

NIDRR Grants Overview

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Key Topics

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1. Benefits of Grant Funding

- Research autonomy
- Extra funds
- Course releases
- Prestige
- Career options

2. Federal Grants Landscape

Research

NIH

NSF

NIDRR

Training

RSA

Service

SAMHSA

HRSA

NIDA

DoD/V.A.

3. NIDRR Funding Landscape

Priority-driven

RRTCs

DRRPs

RERCs

Investigator-initiated

FIR

Switzer

Training

ARRTs

4. Usual NIDRR Grant Application Package Elements

- Dear applicant letter
- Federal Register Notice inviting applications
- Federal Register Notice of final priorities
- Background statement
- Requirements of competition
- Selection criteria
- Instructions for protection of human subjects
- Application format
- Frequently asked questions
- Submission procedures
- Required forms and instructions
- Application submission checklist

5. Typical NIDRR Grant Elements and Selection Criteria

- Abstract
- Importance of Problem (10 pts)
- Responsiveness to Absolute Priority (5 pts)
- Quality of Project Design (45 pts)
- Training (8 pts)
- Technical Assistance (8 pts)
- Design of Dissemination (7 pts)
- Plan of Evaluation (if included = 5 pts)
- Project Staff (7 pts)
- Adequacy and Accessibility of Resources (5 pts)
- References and Appendix
- Budget and Justification
- Human Subjects Narrative
- Required Forms

6. One Grant Writer's Story

- Baptismal by fire
- Finding the way
- Tenacity
- Continuous growth
- Refinement

7. Suggested Recipe for Success

- Build a publication record
- Become a grant reviewer
- Build redundancy of effort
- Blend science and art
- Embrace simplicity

8. Steps to Build Key Infrastructure

- Determine a reasonable grant production expectation
- Inventory existing grant activity to identify current assets and momentum
- Develop a mechanism to routinely brainstorm and evaluate the fundability of new grant ideas
- Develop cross-program partnerships
- Identify the necessary components of a TSU grant writing production machine