

Questions and Answers from the March 23, 2009 web presentation by NCCR regarding the Recovery Act initiatives for G20 and C06 funding (construction and renovation)

Recovery Act Limited Competition: Core Facility Renovation, Repair, and Improvement (G20)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RR-09-007.html>

Application Deadline: September 17, 2009.

Support can be requested to alter and renovate the core facility, as well as to improve the general equipment in the core facility and/or to centralize core facilities. Funds requested under this FOA can range from \$1 million to \$10 million and can include purchase of general equipment for specialized groups of researchers.

Recovery Act Limited Competition: Extramural Research Facilities Improvement Program (C06)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RR-09-008.html>

Application Deadline: May 6, 2009

projects between \$2M and \$5M

Application Deadline: June 17, 2009

projects between \$10M and \$15M

Application Deadline: July 17, 2009

projects between \$5M and \$10M

Support for direct costs between \$2M and \$15M may be requested to expand, remodel, renovate, or alter basic research, clinical research, and animal facilities to meet the biomedical or behavioral research, research training, or research support needs of an institution. The total project period for an award may not exceed five years.

Overview Slides and FAQs

[Program Issues Regarding ARRA Facilities Grants](#) *Willie D. McCullough, Ph.D.*

[ARRA Issues Related to Technical Elements Required for Construction Design](#) *Esmail Torkashvan, P.E.*

[ARRA C06 and G20 Reviews](#) *Barbara J. Nelson, Ph.D.*

[ARRA Issues Related to Grants Management of Facilities Construction Grants](#) *Irene H. Grissom*

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Yale's ARRA website: http://www.yale.edu/grants/funding_info./ARRA.html

Questions and Answers below are in addition to those listed in the FAQs above.

A: All applications are considered new applications regardless of whether a similar application had been submitted previously.

Q: Where is list of documents required for submission?

A: In the FOA.

A: Line drawings are important as well as narrative relative to engineering. They have architectural and engineering professionals review the application.

A: Significance and needs comes within 20 page limit, not the additional sections. Additional sections are vendor quotes, line drawings, other supporting documents, letters of institutional support, letters documenting where additional support will come from.

Q: Can they purchase a pre-constructed BL3 facility?

A: They will research an answer for this question.

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Q: Can an institution submit in more than 1 application bucket, i.e. different \$\$ ranges with different deadlines?.

A: Can submit in any bucket, but must be for distinctly different projects.

Q: Can funds be used for new construction in a leased building?.

A: As long as the lease is good for the period of federal interest, yes.

Q: Is there a special consideration for geographical distribution.

A: Only to the extent that one region is not overloaded with facilities. Stimulus funds should go throughout the country. They want shovel ready projects in as many states as possible.

Q: C06 categories: are funds available going to be the same in each category?

A: No. This will be based on the application pools.

Q: Is the erection of temporary modules for housing of animals during construction?

A: to be answered.

Q: Can buildings include offices for the researchers if the researchers will have laboratory space in those buildings?

A: Yes.

Q: Can renovations of several different labs in different buildings be submitted as a single application?

A: Yes, that would be allowed as a single application.

Q: Projects planned, but ground not broken. Can that be funded?

A: IF the project was going to go forward without ARRA funds, no it cannot be submitted.

Q: Job creation, advise on reporting requirement.

A: Metric has not yet been established. No date yet for expected guidance. Applications will likely be due before guidance is out.

Q: C06. Equipment that is research related that is fixed. Heating, ventilation, HVACS equipment that is fixed is supported. Autoclaves, cage washers, etc. not supported.

Q: C06 or G20. Scientific justification. Balance between research grants and research contracts. Is that important?

A: Applicant needs to be clear about who will be working in that renovated facility.

A: C06 or G20. Improving green-ness of buildings will be counted.

A: Intent of act. Swapping institutional funds for ARRA funds is NOT the intent of this Act.

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Q: C06. How fixed is fixed equipment? Can equipment ever move?

A: Venting is fixed.

Q: What about classroom/lab space in same building. Do we apply by % of lab space in building since classrooms won't be covered?

A: Yes.

Q: Are salary or consulting fees allowed under C06?

A: No. See GPG FOR ALLOWABLE costs on construction grants.

Q: What should be submitted under C06 v G20?

A: The G20 cores for core-related activity – a shared resource among a number of investigators. Max of \$100,000 cap – allows fixed and movable equipment.

C06 allows new construction and only fixed equipment.

Q: Requirements for building out shell space under C06.

A: OK if only thing holding it back is funding of the project.

Q: Will use new NIH review process of 1-9.

A: No weighting of components.

Q: Who can be the PI on a C06?

A: Clearly stated who is eligible in the announcement. Person with authority to allocate space for these programs.

Q: What contingency plans are in place for grants.gov?

A: If there is a significant problem, deadline will be extended. They are aware of the size of these applications. Responsibility of applicant to check drawings, etc. after submission.

Q: Line drawings – in house or by a professional company?

A: Up to the applicant.

Q: Is asking for funds for a parking structure consistent with this announcement if required by city code?

A: No.

Q: For June 17 deadline, when are decisions made? \$10-15 mm

A: They will go to October 2009 and January 2010 Council with notifications by December and April 2010 on a rolling basis..

Q: Where is NIH design requirement.?

A: At end of section 2, URL.

A: C06 does not come with indirect costs. Is a one-time award.

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Q: Our last G20 program (animal facilities) included lots of info on IACUC, should this be included in the new application?

A: Read the NEW instructions carefully. Not everything in the old instructions are needed in the new applications.

Q: Can funds purchase an existing space?

A: No. Institution must purchase the space and then submit application for renovation.

A: Regular G20 applications of up to \$500M are due May 28. These are NOT ARRA.

Q: C06 in design phase. How can we submit vendor quotes?

A: Depends on how far along they are to determine whether there should be an application.

Q: Will there be another program announcement under ARRA?

A: Unknown.

Q: Pathology is not currently a core facility. Can we expand it to become a core facility?

A: Depends on whether it will be for new construction or renovation. If intent is to purchase moveable equipment, use G20.

Q: Can we submit 2 separate applications to fill out shell space in the same building for \$12 mm each.

A: Yes.

Q: Costs associated with design process – are design costs prior to submitting the budget an allowable cost?

A: Unlikely, but to be answered.

Q: Swing space is not allowed. Other examples of non-allowable costs.

A: Classroom space, salaries and wages, bonuses, trucks are not considerable moveable equipment, check the GPG.

Q: How much scientific detail on research of faculty to be housed in the building?

A: Clearly express what the research activities to take place in building. They do not review already peer-reviewed work, but want to know how it will be used.

Q: Cage washing equipment, tunnel washers >\$100,000?.

A: Allowed under C06 and is attached to something permanent in the building.

Q: Relationship between existing G20 program (May 28) and ARRA funding.

A: Must be separate and distinct applications for each program. Existing G20 is only for animal care facility programs.

Q: Can funds be used for stem cell research?

A: As they have more information, they will pass this along to the community. Stem cell policy is evolving.

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