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FISCAL CHANGES TO NIH GRANTS

On January 20, 2012, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) issued Notice **Number: NOTOD-12-036** regarding new fiscal policies instituted in FY 2012. The policy applies to all research and non-research grants. FY 2012 awards that have already been issued will be revised in accordance with this policy.

NON-COMPETING AWARDS (CONTINUATIONS)

Non-competing awards will be issued without cost of living/inflationary adjustments in FY 2012. Any cost of living/inflationary that was included in the award will be removed on non-competing awards. You may choose to re-budget funds back in to salaries as long as it is not significant and does not exceed the current NIH salary cap. Please refer to <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-12-035.html> for more details on NIH salary caps.

COMPETING AWARDS

Inflationary increases for future year commitments will be discontinued for all competing grant awards issued in FY 2012. No cost of living expenses should be included in **any category**. For example, you should not increase personnel costs and then try to account for that by decreasing supplies. Equipment can be requested as needed and personnel costs can increase in the future years if there are additional personnel added or effort fluctuations.

NEW APPLICATIONS

The NIH will make efforts to keep the average size of awards constant at FY 2011 levels or lower. NIH will discontinue Inflationary increases for future years. For example, the 4% cost of living salary increase per year cannot be budgeted.

Adjustments for special needs (such as equipment and added personnel) may be accommodated. You should contact your Grants Management Specialist for approval. Contact information for your Grants Management Specialist can be found in your award notice.

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WHY THIS ALERT?

This publication has been created to serve the purpose of informing researchers of new information, trends and concerns as they occur.



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