

## Department of Health and Human Services

### Part 1. Overview Information

<b>Participating Organization(s)</b>	National Institutes of Health ( <a href="#">NIH</a> )
<b>Components of Participating Organizations</b>	National Institute on Aging ( <a href="#">NIA</a> )
<b>Funding Opportunity Title</b>	<b>Secondary Analyses and Archiving of Social and Behavioral Datasets in Aging (R03)</b>
<b>Activity Code</b>	<a href="#">R03</a> Small Grant Program
<b>Announcement Type</b>	New
<b>Related Notices</b>	None
<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number</b>	<b>RFA-AG-12-005</b>
<b>Companion FOA</b>	None
<b>Number of Applications</b>	See <a href="#">Section III. 3. Additional Information on Eligibility</a> .
<b>Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number(s)</b>	93.866
<b>FOA Purpose</b>	The purpose of this FOA is to solicit one-year R03 applications for (1) secondary analysis of data on aging in the areas of psychology, behavioral genetics, economics, demography or (2) archiving and dissemination of data sets to enable secondary analyses in order to further advance research.”

### Key Dates

<b>Posted Date</b>	August 3, 2011
<b>Open Date (Earliest Submission Date)</b>	October 3, 2011
<b>Letter of Intent Due Date</b>	October 3, 2011
<b>Application Due Date(s)</b>	November 3, 2011, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization.
<b>AIDS Application Due Date(s)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Scientific Merit Review</b>	February/March 2012
<b>Advisory Council Review</b>	May 2012
<b>Earliest Start Date</b>	July 2012

<b>(s)</b>	
<b>Expiration Date</b>	November 4, 2011
<b>Due Dates for E.O. 12372</b>	Not Applicable

## Required Application Instructions

It is critical that applicants follow the instructions in the [SF 424 \(R&R\) Application Guide](#) except where instructed to do otherwise (in this FOA or in a Notice from the [NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts](#)). Conformance to all requirements (both in the Application Guide and the FOA) is required and strictly enforced. Applicants must read and follow all application instructions in the Application Guide as well as any program-specific instructions noted in [Section IV](#). When the program-specific instructions deviate from those in the Application Guide, follow the program-specific instructions. **Applications that do not comply with these instructions may be delayed or not accepted for review.**

Apply for Grant Electronically

A compatible version of [Adobe Reader](#) is required for download. For Assistance downloading this or any Grants.gov application package, please contact Grants.gov Customer Support at <http://grants.gov/CustomerSupport>.

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## Part 2. Full Text of Announcement

### Section I. Funding Opportunity Description

The NIA supports collection of data and biological samples including a broad array of measures that are relevant to: the dynamics of health and disability, cognition, psychosocial and sociodemographic factors, genetics and biomarkers, long-term care, caregiving, behavioral medicine, retirement, economic status and well-being over the lifecourse (see the Resources Section below for links to NIA sponsored data sources). The purpose of this FOA is to solicit one-year R03 applications for (1) secondary analysis of data on aging in the areas of psychology, behavioral genetics, economics, demography or (2) archiving and dissemination of data sets to enable secondary analyses in order to further advance research.

1. Examples of secondary analysis include, but are not limited to:

A. Psychological and Social Processes in Aging

- Studies examining how personality, motivation, and related affective or cognitive phenotypes impact physical health and socioeconomic outcomes in older ages
- Studies of gene by environment interaction where social environments may modify genetic risk, or genetic factors may modify responses to the social environment
- Studies examining the impact of social relationships, social or cognitive engagement, and psychosocial stress on cognition

- Studies of early life determinants of late-life health, well-being, cognition, morbidity, and mortality

#### B. Behavioral Genetics of Aging

- Analysis of genome-wide SNP data with the intention of addressing any of the research questions outlined in the bullets above.
- Hypothesis-driven studies examining genetic influences on behaviors that affect healthy aging.
- Analysis of genetic and phenotypic data from direct-to-consumer genetic testing companies for the purposes of better understanding gene-behavior associations.
- Analysis of data to better understand who opts to see their genetic status for degenerative (e.g. Alzheimer disease, Huntington disease) or health-threatening (e.g. high blood pressure, obesity) conditions and behavior changes subsequent to this new knowledge.

