	N/A
Number of Applications	Complete applications for submission are welcome. See section III.2. of the FOA for information on the number of applications.
Catalog of 1 Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number(s)	93.143
Funding Opportunity Purpose	The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) is announcing the continuation of the Superfund Hazardous Substance Research and Training Program.

Announcement text
indicates electronic
submission is required.

Key Dates

Posted Date	Due Dates for E.O. 12372	Not Applicable
Open Date	** ELECTRONIC APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIRED **	

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Required Application Instructions

It is critical that applicants follow the instructions in the [2024-2025 Application Guide](#), except where instructed to do otherwise in this FOA or in a Notice to the APP Guide for Grants and Composites and where instructions in the Applicant Guide are directly related to the Grants.gov downloadable forms. Applicants must read and follow all Applicant Instructions in the Applicant Guide, located in the Applicant Application Instructions Application

Apply for Grant Periodically

Apply for Grant Electronically
button brings applicant to the
ASSIST site.

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Part I: Overview Information
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 Section I: Funding Opportunity Description
 Section II: Award Information
 Section III: Eligibility Information
 Section IV: Application and Submission Information

P42 Funding Opportunity Announcement

Types of components allowed for the FOA and available in ASSIST for application preparation.

Page Limitations

Component Types Available in ASSIST	Research Strategy/Program Plan Page Limits
Overall	12
Core (Use for Administrative, Research Transition, Community Engagement, Training, and Research Support Core). (Please enter in ASSIST using this order.)	12
Project (Use for Biomedical Research, Natural Science and Engineering Projects. Note: Projects will be reviewed in the order in which they were entered into ASSIST)	12

The Research Strategy page limits enforced in ASSIST for each component.

Additional page limits described in the SF424 Application Guide and the [Table of Page Limits](#) must be followed, with the following additional requirements:

- The "Relation to Overall Center" description (for each project outcome) should not exceed 1 page.
- The "Quality Assurance Statement" should not exceed 1 page.

Instructions for the Submission of Multi-Component Applications

The following section supplements the instructions found in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide, and should be used for preparing a multi-component application.

Applicants will rely on the **SF424 (R&R) Application Guide** and the FOA text, especially **Section IV. Application and Submission Information**, when preparing their applications in ASSIST.

ASSIST Login

<https://public.era.nih.gov/assist>

The screenshot shows the ASSIST login interface. At the top, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services logo is on the left, and 'Contact Us' and 'Help Desk' links are on the right. The main header reads 'Application Submission System & Interface for Submission Tracking (ASSIST)'. Below this is a banner image of a stethoscope and a globe. A yellow speech bubble points to the login form, stating: 'ASSIST leverages the eRA Commons accounts that most applicants already have.' The login form has fields for 'User Name' and 'Password', with 'Login' and 'Cancel' buttons. A link for 'Forgot Password/Username/Account?' is below the password field. To the right of the login form, a text block says 'Submit multi-project grant applications electronically to NIH and other Public Health Service Agencies...' followed by a paragraph explaining the system. On the far right, a 'Need Help?' section lists 'APPLICATION GUIDE' and 'ASSIST USER GUIDE' under the heading 'Resources'.

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ASSIST leverages the eRA Commons accounts that most applicants already have.

Login

User Name

Password

Login Cancel

[Forgot Password/Username/Account?](#)

Submit multi-project grant applications electronically to NIH and other Public Health Service Agencies...

The Application Submission System ; Interface for Submission Tracking (ASSIST) is used to prepare and submit multi-project grant applications electronically to NIH and other Public Health Service agencies. Prior to using ASSIST, applicants should identify a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to which they'd like to apply. FOAs are posted in the [NIH Guide for Grants ; Contracts](#) and/or in [grants.gov](#) each of which has robust search capabilities. The FOA text will indicate whether ASSIST can be used to apply

Need Help?

Resources

[APPLICATION GUIDE](#)

[ASSIST USER GUIDE](#)

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Overall Component

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Application Submission System & Interface for Submission Tracking (ASSIST)

username: CHERDMONEY4 from: WHATSAMATTA U

Home | Application Information | Component Information

Overall Component

Actions

- VIEW STATUS HISTORY
- ADD NEW COMPONENT
- ADD OPTIONAL FORM
- PREVIEW CURRENT COMPONENT
- UPDATE COMPONENT STATUS

Select Component Type

- Overall
- overall

Summary | RBR Cover | Cover Page Supplement | Other Project Information | Checklist | Sites | Sr/Key Person Profile | Research Plan

Component Information

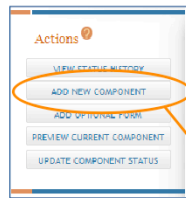
Component Identifier:	Overall
Component Type:	Overall Component
Component Title:	Research Center to Cure the Diseases of the World
Component Project Lead(s):	MONEY, CHER D
Organization:	WHATSAMATTA U

Progress: 12:02:54:13.000 PM EST

The required forms are presented for the component.

