§ 67.16 Evaluation and disposition of application.

(a) Evaluation. After appropriate peer review in accordance with §67.15, the Administrator will evaluate applications recommended for further consideration, taking into account, among other factors:

1. The degree to which the purposes of Title IX of the PHS Act and section 1142 of the Social Security Act, as applicable, are being addressed;
2. Recommendations made by reviewers pursuant to §67.15;
3. Any recommendations made by the National Advisory Council for Health Care Policy, Research, and Evaluation, as applicable;
4. The appropriateness of the budget;
5. The extent to which the research proposal and the fiscal plan provide assurance that effective use will be made of grant funds;
6. The demonstrated business management capability of the applicant;
7. The demonstrated competence and skill of the staff, especially the senior personnel, in light of the scope of the project;
8. The probable usefulness of the results of the project for dealing with national health care issues, policies, and programs; and
9. The degree to which AHCPR-announced priorities or purposes are being addressed.

(b) Disposition. On the basis of the evaluation of the application as provided in paragraph (a) of this section, the Administrator shall: give consideration for funding, defer for a later decision, pending receipt of additional information, or give no further consideration for funding, to any application for a grant under this subpart; except that the Administrator may not fund an application which has not been recommended for further consideration as a result of peer review in accordance with §67.15. A recommendation against further consideration shall not preclude reconsideration, if the application is revised, responding to issues and questions raised during the review, and resubmitted for peer review at a later date.

§ 67.17 Grant award.

(a) Within the limits of available funds, the Administrator may award grants to those applicants whose projects are being considered for funding, which in the judgment of the Administrator, will promote best the purposes of Title IX of the PHS Act and (if applicable) section 1142 of the Social Security Act, AHCPR priorities, and the regulations of this subpart.

(b) The Notice of Grant Award specifies how long the Administrator intends to support the project without requiring the project to recompete for funds. This period, called the project period, will usually be for 3–5 years, except for small grants, which usually are 1 year awards. The project period as specified in the Notice of Grant Award shall begin no later than 9 months following the date of the award, except that the project period must begin in the same fiscal year as that from which funds are being awarded.

(c) Upon request from the grantee, Department grants policy permits an extension of the project period for up to 12 months, without additional funds, when more time is needed to complete the research. The Administrator may approve a request for an additional extension of time based on unusual circumstances with written justification submitted by the grantee, prior to the completion of the project period. In no case will an additional extension of more than 12 months be approved.

(d) Generally, a grant award will be for 1 year, and subsequent continuation awards will be for 1 year at a time. A grantee must submit a separate continuation application to have the support continued for each subsequent year. Decisions regarding continuation awards and the funding level of such awards will be made after consideration of such factors as the grantee’s progress and management practices and the availability of funds. In all cases, continuation awards require a determination by the Administrator that continuation is in the best interest of the Federal Government.
§67.18 Use of project funds.

Grant funds must be spent solely for carrying out the approved project in accordance with Title IX of PHS Act, section 1142 of the Social Security Act (if applicable), the regulations of this subpart, the terms and conditions of the award, and the provisions of 45 CFR part 74, or part 92 for State and local government grantees.

§67.19 Other applicable regulations.

Several other regulations apply to grants under this subpart. These include, but are not limited to:

- 37 CFR part 401—Inventions and patents
- 42 CFR part 50 subpart A—Responsibility of PHS awardee and applicant institutions for dealing with and reporting possible misconduct in science
- 42 CFR part 50 subpart D—Public Health Service grant appeals procedure
- 42 CFR part 50 subpart F—Responsibility of applicants for promoting objectivity in research for which PHS funding is sought
- 45 CFR part 16—Procedures of the departmental grant appeals board
- 45 CFR part 46—Protection of human subjects
- 45 CFR part 74—Administration of grants
- 45 CFR part 76—Governmentwide debarment and suspension (nonprocurement) and governmentwide requirements for drug-free workplace (grants)
- 45 CFR part 80—Nondiscrimination under programs receiving Federal assistance through the Department of Health and Human Services effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- 45 CFR part 81—Practice and procedure for hearings under Part 80 of this title
- 45 CFR part 84—Nondiscrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities receiving or benefiting from Federal financial assistance
- 45 CFR part 86—Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving or benefiting from Federal financial assistance