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# **ARRA Issues Related to Grants Management of Facilities Construction Grants**

**Web Seminar on G20 and C06 Request for Applications (RFAs)**

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## **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

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- **Awards are expected to create and/or maintain American jobs**
- **Considerations for impact on the environment is important in all phases of design and construction**
- **Special Terms and Conditions**
  - Recipient Reporting Requirements

## Tips and Information

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- **Read the announcements carefully**
  - Eligibility of institution and PI/PD
  - No multiple PIs allowed
  - Grants.gov submission required
    - Deadline for receipt of application is 5:00 p.m. local time of the institution
    - Note various receipt dates based on costs!
  - Proposed Timetable
    - Note accelerated design milestones (i.e., 14 months instead of 24 months)

## Application and Pre-Award

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- **Eligibility**
- **Executive Order 12372 (Single Point of Contact or SPOC)**
  - Applies only to C06
  - SPOCs must receive copy of application no later than the date it is submitted to the Center for Scientific Review.
- **Matching – NO MATCH REQUIRED!!!**
- **Operation of Facility**
  - Funds available to operate facility for entire period of effective use for biomedical research (i.e., 10 years)

## Application and Pre-Award

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- **NIH Grants Policy Statement**
- **National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)**
  - Environmental Impact Statement
  - Environmental Assessment
- **National Historic Preservation Act . . . of 1960**
- **Eligibility of PI/PD**
- **Insurance Requirements**
- **Title to Site/Lease of Site**
- **Public Disclosure**

# Grants Policy

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- **Unallowable costs**

- Bonus payments to contractors
- Construction of shell space
- F&A costs
- Land acquisition
- Offsite improvements

- **Reference the NIH Grants Policy Statement:**

- [http://odoerdb2.od.nih.gov/gmac/nihgps\\_2003/index.htm](http://odoerdb2.od.nih.gov/gmac/nihgps_2003/index.htm)

## Post-Award Sequence of Events

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- **Receipt of Notice of Award (NoA)**
  - Budget and Project Period dates
  - Signature, acceptance and return of NoA to NCRR
  - NCRR acknowledgment and information letter

## Terms and Conditions of Award

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- **Notice of Federal Interest (NFI)**
- **Restrictions on Funds**
  - Exception for Architectural and Design Fees
- **Estimated Milestone Dates**
- **Closeout Requirements**
- **Appropriation Limitation on Expenditure of Funds**
  - “5-Year Rule” 31 USC 1552
  - Contact NCRR staff immediately if timelines cannot be met
- **Expanded Authorities**
  - Do not apply

## **Post-Grant Activities**

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- **Monitoring Facility Usage (10-year use requirement)**
- **Deviation of Design**
- **Contingency Fund**
- **Change in Facility Usage**
- **Transfer of Remaining Facility Usage**
- **Final Inspection**
- **Date of Occupancy**
- **Special Reporting Requirements Under the ARRA**