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\$1 Billion in Recovery Funds for NC

U.S Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced more than \$1 billion available for North Carolina under the American Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.

The funding will reform and help save hundreds of thousands of teaching jobs. The availability of the funds is because of North Carolina's successful completion of part 1 of the State Stabilization Application made accessible in April.

To date North Carolina has received \$309 million in education stimulus funds representing a combination of funding for Title I, IDEA, Vocational Rehabilitation Grants and Independent Living Grants.

In April North Carolina received \$129 million in Title I funding and \$170 million in IDEA funding. This represents 50% of the Title I and IDEA funding NC is eligible for in total. Also in April North Carolina received more than \$9

million in Vocational Rehab funds and more than \$1 million in Independent Living funds.

In order to receive the recovery funds North Carolina provided assurances that it will collect, publish, analyze, and act on basic information regarding the quality of classroom teachers, annual student improvements, college readiness, the effectiveness of state standards (Continue to p. 6)

More Information in Less Space

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Shorter proposals with the same application guidelines mean that proposal writers must include more information in less space. How do you do that?

The answer lies in tighter editing. Even skilled proposal writers fall into common writing traps that confuse reviewers.

Example: "In fact, we conduct surveys of our clients on a regular basis."

Revised: "In fact, we regularly survey our clients."

The revised sentence solved two problems: The verb-noun trap (conduct surveys) and the prepositional phrase (on a regular basis).

The verb-noun trap often occurs when we want our writing to sound very formal or "business-like." This often means that we use more words than necessary. In particular, we use a weak verb and a noun, when the verb by itself is stronger.

Some week verbs include: conduct, perform, and made. Use the "Search" or "Find" command on your

word processing program to locate sentences with these weak verbs. Then take the weak verbs out and revise the sentences.

Avoiding the verb-noun trap is one means of tighter editing.

See examples of unnecessary word usage and the revised sentences on p.6

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Funding Opportunities

Closing Date	Opportunity Title	Funding Agency	Funding Number
9/1/09	2010 Family Planning Services Announcement (Region1 – NH, VT, ME, RI CT, MA (Central))	Office of Public Health and Science	PA-FPH-09-034
9/1/09	2010 FPH Region 3 FOA	Office of Public Health and Science	PA-FPH-09-010457
9/1/09	2010 FPH Region 5 FOA	Office of Public Health and Science	PA-FPH-09-037-010458
9/1/09	Recovery Act: Training Program Development for Commercial Building Equipment Technicians, Building Operators, and Energy Commissioning Agents/Auditors	National Energy Technology Laboratory	DE-FOA-0000118
9/1/09	2010 FPH Region 9 FOA	Office of Public Health and Science	PA-FPH-09-038-010460
9/1/09	Topical Collaborations in Nuclear Theory	Chicago Service Center	DE-PS02-09ER09-24
9/1/09	2010 FPH Region 1 FOA	Office of Public Health and Science	PA-FPH-09-10454
9/4/09	Recovery Act- Energy Training Partnership Grants	Employment and Training Administration	SGA-DFA-PY-08-18
9/23/09	Partnership for Biodefense Viral Pathogens (R01)	National Institutes of Health	RFA –AI-09-028
9/23/09	Partnerships for Biodefense Food And Water-borne	National Institutes of Health	RFA-AI-09-027
9/23/09	San Francisco Bay Area Water Quality Improvement Fund	Environmental Protection Agency	EPA-R9-WTR1-09-006
9/29/09	Recovery Act: Pathways out of Poverty	Employment and Training Administration	SGA-DFA-PY-08-19
10/1/09	Medical Rehabilitation Research Resource (R24)	National Institutes of Health	RFA-HD-09-013
10/3/09	HSIPR Program: Track 2- Service Development Programs	DOT/Federal Railroad Administration	10439

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No Cost Extensions (NCE)

No cost extensions can be requested prior to the end of an award to obtain additional time to complete the work of a grant and/or prepare technical reports. This also extends the time until final financial reports are due.

Most sponsors allow no-cost extensions to provide maximum possible continuity in funding research and educational activities. The requirements to apply for no-cost extensions vary with each sponsor. Investigators should refer to the sponsor's policies to better understand the conditions for applying for the no-cost extension. No-cost extensions are not appropriate to provide time to spend balances left at the end of the grant. Granting of no-cost extensions can vary greatly between federal and non-federal sponsors.

