

The modular budget is used exclusively by NIH for the following funding mechanisms:

ROI - Research Project Grants

R03 - Small Grants

R15 - Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) Grants

R21 - Exploratory/Development Research Grants

R34 - Clinical Trial Planning Grant Program

R41 – Small Business Technology Transfer Program

R43 – Small Business Innovation Research Grants Phase 1

Always check solicitation details to see whether modular budgets are required.

Unsolicited, investigator-initiated applications requesting more than \$250,000 in any year and/or applications for grant activities not specified above will be required to follow the traditional application instructions and applicable NIH policies.

A modular budget is used for new, competing continuation (“renewal”) and amended applications (“revision”), as well as noncompeting supplements. Applicable proposals must be \$250,000 in total direct costs or less. Proposals greater than \$250,000 may be modular at the discretion of the NIH issuing Institute/Center(s), as specified in the solicitation.

A typical modular grant application will request the same number of modules per year. Budgets are prepared in \$25,000 increments and include all direct costs (less consortium/subcontractor indirect costs) for a total of up to \$250,000 annually. Consortium indirect costs are not part of the modular budget.

Budget narratives must be prepared to accompany modular budgets and only include a summary of personnel by position, role and level of effort. The narrative should describe consultants, consortium personnel and any “to be appointed” positions that will be paid from the budget.

Salary Limitation on Grants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts – The Executive Level II Salary is currently set at \$189,600