Managing Your Grant: A Roadmap to the Finish Line

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ORSP Post-Award Services

- Negotiation of awards, compliance review and notification of award to internal stakeholders
- Assistance with non-financial post-award matters, Eg; no-cost extension requests
- Assistance with understanding and interpreting complex agency requirements, Eg; prior approval requests
- Revising grant award budgets in accordance with sponsor guidelines
- Negotiate continuing/incrementally funded awards with federal and non-federal sponsors
- Drafting, review and management of subawards
- Assisting with the timely submission of interim and final programmatic reports
- And many more.....when in doubt, ask!

Individual and Institutional Responsibilities

 The Principal Investigator/Project Director is responsible for carrying out the project, however, the institution is the legal recipient of the award and ultimately responsible for ensuring the project is conducted in accordance with sponsor guidelines, rules and regulations.

Types of Awards



- Grant: financial assistance provided by a sponsor in support of a public purpose, or need. Eg; Research, Training, etc.
 - Subaward: a transferring of a substantive portion of the scope of work to an external entity.
- Cooperative Agreement: similar to a grant, however, sponsor is substantially involved in programmatic work.

Types of Awards-Continued

 Contract: acquisition of property or services for the direct benefit or use by the sponsor. A procurement action. Eg; Dept of Defense contract for testing and analysis services.



Federal Regulations

Cost Principles for Educational Institutions (OMB Circular A-21)

- Guide to allowable and unallowable charges
- Some examples

Allowable

- Salaries and Wages; Fringe Benefits
- Consultants
- Materials and Supplies
- Equipment
- Membership in business, professional, technical societies
- Travel
- Subawards

Unallowable

- Alcohol
- General use office supplies
- Entertainment Costs
- Advertising/Public Relations Costs
- Administrative Costs (covered by F&A)

Indirect Costs: What and Why?

- Commonly referred to as "Overhead", or "Facilities & Administrative" Costs.
- Are charged to reimburse the University for the associated costs of performing research and other sponsored activities.
- Pays for maintenance of labs, utilities, administrative and library staff, to name a few.
- MSU's current federally negotiated overhead rate is 59% of salaries and wages.

Sponsor Guidelines

Non-Federal Sponsor Guidelines

- Federal: guidelines to implement the Federal Regulations and supplement agency-specific requirements
 - NSF Grant Policy Manual (new changes eff. 01/13!)
 - NIH Grants Policy Statement
 - NASA Grant & Cooperative Agreement Handbook

Changes: Prior Approvals

- Prior Approval Matrix: Very useful!
 - Expanded Authority which assigns the university the authority to approve some changes that require prior approval

http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/fedrtc/priorapproval oct08.pdf

- Some common scenarios that typically require agency prior approval:
 - Absence or Change of PI
 - Change in Key Personnel
 - Subawards not in original proposal

Reporting: Non-Financial

- Technical Interim Reports
 - NIH SNAP and eSNAP
 - US Department of Education Annual Progress Report
 - New Jersey State Council on the Arts
- Final Technical Reports
 - NSF Project Outcomes
 - NIH eRA Commons
 - National Endowment for the Arts
 - New Jersey State Council for the Humanities

Grant Accounting



Expectations.....

- Your grant is not a gift. It comes with certain obligations on the part of the grantee and expectations on the part of the grantor.
- The success of an award is contingent not only on the ability of the PI to carry out the project but on the institution to provide proper financial guidance.
- It is our goal to support your project and assist you with all your financial needs.

Post Award Phase

- Once your grant or contract has been awarded ORSP will send Grant Accounting all of the necessary documents to establish an FRS Account from ORSP.
- Notification of the account number will be sent along with the following link to define your new access or update your current access:

http://www.montclair.edu/finance/forms/frsapplication.pdf

• We suggest at this time you arrange a meeting with Grant Accounting to discuss your budget and to answer any questions you may have regarding the financial management of your award. This will ensure that nothing will fall through the cracks.



Things to Remember....



Fringe: This is an automatic charge once payroll forms are submitted. When you hire someone you must consider the fringe amount and ensure your budget has an allocation for this expense.

Graduate Assistants: Grant Accounting will send an application to the Fiscal Agent for completion. Once completed and received from the Fiscal Agent, Grant Accounting will review, approve and send the application to the Graduate School for processing.

Effort Reports: In order to remain compliant with Federal Cost Principals, every semester including summer, you will be asked to certify your effort on your award.

Certification is required for individuals who have committed effort on a sponsored project.

