

Subject: [rasg] Clarification on Recovery Act Administrative Supplements

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On March 25, 2009 we sent out an email to RASG titled Recovery Act Review Procedures which included information on how to submit budgets for Administrative Supplements. At the time, and based on our reading of NOT-OD-09-056, we had stated that the requested budget period for the supplement must align with the budget periods of the current parent grant which was consistent with the standard NIH guidelines for non-ARRA supplements. Since then we have received further clarification on this issue as evidenced in this FAQ submitted to NIH.

Question: Should the ARRA supplements start dates align with the parent grant?

NIH Answer: NO, they are not required to do so. The administrative supplements can be for up to 24 months (if awarded during this fiscal year) and extend beyond the end date of the parent, so long as the parent can be placed into a no-cost extension when it becomes eligible. The competitive revisions can end prior to, but not after, the parent.

Please make note of this when developing your budgets for Administrative Supplements and we hope this change in procedure doesn't cause any unnecessary confusion. Budgets already submitted in RAMSeS or to the NIH do not have to be changed and re-submitted.

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