The **Overall Component** is added to the component navigation.

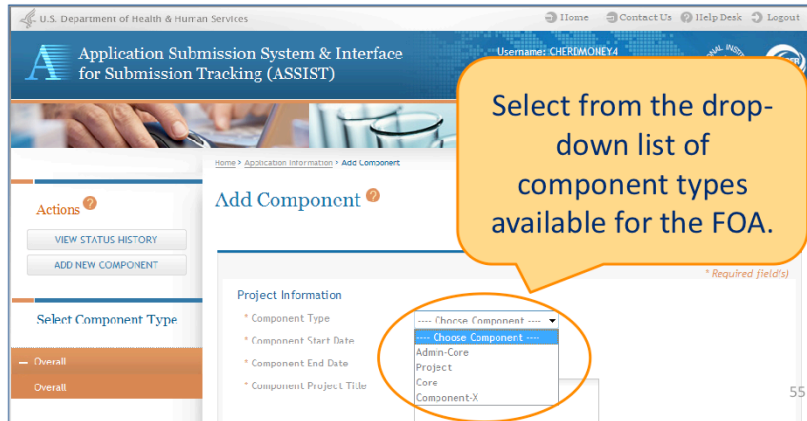
Adding Additional Components



Actions

- VIEW STATUS HISTORY
- ADD NEW COMPONENT**
- ADD UPDATING FORM
- PREVIEW CURRENT COMPONENT
- UPDATE COMPONENT STATUS

Click **Add New Component** to continue building your application.



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Application Submission System & Interface for Submission Tracking (ASSIST)

Username: CHERIMONEY4

Home > Application Information > Add Component

Add Component

Select Component Type

- Overall
- Overall

Project Information

- * Component Type: **Choose Component**
- * Component Start Date
- * Component End Date
- * Component Project Title

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Select from the drop-down list of component types available for the FOA.

Adding Components

Applicants continue adding components to build out their application.

Actions 2

- VIEW STATUS HISTORY
- ADD NEW COMPONENT
- ADD OPTIONAL FORM
- PREVIEW CURRENT COMPONENT
- UPDATE COMPONENT STATUS

Select Component Type

- + Overall
- + Admin-Core
- + Core
- Project
 - 990-Project
 - 478-Project
 - 965-Project

Project

Summary R&R Cover Cover Page Supplement Other Project Information Sites Sr/Key Person Profile R&R Budget Research Plan

Component Information

Component Identifier: 965-Project

Component Type: Project

Component Title: Fabulous Research Focus 3

Component Project Lead(s):

Organization:

File(s): [Work In Progress](#)

Components are grouped by Component Type.

Each component is given a random 3-digit, system-generated number for identification during application preparation. Components will be given sequential numbers in the assembled application image.

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Projects & Cores – Additional Information

- Projects
 - Research Strategy: Each project should also include a "Relation to Overall Center" statement.
- Administrative, Research Translation, Community Engagement, and Training Cores (Research Support Cores are optional)
 - Research Strategy: each core will have a "Relation to Overall Center" statement; For CEC, include Community Engagement Statement in Research Strategy
 - Other Attachments: Training Core will also have Diversity Recruitment and Retention Plan; Trainee List (required only for renewals)
 - Other Attachments: Research Support Cores will also have Quality Assurance Statement

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Resources

- SF424 (R&R) Application and Electronic Submission Information” webpage:
 - <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/index.htm>
- Applying Electronically to Multi-project Applications:
 - http://grants.nih.gov/grants/ElectronicReceipt/com_index.htm
- Need help with ASSIST?
 - http://grants.nih.gov/grants/ElectronicReceipt/faq_full.htm#about

eRA Commons - <https://commons.era.nih.gov/commons/index.jsp>

Registered PD/PIs can check assignment/contact information, review outcome, and other important information.

eRA Commons Help Desk:

Hours: Mon-Fri, 7AM-8PM EDT/EST Web: <http://era.nih.gov/help/> Toll-free: 866-504-9552. Phone: 301-402-7469. TTY: 301-451-5939.

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QUESTIONS??

Questions not covered during seminar will be answered off-line ASAP and posted on P42 Funding Opportunity Webpages:

- On SRP Website:
<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/supported/dert/cris/programs/srp/funding/rfa/index.cfm>

Audio Archive will be available in approximately 4 weeks and are accessible from the above website.

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