



United States Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity USAMRAA



USAMRAA Update



Presentation for
**Federal Demonstration
Partnership**

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Customers and Workload

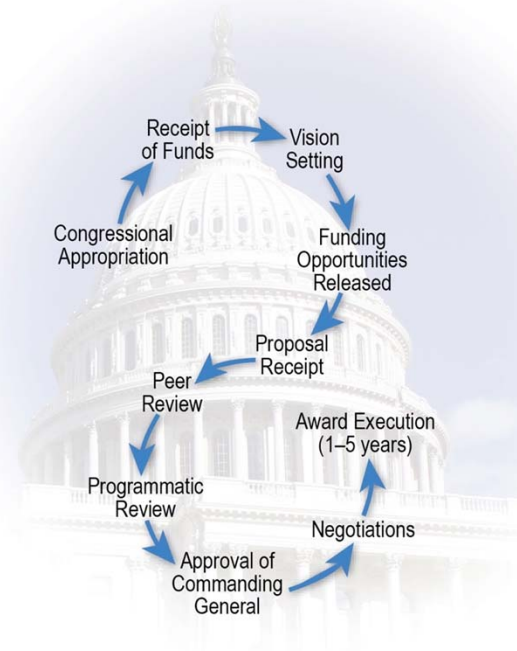
Customers

U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC) Labs and Activities
Medical Command (MEDCOM)
Defense Health Agency (DHA)
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED)
Special Operations Command (USASOCOM)
Health Facilities Planning Agency (HFPA)
Other

Workload

	Dollars	Actions
FY 2014	\$2.1B	7,740
FY 2015	\$2.4B	7,823
FY 2016	\$2.3B	7,084
FY 2017	\$2.1B	6,552

Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP)



◆ CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAMS

- ❖ Manages extramural research programs directed by Congress
- ❖ Started in 1992 with a focus on breast cancer research; currently includes 30 research programs
- ❖ Congress specifies the focus area; the CDMRP determines research strategy and competitively selects the best projects
- ❖ Unique public/private partnership encompasses the military, scientists, disease survivors, consumers, and policy makers
- ❖ Funds high-impact, innovative medical research to find cures, reduce the incidence of disease and injury, improve survival, and enhance the quality of life for those affected

◆ DoD PROGRAMS

- ❖ Provides support to Program Area Directorates (PADs)/Joint Program Committees (JPCs) for managing extramural and intramural research portfolios to advance their missions

CURRENT PROGRAMS:

- Alcohol and Substance Abuse Disorders
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
- Autism
- Bone Marrow Failure
- Breast Cancer
- Breast Cancer Semipostal
- Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
- Epilepsy
- Gulf War Illness

- Hearing Restoration
- Joint Warfighter Medical
- Kidney Cancer
- Lung Cancer
- Lupus
- Military Burn
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Neurofibromatosis
- Orthotics and Prosthetics Outcomes
- Ovarian Cancer

- Parkinson's
- Peer Reviewed Alzheimer's
- Peer Reviewed Cancer
- Peer Reviewed Medical
- Peer Reviewed Orthopaedic
- Prostate Cancer
- Reconstructive Transplant
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Tick-Borne Disease
- Tuberous Sclerosis Complex
- Vision

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTED DOD PROGRAMS:

- Armed Forces Institute of Regenerative Medicine II
- Centers of Excellence
- Defense Medical R&D
- Defense Medical R&D Restoral
- Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury
- Small Business Innovation/Small Business Technology Transfer
- Trauma Clinical

FedBizOpps and Grants.gov



- **Contract**
 - Government has a specific requirement
 - Advertised at www.fbo.gov
 - Solicited by RFQ, RFP and BAA
- **Assistance Agreements**
 - Grants or Cooperative Agreements
 - Typically for Basic and Applied Research
 - Public Purpose
 - Opportunities announced through BAA or PA
 - Advertised at www.grants.gov
 - “Search Grants” by
 - ✦ CFDA No: 12.420
 - ✦ DODACC: W81XWH-

USAMRMC BAA



USAMRMC BROAD AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR EXTRAMURAL MEDICAL RESEARCH

- ▶ Announcement No: [W81XWH18SBAA1](#)
 - ◆ Issued 1 October 2017
 - ◆ **Open and continuous for 5 years**
 - ◆ Annual updates published each October; closes 30 September 2022
 - ◆ Includes USAMRMC Areas of Interest – Broad Topics
 - Military Infectious Diseases Program
 - Combat Casualty Care Research Program
 - Military Operational Medicine Research Program
 - Clinical and Rehabilitative Medicine Research Program
 - Medical Biological Defense Research Program
 - Medical Chemical Defense Research Program
 - Medical Simulation and Information Sciences Research Program
 - Radiation Health Effects Research Program

SBIR/STTR Program



- ▶ Participate in the DoD SBIR/STTR Program
 - ◆ <https://www.acq.osd.mil/osbp/sbir/>
- ▶ Participate in the Army SBIR/STTR Program
 - ◆ <https://www.armysbir.army.mil/>





SBIR/STTR Awards are Contracts only



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USAMRAA

U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity



Mission

Provide sound business advice and best value solutions to develop, deliver, and sustain medical capabilities and enhance warfighter readiness.

