



to submit a CBPR-approached
grant application to the
**NATIONAL INSTITUTES
OF HEALTH!**

Examples: NIH and CBPR

- **NIH:** Partners in Research Program
- **NCMHD:** CBPR Initiative in Reducing and Eliminating Health Disparities: Intervention Research Phase (R24)
- **NIMH:** Community-Based Participatory Research at NIMH

One of three new FOAs!

- **PA: Community Participation in Research**
 - ENS: PA-08-074 (R01 only)
 - Publication date: January 16, 2008
 - Standard submission dates
 - Standard review process
 - No set-aside funding
 - NCI, NHLBI, NIAAA, NICHD, NIDA, NIDCD, NIDCR, NIEHS, NIMH, NINR, OBSSR
 - CDC/NIOSH

The second and third FOAs!

- **PAR: Community Participation Research Targeting the Medically Underserved**
 - ENS: PAR-08-075/076 (R01, R21)
 - Publication date: January 16, 2008
 - Letters of Intent: April 16
 - Application Receipt: May 16
 - Special Panel Review: October-November
 - No set-aside funding
 - OBSSR, ORWH*, NCI, NIAMS, NICHD, NIDCR*, NIEHS, NINR, NIAAA, NIMH, NIDCD, NIDA

* = R01 only

Basic application principles



1. Develop your main idea.
2. Target specific institute(s).
3. Analyze your audience.
4. Craft a concept paper.
5. Work with program directors, mentors, peers.
6. Solicit, accept, and integrate feedback.
7. Follow #6 before, during, and after submission.

Secrets to NIH success!

- Read and follow all instructions in *NIH Guide*, PHS398/SF424 R&R, and related updates.
- I said, “**All** instructions.” This means you!
- Conduct and demonstrate a thorough literature review. Make reasonably detailed arguments!
- Provide a specific rationale for your proposed investigation.
- Be certain that your stated aims follow your rationale.
- Present a complete and organized research plan.
- Include legible tables and figures.

More secrets: Unscored applications

- “UN” (***) on a summary statement cover sheet
- Corresponds a numeric score equal or higher than the median score for applications in one study section/panel.
- Reviewers *MUST* provide an advance/preliminary numeric score (i.e., 1.0 – 5.0) for each application to which they’re assigned.
- I calculate the median score and construct the streamlining list from all reviewers’ scores.
- Only assigned reviewers’ scores can lead to a streamline nomination.
- Any reviewer (without COI) can object to an nomination.
- Such an application returns to its original place in the meeting’s order of review.
- Throughout the meeting, reviewers can choose to discuss a previously-unscored application and/or newly streamline another application.

What happens at the meeting?

- Chairwoman/SRO announces an application; reviewers with conflicts exit.
- Chairwoman asks assigned reviewers for respective numeric scores.
- Each (assigned) reviewer provides numeric score that reflects personal impressions AND those of the other written critiques.
- R1 describes proposed study; perceived strengths, weaknesses.
- R2 provides other S&W; counters some of #1's impressions; R3 follows suit.
- Unassigned reviewers contribute, discussion continues to natural conclusion.
- Chairwoman solicits human subjects issues related to merit scoring.
- Chairwoman solicits final scores from assigned reviewers, announces range.
- All reviewers record numeric scores within range (objections possible).
- Chairwoman solicits HS and budget issues unrelated to score.

Common discussion issues

- Tired ideas, vague scientific rationales/connections
- Weak arguments for theoretical approach
- Lack of knowledge of published relevant work
- Inexperience with essential methodologies
- Disorganized research plans
- Insufficient quasi-experimental details
- Unrealistic amounts of work
- Vague dissemination plans for proposed results
- Poor accounting for human subjects issues

Community-oriented research



- **CLHP: Community-Level Health Promotion;** *Bill Elwood, Ph.D.*
- **CIHB: Community Influences on Health Behavior;** *Ellen Schwartz, Ed.D.*
- **NSAA: Nursing Science: Adults and older Adults;** *Trudi McFarland, D.N.Sc.*
- **NSCF: Nursing Science: Children and Families;** *Melinda Tinkle, Ph.D.*

Uncle Bill wants YOU



to submit an application, too!

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