

FUNDING MEMO INSTRUCTIONS

Each NOAA Office that provides funding to a Cooperative Institute (CI), hereafter referred to as the NOAA sponsor, must complete this Recommendation for Funding Memorandum. This memorandum ensures that each proposal has been reviewed by an appropriate NOAA employee and found satisfactory for funding. It also provides the Federal Program Officer (FPO) at the Line Office with additional information that is necessary to process an award amendment through GOL as well as track CI funding by NOAA Goal/Program and/or Enterprise-wide Objectives.

NOAA sponsors should refer to the CI proposal's CI Cover Letter (found in the application) to verify the information that is included in the Recommendation for Funding Memorandum. The CI Cover Letter is a document that ensures that the recipient's projects are funded under the selected CI institutional award. If all questions are not addressed on the CI Cover Letter, the NOAA sponsor must contact the FPO (listed below) to request the recipient to provide a revised CI Cover letter to include all questions that are listed on the Recommendation for Funding Memorandum and Instructions.

When memorandum is completed please digitally signs or scan a signed version into a PDF and e-mails it to one of the NOAA contact people listed below; otherwise, if you are unable to do this please ask the NOAA contact person for a fax number to use.

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1. This proposal was submitted by (select the CI):
 - Select the CI that has submitted this proposal.
2. Were any funds for this project transferred from another Federal Agency?
 - Select Yes or No.
3. Proposal Title:
 - Provide the proposal title listed on the CI Cover Letter of the CI proposal.
4. Principal Investigator(s):
 - Provide the name of the principal investigator(s) listed on the CI Cover Letter of the CI proposal.
 - NOAA PIs working collaboratively with the CIs can not appear as leads on projects being funded through the CI.

5. Task:
 - Check the appropriate CI task(s). Task(s) are usually listed on the cover sheet of the proposal.
 - Task I will always be selected.
 - Funding Breakdown by Task: Provide the breakdown of funds by Task number.

6. Who should be notified when the performance report for this project is available:
 - (NOTE: This must be a NOAA employee. NOAA employees should not assist in writing the project performance report)
 - Provide the name of the person(s) who should be notified when the project performance report for this project is available. Performance metrics used to evaluate include but are not limited to accuracy of the report, the performance, and communication with the Principal Investigator and milestone makers' activity of the project with the Principal Investigator during the annual reporting period. Should the person(s) indicated not be available the person signing the Funding Memo will be required to review the report. (NOTE: The NOAA Reviewer(s) should not participate in writing the project performance report. Project performance reports are due annually and follow the anniversary date of the Parent award).

7. Research Theme(s):
 - Provide the appropriate research theme(s). The CI research theme is usually listed on the cover sheet of the proposal.

8. NOAA Goals and Enterprise-wide Objectives as of 1/1/2011:
 - Select all relevant Goals/Programs and provide the percentages associated with each. At least one Goal/Program must be selected and the total percentage must equal 100%.

9. Brief Project Description:
 - Provide a brief description of the project.

10. Entire Project Period:
 - Format MM/DD/YYYY
 - Identify the proposed beginning and ending dates of the entire project period (drop-down calendar provided for both spaces). Projects must begin on the first day of a month and end on the last day of a month, and must not extend beyond the end of the CI award.

11. Total Requested Budget
 - Task I % - please consult Task I Table: Click [HERE](#)
 - Provide the approved requested budget for Task I and Project budget (whole dollars only).
 - If this is a multi-year project, include the proposed amount for each year (subject to the availability of funding); otherwise, indicate the total funding approved by the sponsor (subject to the availability of funding). Note: Fields do not require dollar signs (\$) or commas (,); if actual amount is \$1,234,567 enter 1234567. (NOTE: Total actual funding of project is based on actual availability of funds during the life of the project and may be less but not more than total requested amount.)

12. Conflict of Interest/Post Employment Restrictions
 - Select No or Yes. If Yes, provide details in the space provided.

13. Minority Serving Institutions
 - Select No or Yes. This information is usually listed on the CI Cover Letter of the CI proposal.

14. Homeland Security Presidential Directive – 12
 - Select No or Yes. If Yes, identify the federal employee (name and e-mail address) who will be responsible for ensuring that all requirements for granting such access is permitted.

15. Project Specific Information

- Select No or Yes. If Yes is selected in 15 (A-D), list the DOC/NOAA-owned equipment as a Special Award Condition in the space provided in question 19.

16. Coastal Zone Management Awards

- Select No or Yes. This question applies to Coastal Zone Management awards (NOS) only. If the following selections apply: 306/306(a), 308, 309, 310, and 6217, select Yes. Include additional documentation as needed. If this does apply, select No.

17. CESU Awards

- Select Yes or No. If YES, enter justification and verify the Grant type in the space provided.

18. Permit Requirements

- If the project requires permits, select Yes and provide the requested information in the space provided.

19. Special Award Conditions

- Describe any special award conditions that should be attached to the project. More than one Special Award Condition may apply; if no Special Award Condition applies, type N/A or None.

20. Statutory Authority

- Indicate all statutory authorities that authorize NOAA to fund this type of research.

21. Technical Review

- Provide brief review comments on the proposal. Short paragraph with technical merit review comments on proposal areas such as soundness of the research project design and/or organization, the importance of the proposed research, significance of the research area or problem being addressed or the results or outcomes of the proposed studies, or experience/expertise of the researchers involved. Select items from the table that were evaluated during the proposal review. Only select those boxes that are relevant. For example, "Appropriateness of Travel" should not be selected if the proposal does not request travel funds. Please note any deficiencies and/or recommendations for revisions in the space provided.

22. Budget Review

- Indicate which items were evaluated during the budget review. Only select those boxes that are relevant. For example: "Consultant Fees" should not be selected if the proposal does not request funds for a consultant. Please note any deficiencies and/or recommendations for revisions in the space provided.

23. Additional Comments

- Provide any additional comments relevant to the project not covered above. Additional comment(s) covered in this section include SACS for questions 15-18. If there are no additional comments, enter N/A or None.

Signature block

- Provide the digital signature of the NOAA employee that has verified the technical, budget review and recommends funding for the identified project and who will be contacted should the person(s) indicated in box 6 not be available to review the project performance report submitted annually.
 - Signature must match the "FROM" field at the top of the funding memo
- Signature Date must match date at the top of the funding memo