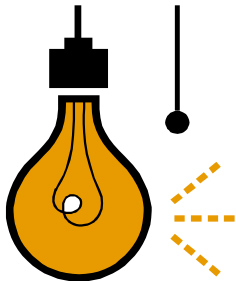
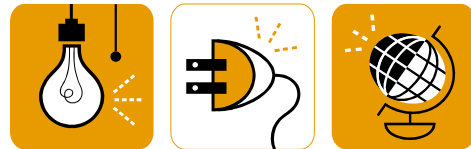
In all cases, the notification/request for no-cost extensions must originate with the Principal Investigator providing a justifiable reason for the extension. The request should be submitted to an Office of Sponsored Research in the sponsor's required format with enough time for OSR to meet the sponsor's deadlines.

In general, no-cost extensions requested after the end date of a grant will not be honored by the sponsor.

Some common reasons a grantee would need a NCE include:

- more time to complete originally approved project
- orderly phase out of project
- continuity of support while renewal application is under review

Most often no-cost extensions are granted for a period not to exceed 12 months.



No Cost Extension Guidelines

For a Few Major Sponsors

NASA- National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Allows recipients to extend the expiration date of a grant if additional time beyond the established expiration date is required to assure adequate completion of the original scope of work with the funds already made available.

Look at NASA's full requirements for their no-cost extension (paragraph D-3)

<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/procurement/nraguidebook/proposer2008.pdf>

NIH- National Institutes of Health

The grantee may extend the final budget period of the project period one time for a period of up to 12 months beyond the original expiration date shown in the NGA if no additional funds are required to be obligated by the awarding office, there will be no change in the projects originally approved scope or objective, and any one of the following applies

- Additional time beyond established expiration date is required to ensure adequate completion of the originally approved project
- Continuity of NIH grant support is required while a competing continuation application is under review.
- The extension is necessary to permit and orderly phase-out of a project that will not receive continued support.

Find complete NIH guidelines on no-cost extensions (Part II: Under Expanded Authorities)

http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/part_ii_5.htm#expandauth

NSF- National Science Foundation

Grantees may authorize a one time extension of the expiration date of the grant up to 12 months if additional time beyond the established expiration date is required to assure adequate completion of the original scope of work within the funds already made available. The one time extension may not be exercised merely for the purpose of using unliquidated balances.

Note: NSF requires NCEs to be submitted electronically.

Review all of NSF's requirements (paragraph 253.2, No-cost Extension)

http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2002/nsf02151/anm02_151.pdf

Closing Date	Opportunity Title	Funding Agency	Funding Number
10/15/09	Solar America Cities Technical Outreach	Golden Field Office	DE-FOA-0000086
10/20/09	Recovery Act: State Energy Sector Partnership (SESP) and Training Grants	Employment and Training Administration	SGA-DFA-PY-08-20
10/20/09	Fertility Preservation Research: Advancing Beyond Technology (R01)	National Institutes of Health	RFA-HD-09-009
10/23/09	Flight Deck Thermal Management	Office of Naval Research	ONRBAA09-031
10/29/09	The Early Detection Research Network: Biomarker Developmental Laboratories (U01)	National Institutes of Health	RFA-CA-09-017
11/03/09	Cancer Intervention and Surveillance Modeling Network (CISNET) (U01)	National Institutes of Health	RFA-CA-09-025
11/06/09	Amendment 8: ESSP Venture Class Science Investigations: Earth Venture 1	NASA Headquarters	NNH09ZDA001NEV1
11/17/09	Enterics Research Investigational Network Cooperative Research Centers (U19)	National Institutes of Health	RFA-AI-09-023
12/2/09	Resource Core Alcohol Research Centers (P30)	National Institutes of Health	RFA-AA-10-002

For complete listings and other grants visit Grants.gov

What is a Mini Grant?

Mini grants are grants and awards from organizations and funders much like "regular" grants are.

Depending on the organization providing the funds, mini grants can be used for a variety of things:

purchasing equipment, supplies and other materials related to a program, expanding or strengthening pre-existing courses and activities, establishing new activities within a program, to further strategic plans, for summer

compensations, for travel and data fees, and many other applicable reasons. The specific uses of a mini grant are outlined in the grant application materials. Mini grants have application deadlines and eligibility standards just as

other grants do, however, often have a less intensive application process. View an Education Mini Grant solicitation from N.C. Biotechnology Center on p.8

American Recovery Act Revisited

Are you curious to know where the ARRA grant dollars are being spent?

Grants.gov currently lists 88 grant opportunities available under the American Recover and Reinvestment Act.

Health and Energy agencies lead the pack and account for 42% of the RFP's. To learn more about the specifics of the 88 grant opportunities visit the Grants.gov website.

