Guide Notice on Evaluation Cost

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Today’s Webinar Agenda

- 2:30 pm ----------- Evaluation Cost Overview
- 3:15 pm ----------- Q & A Period
- 4:00 pm ----------- Adjourn

Questions During the Webinar?

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Evaluation Cost: Guide Notices

- The purpose of the Notices are to inform prospective applicants and current grantees of the RISE, Bridges, IMSD and PREP programs of a change in budget instructions:

Change in Allowable Cost for Evaluation

• No more than $3,000 for support of evaluation activities will be allowed per project period (5 yrs).

• All other aspects of the FOA for each program remain the same, including the applicant’s response to the requirements for evaluation in the application.
Rationale of this Change…

- Student training is a shared responsibility
- TWD Budget Outlook: Zero-sum game
- More resources for students/training-related activities
Implementation of the Change

• This change is effective with competing (new and renewal) Bridges, RISE, IMSD, and PREP awards made in FY2015 and beyond.

• The notice does not affect the continuation Type 5 awards. Therefore your current budget for this cycle will not be affected by the change.
Implementation of the Change

• NIGMS expects the grantee institutions to propose an evaluation plan as stated in each FOA, monitor and periodically conduct self-assessment of their student training and development activities to discern the extent to which they are meeting the program goals and objectives, and report data on student outcomes as required in the progress reports.

• NIGMS will use the outcome data from individual programs and other sources to conduct an overall evaluation of the national program.
Review of Pending Applications

• The merits of evaluation plans in the applications that were submitted in September/October, 2014 will be evaluated as they are written. Any necessary budget changes will be made during the post-review award process.
$3,000 Cap for Evaluation Costs

- The $3,000 cap is for the entire project period not just one year of the award.
- If a grantee requests funds for evaluation costs in the first budget year greater than $3,000, the amount will be decreased to the $3,000 cap.
- If funds are requested for evaluation costs in the out years they will be unallowable and removed from the budget if the $3,000 cap has been requested in a previous year.
- Rebudgeting funds from other categories into the evaluation category above the $3,000 cap is not allowable.
Questions and Discussion