Pcard for Restricted Accounts

- Grant Accounting, in conjunction with Procurement, is pleased to be able to now offer Pcards to some restricted accounts.
- Benefits include: discontinued use of personal credit cards, decreased need for check requisitions, decreased amount of transfers of expense, no vendor create forms, speed in the ordering process.
- If you feel your account can benefit from the use of a Pcard, please call Grant Accounting to schedule a phone conference to initiate the process.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS DOES NOT TAKE THE PLACE OF ON LINE REQUISITING

Important FRS Screens

019 Screen

This is the snapshot of the overall status of your account. This shows the budget, expenses, encumbrances and available balance.

 Grants or 5 Ledger accounts have their budget in pools and the object codes draw down from the pool amount.

Remember: This screen is like a checkbook – if there are items in the system but not posted the available balance may not reflect the actual amount available.

023 Screen

This screen shows every transaction that occurs on your account.

• All expenses are reviewed and approved by Grant Accounting for compliance with the Federal, State and Local guidelines as well as the terms and conditions of the award.

Remember: Every expense must be prior approved by Grant Accounting.

Overview of 019 screen

Map Code: 2109	93	Flags:	Del Frz Rvw Drp Su 0 0 0 0 0	•
Obj Description	Budget	Actual	Encumb	Avail
1800 STUDENT ASSISTAN	2,400	0.00	0.00	2,400.00
PERSONNEL SERVICES	2,400	0.00	0.00	2,400.00
1900 FRINGE BENEFITS	184	0.00	0.00	184.00
FRINGE BENEFITS	184	0.00	0.00	184.00
** SALARY/BENEFIT	2,584	0.00	0.00	2,584.00
2000 MAT'L/SUPP POOL	99	0.00	0.00	99.40
2450 OTHER MAT'L/SUPP	301	300.60	0.00	0.00
MATERIALS & SUPPLIE	400	300.60	0.00	99.40
3000 TRAVEL POOL	516	0.00	0.00	516.00
TRAVEL	516	0.00	0.00	516.00
** NON-SALARY EXP	916	300.60	0.00	615.40
*** TOTAL EXPENSES	3,500	300.60	0.00	3,199.40
**** ACCOUNT TOTAL	3,500	300.60	0.00	3,199.40

Overview of 023 Screen

Sub TC Ref 1 Date	e Description	Amount I	Batch	Offset	Acct
	30 TRANSFER REQUEST		AGM001	XXXXXX	-3100
1700 063 05/2	25 PAY PERIOD # 235	300.00	LD 489		-1610
2000 022 02/2	20 TRANSFER REQUEST	3,950.00 D	AGM001		-3100
2000 022 02/2	20 TRANSFER REQUEST	1,550.00-D	AGM001		-3000
2000 022 02/2	20 TRANSFER CORR	1,550.00 D	AGM001		-3000
2000 022 02/2	20 TRANSFER REQUEST	1,500.00 D	AGM001		-3000
2000 022 02/2	20 TRANSFER REQUEST	50.00 D	AGM001		-3000
	20 TRANSFER REQUEST				-3100
	08 DIRECT PRINTING IMP				
2150 051 R124427 03/1	13 DIRECT PRINTING IMP	2,500.00-C	P003TH		
2150 050 P123910 03/1	13 DIRECT PRINTING IMP	2,500.00 D	P003TH		
2150 068 P123910 04/0	02 DIRECT PRINTING IMP	2,500.00	APD899	XXXXXX	-2100
2150 069 05/0	03 STUDIO 042 01 OF 01	165.00	PCD001		
2150 069 05/0	03 STUDIO 042 01 OF 01	165.00	PCD001		
	03 STUDIO 042 01 OF 01	165.00	PCD001		
Total	ıl Pages: 6 This Page: 1	l Next Page	:		

Overview of 021 Screen

450 P135189			552.00	0.00	0.00
70000538450 3010 TR50524		TJM PROMOTIONS INC 3,131.35	0.00	0.00	3,131.35
3010 TR50525	09/23 = 09/23	CHICAGO 3,127.50	0.00	0.00	3,127.50
	09/23	CHICAGO 500.08	0.00	0.00	500.08
V0000376320	05/16	METROPOLITAN MUSEUM	1		
	07/02 07/02	982.30 7/3/13 COOKOUT	0.00	0.00	982.30
7600 P142019 U0000082040		10,272.00 APPLE COMPUTER INC	0.00	0.00	10,272.00

This Screen shows the status of all encumbrances. In this example, there are Supply, Travel, Other Services and Equipment encumbrances.