#### C. Economics and Demography of Aging

- Labor force participation and time-use of older population
- Demography of aging, including family demography and trends in chronic disease, disability and life expectancy
- The relationship between healthcare spending and health status
- Effects of the recession on retirement savings, family relationships, and health
- The economic impact of population aging, including effects on both microeconomic decision-making and the macroeconomy
- Intergenerational transfers of time and money
- Relationship between age and productivity in labor market, including productivity of researchers in academic environments
- Causes of geographic differences in health and longevity for men and women within United States and around the world

#### 2. Examples of data archiving include, but are not limited to:

- Archiving and development of sociobehavioral datasets that can be user friendly and easily accessible for public use
- Harmonization of measures across studies to enable secondary analysis where multiple data sets are needed (such studies should then make public and archive the algorithms used to generate the harmonized measures)
- Creation of data extraction web tools for public use databases, such as the Health and Retirement Study (HRS), the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE), the Study on Global AGEing and Adult Health (SAGE), or the National Survey of Midlife Development in the United States (MIDUS)
- Creation of synthetic datasets that facilitate the use of data that would otherwise not be available for public use in original form, because they include geographic information or sensitive administrative records.

Applicants are encouraged to archive data from studies with rich phenotypic, environmental or biomarkers data and make them available through the National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging (NACDA) [<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/NACDA/>] or another archive for public use. Archiving may pertain to any type of data useful for secondary analysis including results of assays conducted on biospecimens, and the addition of geo-coded and community level variables for database expansion.

#### Resources

Priority will be given to applications undertaking secondary analysis or archiving of publicly available datasets that NIA has supported. Such datasets are located in the following document:

<http://www.nia.nih.gov/ResearchInformation/ExtramuralPrograms/BehavioralAndSocialResearch/publicdatasets.htm>.

## Section II. Award Information

<b>Funding Instrument</b>	Grant

<b>Application Types Allowed</b>	New  The <a href="#">OER Glossary</a> and the SF 424 (R&R) Application Guide provide details on these application types.
<b>Funds Available and Anticipated Number of Awards</b>	The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations, and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. NIA intends to commit \$800K in FY 2012.
<b>Award Budget</b>	Application budgets are not limited, but need to reflect actual needs of the proposed project.
<b>Award Project Period</b>	The total project period for an application submitted in response to this funding opportunity may not exceed one year.

NIH grants policies as described in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](#) will apply to the applications submitted and awards made in response to this FOA.

## Section III. Eligibility Information

### 1. Eligible Applicants

#### Eligible Organizations

##### Higher Education Institutions

- Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education
- Private Institutions of Higher Education

The following types of Higher Education Institutions are always encouraged to apply for NIH support as Public or Private Institutions of Higher Education:

- Hispanic-serving Institutions
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs)
- Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions

##### Nonprofits Other Than Institutions of Higher Education

- Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education)
- Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education)

##### For-Profit Organizations

- Small Businesses
- For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses)

##### Governments

- State Governments
- County Governments
- City or Township Governments
- Special District Governments
- Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized)
- Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Other than Federally Recognized)
- Eligible Agencies of the Federal Government

- U.S. Territory or Possession

#### Other

- Independent School Districts
- Public Housing Authorities/Indian Housing Authorities
- Native American Tribal Organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Faith-based or Community-based Organizations
- Regional Organizations

## Foreign Institutions

Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entities (Foreign Institutions) **are** eligible to apply.

Non-domestic (non-U.S.) components of U.S. Organizations **are** eligible to apply.

Foreign components, as [defined](#) in the NIH Grants Policy Statement, **are** allowed.

## Required Registrations

Applicant organizations must complete the following registrations as described in the SF 424 (R&R) Application Guide to be eligible to apply for or receive an award. Applicants must have a valid Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number in order to begin each of the following registrations.

- [Central Contractor Registration \(CCR\)](#) – must maintain an active registration, to be renewed at least annually
- [Grants.gov](#)
- [eRA Commons](#)

All Program Directors/Principal Investigators (PD/PIs) must also work with their institutional officials to register with the eRA Commons or ensure their existing eRA Commons account is affiliated with the eRA Commons account of the applicant organization.

