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Council Operating Procedures Review, Discussion, and Vote

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Suggested Revision: Applications from Foreign Institutions

Suggested modification to Section II, Part B, subsection 1 (page 2)

1. Applications from Foreign Institutions and/or Domestic Applications with Consortium/Subaward Agreements with Foreign Subrecipients **Foreign Projects** (NOT-OD-25-104)

In reviewing and making recommendations on applications from foreign institutions and/or domestic applications with foreign projects consortium/subaward agreements with foreign subrecipients, Council members should be aware that ALL of the following criteria must be met in order for a foreign award grant or a grant with foreign subrecipients to be supported by the NIH:

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d. The application may be awarded only after assurance that the foreign **entity** ~~institution or foreign subrecipients are~~ **is** in compliance with human subject **and** animal welfare, ~~and gender, and minority~~ requirements.

e. ~~For a~~ **Applications from foreign institutions and/or domestic applications with foreign projects** ~~with consortium/subaward agreements with foreign subrecipients, the application, may be awarded only after assurance that the foreign~~ **entity is** ~~subrecipients are aware of and willing to abide by all requirements in~~ [NOT-OD-23-133](#) (effective October 1, 2023), ~~should an award be issued.~~

Suggested Revision: Competing Revisions and Admin Supplements

Suggested modification to Section II, Part E, subsection 4a (page 5)

4. Competing Revisions and Administrative Supplements:

a. These types of awards are not expected to be a significant contributing factor in reaching the threshold, since many will not incur future year commitments. However, multi-year supplements are included in grant's out-year commitments and do contribute to the \$2.0M threshold. In order to prevent Re-entry ~~and Diversity~~ Supplements from being an impediment to an investigator, to the extent possible, these supplements should be excluded from the threshold count.

Suggested Revision: Concept Clearance - Common Fund

Suggested modification to Section III, Part A, subsection 2, paragraph 4 (page 10)

...The Council, by a simple majority vote of the appointed members, will recommend approval, modification, deferral, or disapproval of a program concept as a whole or the concept's individual initiatives. A vote to approve is to accept the concept/initiative as written and presented. **A vote to disapprove reflects Council opinion that the goals of the initiative or program should not be pursued with Common Fund support. The Council may request modifications to a concept.** A vote to modify is to approve the concept/initiative with clearly stated modifications; if modifications are made, the concept/initiative would not need to be brought back to Council for approval. **The Council may request to defer a concept** ~~A vote to defer is a vote to call for additional information and/or external input to re-shape the concept/initiative or to clarify the need. In these cases, the revised concept/initiative must be discussed and cleared at a future Council meeting. A vote to disapprove reflects Council opinion that the goals of the initiative or program should not be pursued with Common Fund support.~~

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Discussion and Vote

- Vote to approve the suggested revisions to Council Operating Procedures