- Supplies, equipment: The numbers after the "P" indicate Fiscal Year
- Travel: The traveler's name and destination are in the body the TR number is displayed
- Other Services: The text is as descriptive as possible in this case there was an event on 7/13/13
- The "S" indicates a standing order This is used when there will be no receiving

Indirect Accounts

- Indirect Cost Charges are applied by the University to specific grants.
- Funds are allocated quarterly into accounts.
- The PI account is established during the initial set up of the grant.
- Generally the allocations are as follows:
 - Department 25%
 - PI 10%
 - ORSP 20%
 - University 30%
 - School 15%



Financial Reports and Revenue

- Each Grant is unique with the type of Financial Reporting that is required and the frequency of the submission of those reports.
- Working in conjunction with your award, Grant
 Accounting will provide you with every financial report
 for your review prior to submitting to the sponsor.
- Grant Accounting will be responsible to ensure that the grant is reimbursed by the sponsor.

Closing the Award

- Grant Accounting will send an email reminder 3 months, 2 months and 1 month prior to the end date of the award.
- Once all expenses are processed and all encumbrances closed, a final financial report will be completed.

Note: All items must be ordered, received and invoiced by the end date of the grant to be considered an allowable expense.

• It is our suggestion that all award recipients communicate frequently with Grant Accounting to review their budget, expenditures and to discuss any questions they may have.



Questions?

OBJECT	•		OBJECT			
CODE		Pool	CODE			
	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	2000			Oth	er Service - cont.
	2010 Food			3640	Hono	orariums
	2100 Office Supplies			3650	Profes	sional/Misc.
	2125 Central Stores			3820	Subscrip	tions/Memberships
	2135 Central Duplication			3825	Registrati	ion Non Travel
	2145 Xerox			3830	Advertisin	g
	2150 Printing & Duplicating			3845	Reception	VP Events
	2300 Educational Supplies				Official Rec	
	2310 Library Books			3860	Miscellaneo	us Services
	2400 Housekeeping Supplies				Dankana	
	2410 Clothing				Postage	
	2450 Other Materials & Supplies				Postage Met	
				3970	Postage Stan	nps
	TRAVEL	3000				
	3010 Conference				Maintena	nce Charges
	3015 Advance			4100	Equipment mai	ntenance
	3020 Business			4110	Office Equip. M	aintenance
				4120	Education Equip	. Maintenance
	Other Service	3100		4140	Lab Equip. Maint	enance
	3115 Telephone Usage			4400	Rental Building &	Grounds
	3230 Messenger Service			4500	Rental - Vehicula	r
	3300 Insurance			4710	Equipment Rent	al
	3310 Royalties			4720	Charter Rental	
	3410 Information Processing Service					
	3430 Software				Educationa	l Equipment
	3520 Security Services				Date D	
	3610 Educational Consultants				Data Proces	sing Equip.
	3620 Evaluation Consultants					

3630 Co-op Teachers

Research Terms and Conditions Prior Approval and Other Requirements Matrix* ** October 2008

	AFOSR	ARO	AMRMC	EPA	NASA	NIH	NSF	ONR	USDA	DOC	DOE
I Requirements											
Change in Scope	Prior approval required										R
Absence or Change of PI	R	R	R	R	R	21	R	R	R	R	R
Need for Additional Funding										R	R
Subaward of "significant part" of programmatic effort	R	R	R	R	R	2	R	R	3	R	1
Pre-award costs (90 days)					Prior appr						·
Pre-award costs (more than 90 days)					Prior appre						W
Initial no-cost extension of up to 12 months (per competitive segment)	R	R	w	4	w	W	W	R	5	W	W
Subsequent no-cost extension or extention of more than 12 months					Prior appre	oval requi	red				R
Carry-forward of unexpended balances to subsequent funding	W	W	W	W	6	7	W	W	W	l w	22
elated Requirements								CONTRACTOR AND COME	L		
Rebudgeting among budget categories	W	W	W	W	W	8	W	W	W	W	22
Rebudgeting between direct and F&A costs	W	W	W	W	W	8	W	W	W	W	22
Rebudgeting of funds allotted for training allowances (direct payment to trainees) to other categories of expense.	W	W	W	W	W	9	R	W	W	W	W
Equipment not in approved budget	W	W	W	W	W	8	W	W	W	W	22
Capital expenditures for improvement of equipment not in the		*			Prior app	roval waiv	/ed				22
Alterations and Renovations costing less than \$25,000	W	W	W	W	T w T	11	Tw	W	W	W	W
Foreign Travel	W	10	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Inclusion of costs requiring prior approval in Cost Principles	W	W	W	W	W	12	W	W	W	W	22
Faculty consulting compensation that exceeds base salary					Prior app	roval waiv	/ed			-	22
Restrictions on costs not explicitly unallowable under Cost Principles	none	none	none	none	none	14	15	none	16	none	13

R Prior approval required. "Prior approval" means prior written approval from the sponsor. Prior approval can take the form of the sponsor's acceptance of the proposal and/or proposal budget and subsequent incorporation into the award, or written approval of a separate request submitted by the recipient.