All registrations must be completed by the application due date. Applicant organizations are strongly encouraged to start the registration process at least four (4) weeks prior to the application due date.

## Eligible Individuals (Program Director/Principal Investigator)

Any individual(s) with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the Program Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) is invited to work with his/her organization to develop an application for support. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply for NIH support.

For institutions/organizations proposing multiple PDs/PIs, visit the Multiple Program Director/Principal Investigator Policy and submission details in the Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded) Component of the SF 424 (R&R) Application Guide.

## 2. Cost Sharing

This FOA does not require cost sharing as defined in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](#).

## 3. Additional Information on Eligibility

### Number of Applications

Applicant organizations may submit more than one application, provided that each application is scientifically distinct.

NIH will not accept any application in response to this FOA that is essentially the same as one currently pending

initial peer review unless the applicant withdraws the pending application. NIH will not accept any application that is essentially the same as one already reviewed.

## Section IV. Application and Submission Information

### 1. Requesting an Application Package

Applicants must download the SF424 (R&R) application package associated with this funding opportunity using the “Apply for Grant Electronically” button in this FOA or following the directions provided at [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov).

### 2. Content and Form of Application Submission

It is critical that applicants follow the instructions in the [SF424 \(R&R\) Application Guide](#), except where instructed in this funding opportunity announcement to do otherwise. Conformance to the requirements in the Application Guide is required and strictly enforced. Applications that are out of compliance with these instructions may be delayed or not accepted for review.

For information on Application Submission and Receipt, visit [Frequently Asked Questions – Application Guide, Electronic Submission of Grant Applications](#).

#### Letter of Intent

Although a letter of intent is not required, is not binding, and does not enter into the review of a subsequent application, the information that it contains allows IC staff to estimate the potential review workload and plan the review.

By the date listed in [Part 1. Overview Information](#), prospective applicants are asked to submit a letter of intent that includes the following information:

- Descriptive title of proposed research
- Name, address, and telephone number of the PD(s)/PI(s)
- Names of other key personnel
- Participating institutions
- Number and title of this funding opportunity

The letter of intent should be sent to:

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#### Required and Optional Components

The forms package associated with this FOA includes all applicable components, mandatory and optional. Please note that some components marked optional in the application package are required for submission of applications for this FOA. Follow all instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide to ensure you complete all appropriate “optional” components.

#### Page Limitations

All page limitations described in the SF424 Application Guide and the [Table of Page Limits](#) must be followed.

## PHS 398 Research Plan Component

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed, with the following additional instructions:

### Resource Sharing Plan

Individuals are required to comply with the instructions for the Resource Sharing Plans (Data Sharing Plan, Sharing Model Organisms, and Genome Wide Association Studies; GWAS) as provided in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide, with the following modifications:

- Applicants proposing to archive data, regardless of the amount of direct costs requested for one year, should address a Data Sharing Plan.

### Appendix

Do not use the appendix to circumvent page limits. Follow all instructions for the Appendix as described in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide, with the following modifications:

- No publications or other printed material with the exception of pre-printed questionnaires or surveys may be included in the Appendix.

### Foreign Institutions

Foreign (non-US) institutions must follow policies described in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](#), and procedures for foreign institutions described throughout the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

## 3. Submission Dates and Times

[Part I. Overview Information](#) contains information about Key Dates. Applicants are encouraged to submit in advance of the deadline to ensure they have time to make any application corrections that might be necessary for successful submission.

Organizations must submit applications via [Grants.gov](#), the online portal to find and apply for grants across all Federal agencies. Applicants must then complete the submission process by tracking the status of the application in the [eRA Commons](#), NIH's electronic system for grants administration.

**Applicants are responsible for viewing their application in the eRA Commons to ensure accurate and successful submission.**

Information on the submission process and a definition of on-time submission are provided in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

## 4. Intergovernmental Review (E.O. 12372)

This initiative is not subject to [intergovernmental review](#).

## 5. Funding Restrictions

All NIH awards are subject to the terms and conditions, cost principles, and other considerations described in the NIH Grants Policy Statement.

Pre-award costs are allowable only as described in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](#).

