Expanded Authorities

NSF has waived the prior approval requirement for the following:

- Incur pre-award costs up to 90 days before the start date of the initial budget period of a new or renewal award. (Complete the AANA form found on the Forms page on ORA’s website and send to your CA.)
- Initiate a one-time, grantee-approved no-cost extension. (Can be accomplished using NSF electronic systems or completing the no cost extension request form found on the Forms page on ORA’s website and sending it to your CA.)

Grantees must seek NSF approval for the following:

- Rebudgeting of funds for the direct charge the salaries or administrative & clerical staff not originally included in the approved budget. Prior to seeking NSF approval, the department must seek ORU or SP designation from campus.
- Rebudgeting of participant support costs to support anything other than stipends or subsistence allowances, travel allowances, and registration fees paid to or on behalf of participants or trainees (but not employees) in connection with conferences, or training projects.
- Rebudgeting to add a subaward that was not contemplated at the proposal stage.

Program Income

Registration fees collected under NSF-supported conferences are considered program income and must be reported on an annual basis.

Mandatory Cost Sharing Reporting

Mandatory cost sharing must be documented on an annual and final basis, certified by an Authorized Organizational Representative and reported to the NSF Program Officer via use of NSF’s electronic systems.

Applicability of UG terms

NSF Award Administration Guide dated 12/26/14, is applicable to new NSF grants with an effective date on or after 12/26/14. These updated UG terms are also applicable to funding amendments issued on or after 12/26/14.

UMD implementation of UG terms on existing NSF awards

The NSF UG terms apply to all funds obligated by NSF on or after 12/26/14. UMD will not establish new KFS accounts solely because the new funding increment changes the grant terms. Those funding increments will be added to the existing KFS account and all remaining funding will become subject to the NSF UG grant terms.

Publication Costs

NSF acknowledges that the publication of research results may not occur until after a grant terminates. Grantees may charge the grant before closeout for the costs of publication or sharing of research results, if the costs are not incurred during the period of performance of the award.