W Prior approval requirement waived

- 1 Waived except when subaward would be more than 25% of the total dollars of the award
- 2 Waived unless change in scope and except when subawardee is foreign
- 3 Waived except when subaward(s) would be more than 50% of the total dollars of the award; required for any subaward to federal agencies
- 4 Waived except for extensions that would result in a project period in excess of five years
- 5 Waived only for first-time requests for extensions of 12 months or less
- 6 Uncommitted carryforward funds are to be included in the continuation proposal if they are "substantial."
- 7 Waived except when award indicates prior approval is required
- 8 Waived unless change in scope
- 9 Waived except for Kirschstein-NSRA grants
- 10 Waived, but trip report is required within 30 days after trip completion. See agency specific requirements, Article No. 17, Foreign Travel Reporting Requirements.
- 11 Waived for alterations and renovations costing up to \$300,000, unless change in scope or rebudgeting into A&R exceeds 25% of budget period total
- 12 Waived, but costs not specifically covered in the Circulars are subject to NIHGPS.
- 13 Interest penalties for late payment are not allowable
- 14 Prior approval required for patient care costs if change in scope
- 15 Prior approval required to modify the amount of cost sharing reflected on Line M of the award budget.
- 16 Non-working meals and compensation for harm to persons or property are unallowable; also other unallowable costs for awards made under statutory authority cited in Article 3 of the ASR are: graduate assistant tuition remission, F&A in excess of statutory amount, and fixed and real property.

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elated Requirements (cont.)											
Inclusion of unrecovered F&A costs as cost sharing		Year warmen			Per	mitted				<u> </u>	P
Transfer of funds between construction and non-construction	Prior approval required									R	
Use of program income earned during the project period			Fun					project			Same
Use of program income earned after the project period	Funds added to the amount available for the project No obligation to the federal government									23	
rty-related requirements											20
Title to supplies with value of more than \$5,000 at the end of a	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	Tw	W
Acquire real property					Prior appr	and the second		10	. , , , ,	1	R
Encumber real property acquired with federal funds											R
Use real property acquired with federal funds for other non-federal projects rather than compensating the federal government for its fair	Prior approval required Prior approval required									R	
Encumber equipment acquired with federal funds	Prior approval required										R
Trade in equipment purchased with project funds to buy replacement	Permitted										P
Own equipment upon acquisition without conditions or without obligation to the sponsor at termination of project	Permitted										Б
Funding agencies' rights in data	Not waived										Not waive
Use of valuation methods other than the lesser of book value or fair market value for contributed capital assets	Permitted										P P
Procurement requirements associated with the simplified acquisition threshold	Wherever FDP Terms and Conditions incorporate A-110 provisions referring to the "Small Purchase Threshold," the term "Simplified Acquisition Threshold" is substituted.										Same
Equipment threshold	Even if institutions establish a threshold for equipment lower than \$5,000, the FDP provisions relating to equipment apply only to those items costing \$5,000 or more.									Same	
t Management Requirements											
Monthly submission of Cash Transaction Reports when advances exceed \$1 million/year	Not required									24	
Up-front specification of interrelationship among projects	Not required										24
Publication acknowledgment and disclaimers	Required										R
Additional requirements for use of human subjects beyond those imposed by federal law	none	none	17	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
Additional requirements for use of anatomical substances beyond those imposed by federal law	none	none	17	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
Use of spansor budget forms for budget revisions	18	18	18	18	18	19	20	18	18	18	18
Use of electronic records to meet record retention requirements	Permitted									P	

- 17 Army Surgeon General approval also required
- 18 Not required, but budget should be in same general format as original
- 19 Not required for SNAP awards; but others use "Next Period Budget" form page from PHS2590.
- 20 Must be submitted electronically via the NSF FastLane system at https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov
- 21 Required for the PI and any other individuals specifically named in the Notice of Award
- 22 Prior approval required for non-profits
- 23 For universities no obligation to the federal government; for non-profits see special terms and conditions
- 24 Not required for universities
- * Any of the waivers noted above may be over-ridden by a special term or condition of award.
- ** Only the full text of the Research Terms & Conditions and the Agency-specific Requirements (ASR) available electronically at: http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/rtc/index.jsp are authoritative.