## 6. Other Submission Requirements and Information

Applications must be submitted electronically following the instructions described in the SF 424 (R&R) Application

Guide. Paper applications will not be accepted.

**Applicants must complete all required registrations before the application due date.** [Section III. Eligibility Information](#) contains information about registration.

For assistance with your electronic application or for more information on the electronic submission process, visit [Applying Electronically](#).

**Important reminders:**

All PD/PIs must include their eRA Commons ID in the Credential field of the Senior/Key Person Profile Component of the SF 424(R&R) Application Package. Failure to register in the Commons and to include a valid PD/PI Commons ID in the credential field will prevent the successful submission of an electronic application to NIH.

The applicant organization must ensure that the DUNS number it provides on the application is the same number used in the organization's profile in the eRA Commons and for the Central Contractor Registration (CCR). Additional information may be found in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

See [more tips](#) for avoiding common errors.

Upon receipt, applications will be evaluated for completeness by the Center for Scientific Review and responsiveness by NIA, NIH. Applications that are incomplete and/or nonresponsive will not be reviewed.

Letter of Support: Unless the data to be archived are available through a public source, such as NACA, Project Directors/Principal Investigators are required to furnish a letter of support from the data holder or institution.

Analytical aims (e.g., hypothesis testing) are not required for applications proposing to archive data. Reviewers will be asked to evaluate future research potential of the proposed data set to be archived and data processing/archiving/sharing plans.

## Post Submission Materials

Applicants are required to follow the instructions for post-submission materials, as described in [NOT-OD-10-115](#)

## Section V. Application Review Information

### 1. Criteria

Only the review criteria described below will be considered in the review process. As part of the [NIH mission](#), all applications submitted to the NIH in support of biomedical and behavioral research are evaluated for scientific and technical merit through the NIH peer review system.

For this particular announcement, note the following:

The R03 small grant supports discrete, well-defined projects that realistically can be completed in two years and that require limited levels of funding. Because the research project usually is limited, an R03 grant application may not contain extensive detail or discussion. Accordingly, reviewers should evaluate the conceptual framework and general approach to the problem. Appropriate justification for the proposed work can be provided through literature citations, data from other sources, or from investigator-generated data. Preliminary data are not required, particularly in applications proposing pilot or feasibility studies.

For this FOA, analytical aims (e.g., hypothesis testing) are not required for applications proposing to archive data. Reviewers should evaluate future research potential of the proposed data set to be archived and data processing/archiving/sharing plans.

### Overall Impact

Reviewers will provide an overall impact/priority score to reflect their assessment of the likelihood for the project to exert a sustained, powerful influence on the research field(s) involved, in consideration of the following review criteria and additional review criteria (as applicable for the project proposed).

## Scored Review Criteria

Reviewers will consider each of the review criteria below in the determination of scientific merit, and give a separate score for each. An application does not need to be strong in all categories to be judged likely to have major scientific impact. For example, a project that by its nature is not innovative may be essential to advance a field.

### Significance

Does the project address an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field? If the aims of the project are achieved, how will scientific knowledge, technical capability, and/or clinical practice be improved? How will successful completion of the aims change the concepts, methods, technologies, treatments, services, or preventative interventions that drive this field?.

### Investigator(s)

Are the PD/PIs, collaborators, and other researchers well suited to the project? If Early Stage Investigators or New Investigators, or in the early stages of independent careers, do they have appropriate experience and training? If established, have they demonstrated an ongoing record of accomplishments that have advanced their field(s)? If the project is collaborative or multi-PD/PI, do the investigators have complementary and integrated expertise; are their leadership approach, governance and organizational structure appropriate for the project?

### Innovation

Does the application challenge and seek to shift current research or clinical practice paradigms by utilizing novel theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions? Are the concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions novel to one field of research or novel in a broad sense? Is a refinement, improvement, or new application of theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions proposed? For applications proposing to archive data, innovation should be considered in terms of the research potential of future analyses of archived data.

### Approach

Are the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the specific aims of the project? Are potential problems, alternative strategies, and benchmarks for success presented? If the project is in the early stages of development, will the strategy establish feasibility and will particularly risky aspects be managed?

