CDU Generic Boilerplate Information for NIH Stimulus Applications (04/09)

The text below is meant to serve as boilerplate text for inclusion in ARRA-related grant proposals in the Budget Justification section of each proposal. The text can be customized to best align with project goals and/or agency guidelines.

Broader Economic Development/Job Creation and Preservation Information for CDU

In keeping with the objectives of the ARRA, this proposal will provide an immediate stimulus to the economy through the retention or creation of jobs. Funds provided through this proposal are anticipated to directly support the retention or creation of XX jobs at CDU, resulting in increased spending in the local and state economies.

In addition, this proposal anticipates spending $X, XXX for the procurement of additional needed equipment such as XX and YY. This spending will support local and regional suppliers and provide further stimulus to the economy.

CDU Research, Training and Partnerships Impacting the Region

Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU) performs high quality research that focuses on key health disparities issues. Under the direction of Keith C. Norris, M.D., FACP, Executive Vice President for Research and Health Affairs, the University has had tremendous growth in research with an increase in its annual research funding from $5.7 million in 1998 to $34 million in 2005. Charles Drew University now ranks in the top 7% for the level of funding from over 3,000 NIH-funded institutions and in the top 50 Private Research Universities as rated by the Center for Measuring University Performance. A recent NSF analysis reported US scientific publishing was flat from 1992-2001 despite increased research funding. The #1 institution in the country in publication growth over this period among the top 200 institutions by level of NIH funding, was Charles Drew University with a 127% increase (the U.S. average is <1%).

The Charles Drew University Research Enterprise is dedicated to closing the gap on health care disparities among underserved and ethnic minority populations and so much more. The important work done by our researchers brings attention to health issues and diseases that disproportionately affect minorities and the poor. Diabetes, hypertension, cancer, reproductive health, chronic kidney disease, neuro-psychiatric disorders and HIV/AIDS are just a few of the areas where Charles Drew University researchers, faculty and staff members make a difference. Our nationally and internationally renowned researchers are breaking new ground, integrating research
advances into the basic sciences and setting new standards in healthcare disparities research for underserved communities. In July 2007, the University was awarded a $9.5 million NIH-NCRR grant to lead a Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI) Translational Research Network to reduce health disparities and strengthen the research capacity of each of the 18 partner institution across the consortia.

Multi-disciplinary research and the training of future scientists and science leaders at CDU include an ever expanding network of alliances with not only other academic institutions, but also private sector, state and local partners. CDU provides a variety of training programs to develop collaborative, interdisciplinary clinical and translational researchers, and also offers an innovative mentor development program. The outstanding environment, resources and leadership at the University continue to make it a very competitive employer in the local region.

CDU has taken an institution-wide approach to provide an efficient and effective mechanism to support potential program funding from the NIH. This strategy comprises a range of research support initiatives, consistent with the goals and objectives outlined in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). These efforts include: proposal development, budget planning, facilities support, and a commitment to ensure transparency and accountability in reporting progress updates, regulatory requirements, economic impact and other terms and conditions of awards.

Considerations for Investigators Developing Application-Specific Language
The purpose of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is to preserve and create jobs, and for NIH awards to fund the best science in pursuit of improving the length and the quality of the lives of U.S. citizens, while at the same time stimulating the economy.

Each application should highlight:

- An estimated number of jobs created or preserved and other downstream impacts of the project on the regional economy;
- A commitment to complete the project objectives within the time frame specified by the agency (recognizing this will be an aggressive timeline), and a desire to ensure transparency, reporting and accountability.

Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science Stewardship of ARRA Funding
Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU) is grateful for the opportunity to apply for ______________ (name of sponsor) funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). We appreciate that we must be able to gather meaningful data and demonstrate scientifically meritorious results within two years. CDU understands that the stimulus funding represents two-year monies and that it comes with new and rigorous responsibilities for both the Principal Investigator and CDU administrative staff and we will do the following:
• We are prepared to ramp up this project as soon as we receive word of funding and our plan is to hire staff and purchase supplies and equipment as quickly as possible.

• CDU will convene additional IACUC and IRB panels as necessary to have approvals in place before the award is issued. In addition, we will respond expeditiously to requests for JIT material.

• We will act immediately to spend or obligate the stimulus money with the goal of having all funds expended by September 2011.

• Although we will spend funds and obligate funds more quickly than with non-ARRA grants, CDU will remain vigilant that funds are spent and according to federal cost accounting standards and that every step is taken to prevent instances of fraud, waste, error, and abuse.

CDU acknowledges the Office of Management and Budget special reporting requirements for stimulus funding and we will be prepared to report on a quarterly basis the progress that has been achieved in meeting specific project goals, and in documenting the supplies and equipment purchased and vendors used, project expenditures, jobs created and staff retained, and any other requirements in the terms and conditions of the award notice.

In addition to contributing to generalizable knowledge, this research project will contribute to improved economic performance based on job creation and job retention as well as increased economic activity. The impact is expected to extend beyond the immediate investigators who will receive funds to technicians, students, trade workers and others who will receive the leveraged benefits through the economic multiplier effect.