

# **SPECIAL COUNCIL REVIEW**

Applications from PI/PDs with greater than \$1.5M  
Annual Total Costs of NIH Support

# Special Council Review

- FY2013 HHS Budget Brief states: *“[NIH] will also establish a process for additional scrutiny and review by the Institute or Center Advisory Council of awards to any principal investigator with existing grants of \$1.5 million or more in total costs.”*
- Special Council Review (SCR) of pending applications from PI/PDs with >\$1.5M Total Annual Costs of NIH Support. See <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-12-110.html>
- Pilot exercise during May/June 2012 Council meetings
  - “Review of review process”
  - DPCPSI will only see DCM\*/ORIP cases
- IC-specific variations may be developed in consultation with individual Councils
  - NIH-wide policy to be developed

\*Only Division of Comparative Medicine (DCM) has RPG programs and applications

# What Receives Special Council Review?

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- Competing Research Project Grants (RPGs)
- Excluded:
  - P01s (unless all PI/PDs exceed threshold)
  - Other multi-component RPGs (unless all PI/PDs exceed threshold)
  - Multi-PI/PD applications (unless all PI/PDs exceed threshold)
  - RFAs

# Information provided to Council for SCR by NIH

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- PI/PD's active portfolio (incl. end dates, budget)
- Thematic difference and innovation of proposed new work
- Field of research (e.g. clinical trials are expensive) and program priority
- Public health priority
- Degree to which restricting or preventing award would limit collaborations

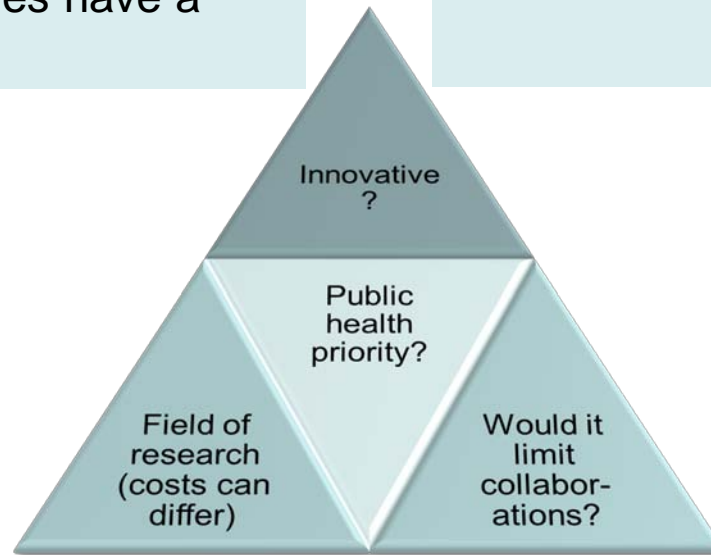
# Factors to Consider

## Program Staff

- Scientific merit (e.g., score, reviewer comments)
- Whether application contributes significantly to the DCM mission
- Program priorities, portfolio balance
- Availability of funds (e.g., DCM considers that competing funding opportunities have a higher priority)

## Council

- Reviews list of competing awards
- Reviews justification and recommendation from NIH staff (e.g., consideration for funding)
- Votes to concur/not concur with staff recommendation
- Council action will be documented



# Pilot – DCM/ORIP application

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- Specific example – ***Hypothetical Case***
- PI's Total Funding (FY12): \$1.6M
- New R21 application (FY12): \$222,000 TC
- Title: Developing HLA expressing mouse lines

# COUNCIL DISCUSSION