If the project involves clinical research, are the plans for 1) protection of human subjects from research risks, and 2) inclusion of minorities and members of both sexes/genders, as well as the inclusion of children, justified in terms of the scientific goals and research strategy proposed?

### Environment

Will the scientific environment in which the work will be done contribute to the probability of success? Are the institutional support, equipment and other physical resources available to the investigators adequate for the project proposed? Will the project benefit from unique features of the scientific environment, subject populations, or collaborative arrangements?

## Additional Review Criteria

As applicable for the project proposed, reviewers will evaluate the following additional items while determining

scientific and technical merit, and in providing an overall impact/priority score, but will not give separate scores for these items.

## **Protections for Human Subjects**

For research that involves human subjects but does not involve one of the six categories of research that are exempt under 45 CFR Part 46, the committee will evaluate the justification for involvement of human subjects and the proposed protections from research risk relating to their participation according to the following five review criteria: 1) risk to subjects, 2) adequacy of protection against risks, 3) potential benefits to the subjects and others, 4) importance of the knowledge to be gained, and 5) data and safety monitoring for clinical trials.

For research that involves human subjects and meets the criteria for one or more of the six categories of research that are exempt under 45 CFR Part 46, the committee will evaluate: 1) the justification for the exemption, 2) human subjects involvement and characteristics, and 3) sources of materials. For additional information on review of the Human Subjects section, please refer to the [Human Subjects Protection and Inclusion Guidelines](#).

## **Inclusion of Women, Minorities, and Children**

When the proposed project involves clinical research, the committee will evaluate the proposed plans for inclusion of minorities and members of both genders, as well as the inclusion of children. For additional information on review of the Inclusion section, please refer to the [Human Subjects Protection and Inclusion Guidelines](#).

## **Vertebrate Animals**

The committee will evaluate the involvement of live vertebrate animals as part of the scientific assessment according to the following five points: 1) proposed use of the animals, and species, strains, ages, sex, and numbers to be used; 2) justifications for the use of animals and for the appropriateness of the species and numbers proposed; 3) adequacy of veterinary care; 4) procedures for limiting discomfort, distress, pain and injury to that which is unavoidable in the conduct of scientifically sound research including the use of analgesic, anesthetic, and tranquilizing drugs and/or comfortable restraining devices; and 5) methods of euthanasia and reason for selection if not consistent with the AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia. For additional information on review of the Vertebrate Animals section, please refer to the [Worksheet for Review of the Vertebrate Animal Section](#).

## **Biohazards**

Reviewers will assess whether materials or procedures proposed are potentially hazardous to research personnel and/or the environment, and if needed, determine whether adequate protection is proposed.

## **Resubmissions**

Not Applicable

## **Renewals**

Not Applicable

## **Revisions**

Not Applicable

## **Additional Review Considerations**

As applicable for the project proposed, reviewers will consider each of the following items, but will not give scores for

these items, and should not consider them in providing an overall impact/priority score.

## **Applications from Foreign Organizations**

Reviewers will assess whether the project presents special opportunities for furthering research programs through the use of unusual talent, resources, populations, or environmental conditions that exist in other countries and either are not readily available in the United States or augment existing U.S. resources.

## **Select Agent Research**

Reviewers will assess the information provided in this section of the application, including 1) the Select Agent(s) to be used in the proposed research, 2) the registration status of all entities where Select Agent(s) will be used, 3) the procedures that will be used to monitor possession use and transfer of Select Agent(s), and 4) plans for appropriate biosafety, biocontainment, and security of the Select Agent(s).

## **Resource Sharing Plans**

Reviewers will comment on whether the following Resource Sharing Plans, or the rationale for not sharing the following types of resources, are reasonable: 1) [Data Sharing Plan](#); 2) [Sharing Model Organisms](#); and 3) [Genome Wide Association Studies \(GWAS\)](#).

## **Budget and Period of Support**

Reviewers will consider whether the budget and the requested period of support are fully justified and reasonable in relation to the proposed research.

## **2. Review and Selection Process**

Applications will be evaluated for scientific and technical merit by (an) appropriate Scientific Review Group) convened by the National Institute on Aging , in accordance with [NIH peer review policy and procedures](#), using the stated [review criteria](#). Review assignments will be shown in the eRA Commons.

