



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (2009)

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Recovery Act Basic Funding

- ❖ NIH: \$10.4 Billion
- ❖ NSF: \$3.0 Billion
- ❖ DOE, Office of Science: \$1.6 Billion
- ❖ ARPA-E: \$400 Million
- ❖ NASA: \$550 Million
- ❖ DOD, Energy-Related R&D: \$200 Million
- ❖ NIST: \$180 Million
- ❖ PLUS –Additional funds for the IGs and GAO



ORA is Preparing by:

- ❖ Adding temporary staff
- ❖ Preparing computer workstations
- ❖ Helpline
- ❖ Posting these slides
- ❖ Setting up a FAQ, as well as important ARRA links on OCGA's web site.

Timeline

- ❖ Federal agencies must launch ARRA website by March 20, 2009
- ❖ First big deadline is the NIH Challenge grant- due April 27, 2009
- ❖ Federal agencies must post their spending plan by May 1, 2009
- ❖ Federal agencies must have disbursed their funds by September 30, 2010

UCLA expects a surge in research activity as well as...

- ❖ Construction grants
- ❖ Equipment grants
- ❖ Community policing grants
- ❖ Many areas on campus will be involved
- ❖ All Federal agencies involved
- ❖ May have flow down funds through State and local governments and other non-profit entities



Deadlines

- ❖ We suggest that you establish internal deadlines in your department
- ❖ Please notify OCGA of pending proposals as soon as possible to enable us to marshal appropriate staffing resources

Grants.gov

❖ Concerns with Grants.gov

- OMB memo of March 9 regarding Grants.gov and other critical systems
- Federal funding agencies advised to examine alternatives
- Department of Energy has suspended use of Grants.gov for **submissions** (eff. 3/12/09)
- FastLane available for NSF
- NSPIRES available for NASA

S2S-Cayuse

- ❖ Strongly encourage submission of proposals through S2S-Cayuse if it supports the agency to whom you are applying
 - Real-time error checking
 - Ability to generate hard copy or electronic copy (PDF) for alternate transmission to sponsor
 - Give faster submission and receipt of proposal



S2S-Cayuse

- ❖ Establish “placeholder” in S2S Grants
- ❖ At minimum, include:
 - Proposal name (using proper convention)
 - PI name and **Deadline date**

Naming Convention:

FML: Bruin, J; RFA-OD-09-003; Sample for RAF

FML = initials of grant analyst or DRA

Bruin, J = PI last name, first initial

RFA-OD-09-003 = funding opportunity number (FOA)

Sample for RAF = descriptive information for preparer/PI

S2S-Cayuse

- ❖ Additional hands-on training
 - Wednesday, April 1, 2009
 - 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.
 - CLICC classroom
 - Seating limited
- ❖ Drop-in open house sessions
- ❖ Watch ORA List-serv for announcements



First Big Deadline is for NIH Challenge Grants Deadline: Monday, April 27th

May submit as early as March 30th
Friday March 27 is UCLA's Observance of Caesar
Chavez Day
(State observance is March 30th)

NIH Challenge Grants

- ❖ Complete proposal packages must be in OCGA no later than 8:00 am on Tuesday April 21st (5 working days before the deadline to ensure submission)

NIH Challenge Grants

❖ Complete proposal package includes:

- signed goldenrod
- ready-to-submit proposal
- 740 if required
- PI exception letter if needed
- a signed PI statement
- complete subaward proposal

NIH Challenge Grants

❖ Budget Preparation

- Requires a detailed budget
- F & A waivers not generally considered
- Foreign Subawards – not more than 10% or up to \$25,000 in aggregate may be budgeted

NIH Challenge Grants

- ❖ Outgoing subawards may not provide “quick-start activities”
- ❖ RC1 awards count as substantial funding for New Investigator/ESI eligibility
- ❖ Additional support staff may be justified due to complexity of reporting and administrative requirements



Resources for S2S Grant Users

❖ S2S Grants Login:

<https://s2sgrants.research.ucla.edu>

❖ S2S Grants Resources:

<http://www.research.ucla.edu/ocga/S2SGrantsInfo/index.htm>

Links to important government websites related to ARRA

- [Recovery.gov](#)- Searchable database of how and where tax dollars are spent as a result of the ARRA
- [Agency recovery site links](#)
- [American Association for the Advancement of Science report regarding ARRA](#)
- [National Institutes of Health](#)
 - [NIH statement regarding the ARRA](#)
- [National Institute of General Medical Science](#)
- [National Center for Research Resources](#)
- [National Science Foundation](#)
- [Department of Defense](#)
- [Department of Energy](#)
- [NASA](#)
- [National Institute of Standard and Technology](#)

Looking Forward...

- ❖ All contracts will be awarded as fixed price
- ❖ More deadlines throughout the year
- ❖ Some other agencies have deadlines posted- many will by March 20th
- ❖ Currently Dept of Energy has an 4-27 deadline as does EPA
- ❖ Some NASA programs are starting to post



More Information

- ❖ Check the OCGA website for more information- we will share as it as it becomes known

Post Award

- ❖ EFM is Preparing by:
 - Setting up Recovery Act Indicator
 - Template development which includes ARRA specific Terms and Conditions
 - Cross training iPAS staff on eRAS processing
 - eRAS processing requires a backup fund number
 - Delays caused by:
 - Lack of Account or Cost Center (CC)
 - Account not linked to the Cost Center

Award Processing

- Recovery Act Awards will have priority status in processing – still requires overnight to obtain fund number
- Very Important to provide complete information on the Goldenrod – this will help avoid delays

Post Award Requirements

- ❖ Reporting details and mechanism are still being developed by government agencies
- ❖ Due dates: Not later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter – starts with the quarter ending 6/30/09 and reporting by 7/10/09.
- ❖ Quarterly financial reports will have to be ledger based to meet the 10 day reporting deadline

Requirements, continued

- ❖ Monthly monitoring and review of expenditures and progress is critical to successful compliance
- ❖ Departmental / PI Responsibility Reporting Requirements
 - Description of the project or activity
 - Evaluation of the completion status of the project or activity
 - Estimate of the number of jobs created and the number of jobs retained

Requirements, continued

- Detailed information on any sub-awards made by the grant recipient to include the data elements required to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-282)
- ❖ Specific Instructions for reporting, including required formats, and mechanisms will be provided in subsequent guidance

Other Terms and Conditions

- ❖ Buy American
- ❖ Wage Rate Requirements – Prevailing rates based on Secretary of Labor
- ❖ Preference for Quick Start Activities (ARRA) – recipients shall give preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50 % of the funds for activities that can be initiated not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of ARRA. Maximize job creation and economic benefit.