Welcome to

Expanded Authorities
The "Expanded Authorities" Amendments

Greater flexibility for managing Discretionary Grants
“Expanded Authorities”

GOALS:

- Increase flexibility
- Increase accountability
- Reduce paperwork burden
- Develop partnerships

Promote successful project outcomes
“Expanded Authorities”

- Pre-award Costs
- Carryover
- Budget Transfers
- Time Extensions
Pre-award Costs

Incurred up to 90 days before budget period begins

- No prior approval required
- Applies to New and Non-Competing Continuation awards
Pre-award Costs

- Reasonable expectation of receiving a grant
- Incurred at own risk
- Funds are not available for drawdown until the budget period begins
- Not for cost over-runs
Pre-award Costs

Incurred more than 90 days before budget period begins:

Requires prior approval
Carryover

- Unexpended funds are carried over without prior approval
- For any allowable cost within the approved project scope
  - finishing uncompleted activities
  - new activities within scope
Carryover

Program Office may require a written statement

- How will unexpended funds be used?
- When: At time of funding decision
- In rare cases, new funds may be reduced
Budget Transfers

- No prior approval required for most budget transfers
- Exceptions in EDGAR:
  - Transfer participant support funds to other categories
  - Transfer or contracting out any work
- Check OMB Cost Principles for other exceptions
Prior Approval Requirements

- Changes in project scope or objectives
- Changes in key personnel
- Project Directors:
  - Absence for more than 3 months
  - 25% reduction in time
- Need for additional federal funds
Time Extensions

Final Year:

- One-time extension for up to one year without prior approval

- Grantees should carefully consider time extension needs
Time Extensions

Notice to Program Officer in writing or via web portal:

- No later than 10 days before project ends
- State reasons for extension
- Include revised expiration date
Time Extensions

- Not just for using unexpended funds
- No additional federal funds
- No change to scope or objectives
Important Reminders

- Check grant terms, conditions and grant award attachments for possible exceptions
- In rare circumstances, some or all may be denied
- When in doubt, call Institutional Grants
Conclusion

New spirit of partnership
Focus on successful project outcomes!

We welcome your feedback.
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