As part of the scientific peer review, all applications:

- May undergo a selection process in which only those applications deemed to have the highest scientific and technical merit (generally the top half of applications under review), will be discussed and assigned an overall impact/priority score.
- Will receive a written critique.

Applications will compete for available funds with all other recommended applications submitted in response to this FOA. Following initial peer review, recommended applications will receive a second level of review by the National Institute on Aging| Advisory Council . The following will be considered in making funding decisions:

- Scientific and technical merit of the proposed project as determined by scientific peer review.
- Availability of funds.
- Relevance of the proposed project to program priorities and program balance.

## **3. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates**

After the peer review of the application is completed, the PD/PI will be able to access his or her Summary Statement (written critique) via the [eRA Commons](#).

Information regarding the disposition of applications is available in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](#).

## **Section VI. Award Administration Information**

## 1. Award Notices

If the application is under consideration for funding, NIH will request "just-in-time" information from the applicant as described in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](#).

A formal notification in the form of a Notice of Award (NoA) will be provided to the applicant organization for successful applications. The NoA signed by the grants management officer is the authorizing document and will be sent via email to the grantee's business official.

Awardees must comply with any funding restrictions described in [Section IV.5. Funding Restrictions](#). Selection of an application for award is not an authorization to begin performance. Any costs incurred before receipt of the NoA are at the recipient's risk. These costs may be reimbursed only to the extent considered allowable pre-award costs.

Any application awarded in response to this FOA will be subject to the DUNS, CCR Registration, and Transparency Act requirements as noted on the [Award Conditions and Information for NIH Grants](#) website.

## 2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

All NIH grant and cooperative agreement awards include the *NIH Grants Policy Statement* as part of the NoA. For these terms of award, see the [NIH Grants Policy Statement Part II: Terms and Conditions of NIH Grant Awards, Subpart A: General](#) and [Part II: Terms and Conditions of NIH Grant Awards, Subpart B: Terms and Conditions for Specific Types of Grants, Grantees, and Activities](#). More information is provided at [Award Conditions and Information for NIH Grants](#).

### Cooperative Agreement Terms and Conditions of Award

Not Applicable.

## 3. Reporting

When multiple years are involved, awardees will be required to submit the [Non-Competing Continuation Grant Progress Report \(PHS 2590\)](#) annually and financial statements as required in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](#).

A final progress report, invention statement, and the expenditure data portion of the Federal Financial Report are required for closeout of an award, as described in the *NIH Grants Policy Statement*.

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Transparency Act), includes a requirement for awardees of Federal grants to report information about first-tier subawards and executive compensation under Federal assistance awards issued in FY2011 or later. All awardees of applicable NIH grants and cooperative agreements are required to report to the Federal Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) available at [www.fsrs.gov](http://www.fsrs.gov) on all subawards over \$25,000. See the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](#) for additional information on this reporting requirement.

## Section VII. Agency Contacts

We encourage inquiries concerning this funding opportunity and welcome the opportunity to answer questions from potential applicants.

### Application Submission Contacts

[Grants.gov Customer Support](#) (Questions regarding Grants.gov registration and submission, downloading or navigating forms)

Contact Center Phone: 800-518-4726

Email: [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)

GrantsInfo (Questions regarding application instructions and process, finding NIH grant resources)

Telephone 301-435-0714  
 TTY 301-451-5936  
 Email: [GrantsInfo@nih.gov](mailto:GrantsInfo@nih.gov)

eRA Commons Help Desk(Questions regarding eRA Commons registration, tracking application status, post submission issues)  
 Phone: 301-402-7469 or 866-504-9552 (Toll Free)  
 TTY: 301-451-5939  
 Email: [commons@od.nih.gov](mailto:commons@od.nih.gov)

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## Section VIII. Other Information

Recently issued trans-NIH [policy notices](#) may affect your application submission. A full list of policy notices published by NIH is provided in the [NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts](#). All awards are subject to the terms and conditions, cost principles, and other considerations described in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](#).

### Authority and Regulations

Awards are made under the authorization of Sections 301 and 405 of the Public Health Service Act as amended (42 USC 241 and 284) and under Federal Regulations 42 CFR Part 52 and 45 CFR Parts 74 and 92.

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