

OMB Number: 3137–TBD.

Frequency: One-time collection anticipated.

Affected Public: Community stakeholders at the county level, museum and library staff, local government officials.

Number of Respondents: 520.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 52.5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 484 hours.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: n/a.

Total Annual Costs: \$13,421.

Dated: December 18, 2018.

Kim Miller,

Grants Management Specialist, Office of Grants Policy and Management.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

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Notice on Penalty Inflation Adjustments for Civil Monetary Penalties

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice announcing updated penalty inflation adjustments for civil monetary penalties for 2019.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF or Foundation) is providing notice of its adjusted maximum civil monetary penalties, effective January 15, 2019. These adjustments are required by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (the 2015 Act).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bijan Gilanshah, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314. Telephone: 703.292.5055.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 27, 2016, NSF published an interim final rule amending its regulations to adjust, for inflation, the maximum civil monetary penalties that may be imposed for violations of the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (ACA), as amended, 16 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*, and the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (PFCRA), 31 U.S.C. 3801, *et seq.* These adjustments are required by the 2015 Act (Sec. 701 of Pub. L. 114–74). The 2015 Act also requires agencies to make subsequent annual adjustments for inflation. Pursuant to OMB guidance dated December 14, 2018, the cost-of-living adjustment multiplier for 2019 is

1.02522. Accordingly, the 2019 annual inflation adjustments for the maximum penalties under the ACA are \$17,278 (\$16,853 × 1.02522) for violations and \$29,239 (\$28,520 × 1.02522) for knowing violations of the ACA. Finally, the 2019 annual inflation adjustment for the maximum penalty for violations under PFCRA is \$11,463 (\$11,181 × 1.02522).

Dated: December 18, 2018.

Suzanne Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is providing opportunity for public comment on the NSF Major Facilities Guide (MFG) and the accompanying NSF Financial Data Collection Tool for Major Facilities. The Major Facilities Guide was previously cleared under the title Large Facilities Manual. The primary purpose of this revision is to update the roles and responsibilities for NSF staff for oversight of Major Facilities, provide requirements for mid-scale projects, and provide content in previously reserved Sections as well as clarify existing content. The draft versions of the NSF MFG and the accompanying NSF Financial Data Collection Tool for Major Facilities are available on the NSF website at: http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/lfo/lfo_documents.jsp.

To facilitate review, a Change Log with brief comment explanations of the changes is provided in the guide. NSF is particularly interested in public comment on the new content provided in Section 5 Guidance for Mid-Scale Research Infrastructure Projects and the previously reserved sections.

DATES: Written comments should be received by February 19, 2019 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports

Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 1265, Arlington, VA 22230, or by email to splimpto@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Plimpton on (703) 292–7556 or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments: In addition to the type of comments identified above, comments are also invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting OMB clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

Title of Collection: Major Facilities Guide.

OMB Approval Number: 3145–0239.

Expiration Date of Approval: 6/30/2020.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend with revision an information collection for three years.

Proposed Project: The National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (Pub. L. 81–507) set forth NSF’s mission and purpose:

“To promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense. * * *

The Act authorized and directed NSF to initiate and support:

Basic scientific research and research fundamental to the engineering process;

Programs to strengthen scientific and engineering research potential;

Science and engineering education programs at all levels and in all the various fields of science and engineering;

Programs that provide a source of information for policy formulation; and