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**To:** UNC Dept. Business Managers  
**Subject:** [business\_managers] ARRA Awards

Dear Grants Manager,

UNC-Chapel Hill has submitted more than 800 proposals to solicitations under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). So far, more than 220 of those proposals have been funded, and awards under ARRA exceed \$81.6 million. Those numbers will continue to grow.

ARRA awards carry special requirements for hiring personnel, purchasing and reporting that could make them more burdensome both for you as a grants manager and for your PI. Because of that, the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development appointed a special task force to look at our internal systems for purchasing, HR, off-campus leased space, award management, and reporting. The Vice Chancellor asked the Task Force to find ways we could expedite the management of ARRA awards. Under ARRA funding, the federal government expects all its awardees to make sustained progress toward reaching the goals and objectives of each project. Among other things, it means sponsors may not give no-cost extensions to investigators who fail to complete their projects on time. It also means missing a required quarterly report could cause your funding to be frozen or rescinded.

The ARRA Task Force has created a special webpage that explains how you can expedite your ARRA activities. We have found ways to cut red tape and get things done faster in a variety of areas—from simplifying and automating some reporting, to decreasing the length of time you have to post new positions before they can be filled. The purpose is to make it easier for ARRA projects to stay on time while fulfilling all the special requirements that come with the money.

For further details, go to [http://research.unc.edu/arra\\_information.php](http://research.unc.edu/arra_information.php).

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More details on the Recovery Act Award at Carolina:

<http://research.unc.edu/recovery/awards/index.php#links>

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