Vision

Excel in providing timely and high quality business solutions to our customers.

Quality Policy Statement

USAMRAA is committed to continuous improvement, striving to learn and exceed the expectations of our customers at all times.

[Contact](#)

DOING BUSINESS WITH USAMRAA

Doing Business

In order to do business with USAMRAA access one of the sites listed below.

FedBizOpps

Opportunities solicited through Broad Agency Announcements (BAAs), Request for Proposals (RFPs) and Request for Quotes (RFQs) can be found on FedBizOpps. When conducting a search be sure to use USAMRAA DODAAC- W81XWH.

Solicitations for contract actions expected to exceed \$15,000 but not expected to exceed \$25,000 are issued on FedBizOpps.

GRANTS.GOV

Broad Agency Announcements (BAAs) and Program Announcements (PAs) can be found on Grants.gov. For a complete listing of Assistance Agreement Funding Opportunities, please see Grants.gov and perform a search using CFDA# 12.420.

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR)

USAMRMC New Products and Ideas MRMC-NPI

The NPI provides the vendor an opportunity to showcase their product or idea without needing to travel to Fort Detrick and without giving anyone an unfair competitive advantage.

OTA and MTEC

USAMRMC has awarded an Other Transaction Agreement (OTA) to the Medical Technology Enterprise Consortium (MTEC). The OTA is a flexible procurement instrument which provides an "enterprise partnership" between the Government and a Consortium of technology developers/providers in a specific medical research and development domain. It is designed to facilitate mutually beneficial collaborative research and development activities for medical prototype development between the Government and industry/academia with the intention of attracting nontraditional defense contractors.



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Grants and Cooperative Agreements Overview

Grants and Cooperative Agreements

USAMRAA is the acquisition activity for the USAMRMC. In response to applications submitted under Funding Opportunity Announcements posted by our activity to www.GRANTS.GOV that are recommended to receive funding, the Assistance Agreements Group at USAMRAA obligates funds appropriated for USAMRMC, its Subordinate Commands and the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP) for research and development and provides administration for the resulting awards. The grants and cooperative agreements our activity awards are generally multi-year awards using multi-year funding, which means that any funds remaining from one year may be carried over to the next performance year.

Grant
Assistance Mechanism used when there is no demonstrated need for substantial agency involvement beyond normal oversight and monitoring activities

Cooperative Agreement
Assistance Mechanism used when there is substantial agency involvement beyond normal oversight and monitoring activities

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Programs

Some of the primary programs for which our office obligates Research and Development (R&D) funding are under USAMRMC Medical R&D Programs – for more detailed information than the summarized content below, visit [Medical R&D Overview](#). Awards funded by the following eight Research Programs are selected from applications submitted against the Broad Agency Announcement and Program Announcements administered by the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP):

Military Infectious Diseases Research Program
(MIDRP – focus areas such as medical readiness, vaccines, biotechnology, prophylaxis/treatment drugs, diagnostics/prognostics, vector control, and HIV countermeasures)

Combat Casualty Care Research Program

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Pre-Award / Awarding

When an application is recommended for funding, a notification letter is sent to the Principal Investigator (PI) and a courtesy copy sent to the institution's Business Official. Applications recommended for funding will undergo reviews by both scientific and assistance agreement staff. In order to start the award process, additional documentation is generally needed, some of which is requested in the initial notification letter to the PI.

Any organization anticipating receiving an award must be actively registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) at SAM.gov. We recommend that institutions receiving a notification letter make it a priority to check their SAM status upon receiving the initial letter regarding recommendation for funding.

A Science Officer will be the scientific and technical point of contact throughout the life of an award and may contact the PI for further information regarding various aspects of an application.

The Office of Research Protections may contact the PI prior to award to ensure that regulatory requirements are met for human subject and animal use research, if applicable to the project. For additional information about the Office of Research Protections, visit AMEDD.

A Grants Management Specialist from USAMRAA will contact the Business Official (person authorized to conduct negotiations) at the applicant institution to begin award negotiations. All official negotiations of the budget, terms, and conditions of any resulting award will be limited to the Business Official of the applicant institution and the USAMRAA Grants Management Specialist. Timely submission of all applicable documents in the appropriate formats will expedite the review process and obligation of funds.