Here is a breakdown of agencies receiving the federal stimulus dollars (by number of RFP's):

Air Force Office of Scientific Research: 1

Advanced Projects Research Agency: 1

Department of Homeland Security: 5

Department of Commerce: 1

Department of Defense: 1

Department of Energy: 18

Department of Interior: 8

Department of Justice: 9

Department of Labor: 1

Department of Education: 6

Department of Health and

Human Services: 4

Department of Housing and Urban Development: 8

National Institutes of Health: 19

U.S. Department of Agriculture: 6



In an effort to provide complete transparency for Recovery Act spending, the website RECOVERY.gov was created.

Stimulus Funding Update: NSF

Many National Science Foundation (NSF) programs are receiving American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. Specifically, NSF says their current budget has been increased by \$3.0 billion.

Since NSF currently has many highly rated proposals that it has not been able to fund, it is planning to use the majority of the \$2 billion available in Research and Related Activities for proposals that are already in house and will be reviewed and/or awarded prior to September 30, 2009.

NSF said recently that it also expects to expeditiously award ARRA funds for the following

programs.

The Math and Science Partnership program (funded at \$25 million);

The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program (funded at \$60 million);

The Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction Account (funded at \$400 million);

The Academic Research Infrastructure (ARI) program (funded at \$200 million);

The Science Masters program, (funded at \$15 million).

Solicitations for these latter two programs will be

posted this spring.

NSF will post a solicitation this spring for the Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI) in order to make a sufficient number of awards to utilize the \$300 million provided in the legislation. The Foundation currently anticipates that no other solicitations will be posted that are solely in response to the Recovery Act.

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All IRB inquiries should be
sent to IRB@wcu.edu.

REMEMBER: To ensure that the best possible proposal package is submitted for funding, it must be received by Research Administration **at least 5 days** before it is due to the sponsor.

A special thanks goes to those researchers that met the deadline and helped us help them succeed! Proposals received by RA the day they are due to the sponsor run a **risk of not being submitted**.

Continuations

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and assessments, progress on removing charter cap, and interventions in turning around underperforming schools.

North Carolina is also required by the Department of Education to report the number of jobs saved through the Recover Act funding, the amount of state and local tax increases averted, and how funds are used. -*U.S Department of Education*

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Original Sentence: Dr. Calder will conduct an investigation of the leading causes of Type 1 diabetes.

Revised: Dr. Calder will investigate the leading causes of Type 1 diabetes.

Original Sentence: Theresa will perform an evaluation of the program's effectiveness.

Revised: Theresa will evaluate the program's effectiveness.

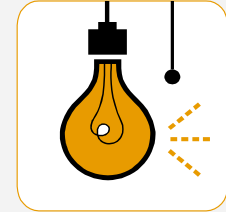
Proposals and Awards

May Proposals

Primary Investigator	Project Title	Requested
Kimberly Crawford	The Language-Reading Connection: Creating Unique Opportunities	\$5,000.00
Lori Schrodtt	Community Health and Mobility Partnership	\$15,703.00
Brian Byrd	Whatisenvironmentalhealth.org: A Recruitment Tool Enhanced by Student Perspectives of the Discipline	\$4,000.00
Ronald Mau	Home Building Education Leadership Program (HELP)	\$98,859.00
Sloan Despeaux	Regional Undergraduate Mathematics Conferences	\$1,700.00
George Ford	An Integrated System for Improving Energy Audits	\$39,776.10
Peter Tay	Computer Aided Detection and Diagnosis of Cancer Software Suite	\$491,069.14

Awards Accepted May/June (As of June 16, 2009)

Primary Investigator	Project Funding Agency	Awarded Amount
Brian Kloeppel	U.S Forest Service	\$16,088.00
Ron Davis	Balsam Mountain Preserve	\$3,250.00
David Butcher	North Carolina Biotechnology Center	\$5,000.00
Vincent Hall	Department of Veteran Affairs	\$81,605.00
Josh Whitmore	BCBS of North Carolina Foundation	\$14,440.00
Judy Mallory	HRSA	\$47,029.00
Tom Martin	U.S Forest Service	\$3,960
Linda Comer	Duke	\$132,870
Bill Ogletree	Department of Education	\$196,592



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N.C. Biotechnology Center

Education Mini Grants

The grant assists the development and implementation of activities, programs and courses for biotechnology education and training at the K-12 level.

Application Deadline

January 27, 2010 Noon

One submission date yearly. Proposals received by fax, email, or paper will not be accepted. (Online Application)

Support Guidelines

No award will exceed \$6,000

Awards are made for 12 months

An institution is unlikely to receive awards for more than one proposal submitted in the same year. A project director is unlikely to receive awards in two successive years. Purchase of computers will generally not be allowed, unless required for a specific scientific-application.

Mini Grant Application Instructions

http://www.ncbiotech.org/services_and_programs/grants_and_loans/mini_grant/mini_application_instructions.html