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Recipients are required to submit the following within 120 calendar days of the end of the period of performance:

- (1) Final SF-425, "Federal Financial Report." Submit to: [SF425](#). Form and instructions are available on the web site.
- (2) Final Technical Report. Submit to: [ERS](#). Forms and instructions are available on the web site.
- (3) Final DD Form 882, "Report of Inventions and Subcontracts." Form is available on web site [Executive Services Directorate](#). Refer to the award terms and conditions for complete submission information.
- (4) Property Acquired with Award Funds, if applicable. [Reference PROP Article IV of the DoD R&D General Terms and Conditions (July 2016).
 - (a) If title to property (equipment and supplies) is exempt property, there is no further obligation to the Federal Government.
 - (b) If title to equipment under this award is non-exempt property, you must provide a cumulative listing of nonexpendable personal property acquired with award funds. Submit this on your organization's letterhead. Refer to the award terms and conditions for complete submission information.

Recipients are required to promptly refund any unspent balance of funds the DoD Component has advanced or paid that is not authorized to be retained. Checks must be made payable to the U.S. Treasury and sent to:

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FAQ

Award

How do I accept my Award?
Once negotiations are complete, a USAMRAA Procurement Technician sends the signed award document via email to the Business Official, with the PI copied. By beginning the proposed work referenced in the award, the recipient has accepted the award.

How do I obtain Payment?
Payment instructions and contact information is contained in the award. For awards with DFAS Indianapolis as the pay station, questions concerning specific payments should be directed to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), Indianapolis, at 1-888-332-7366. You can also access payment and receipt information using the "myInvoice" button in [WAWF](#). The award number or grant voucher number will be required to inquire

What are my reporting responsibilities?
Technical Reports - All awards will require, at a minimum, annual and final technical reports. Additional reporting requirements will be noted in the Terms and Conditions of the award.
Financial Reports - All awards require a yearly submission of the SF-425. Additional information can be found in the award Terms and Conditions.

Post Award

Information needed for an Extension Without Funds (EWOFF)
The recipient may initiate, without prior approval, a one-time extension without funds to the expiration date of the award for a period of up to 12 months, as long as the extension without funds does not involve a change in the approved objectives or scope of the project. The recipient shall notify the Grants Management Specialist in writing at least 30 calendar days prior to the expiration date of the award. The notification shall state the additional time needed, the reasons for the extension, and the work to be completed during the extension period. The recipient must be current with all financial and technical reporting requirements and be in compliance with all other terms and conditions of the award. This one-time extension without funds may not be exercised merely for the purpose of using unobligated balances. An official modification to the award document must be issued by the USAMRAA Grants Officer to extend the period of performance. If a project is granted an extension, the USAMRMC ORP (HRPO/ACURO) approvals must continue to be obtained.

How do I transfer my award to my new institution?
A transfer request will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and at the discretion of the Grants Officer. Requests should be submitted to the Grants Officer through the Grants Management Specialist. An organizational transfer of an award will not be allowed in the last year of the (original) period of performance or any extension thereof.

Ask a Grants Officer?
For specific questions regarding a Program Announcement or Award, please refer to the point of contact referenced in the document. Do not submit questions that are of a time sensitive nature.

R&D FUNDING INFORMATION

- ▶ Multi-year funding
 - ◆ Fully Funded for all years
 - ◆ Incrementally Funded
 - ◆ Options
- ▶ 2 years for obligation
 - ◆ FY17 (10/1/17 – 9/30/18) must be obligated by 9/30/18
 - ◆ FY18 (10/1/18 – 9/30/19) must be obligated by 9/30/19
- ▶ 5 years for disbursement
- ▶ Generally award period of performance 1 - 4 years
- ▶ **Must monitor burn rates to prevent loss of funding**



USAMRAA Policy Implementation Updates



- ▶ Revised Terms and Conditions for 2018
 - ◆ Revised format
 - ◆ Streamlined content
 - ✖ Highlight USAMRAA requirements that differ from DoD General T&C
 - ✖ Must read in conjunction with DoD requirements
 - ◆ Payment term change
 - ✖ Cost reimbursement vs advance
 - ✖ May see prior awards modified with revised term
 - ◆ Subaward term
 - ✖ Streamlined review
 - ✖ Term highlights recipient responsibility to monitor
 - ✖ 2 CFR 200, DoDGARs, DoD T&C
 - ◆ Cooperative Agreement term
 - ✖ Outlines substantial involvement



USAMRAA Policy Implementation Updates



- ▶ Micro-purchase and Simplified Acquisition Thresholds
 - ◆ Included in T&C for awards made after 8/9
 - ◆ Email blast from eBRAP/information included in award distribution email
 - ✗ No mods for awards prior to 8/9
 - ✗ Keep documentation sent from USAMRAA in our official file
- ▶ SAM registration
 - ◆ Notarized letter requirement
 - ◆ Included in program announcement
- ▶ Women in STEM
 - ◆ Data collection requirements for Federal agencies

Questions?