



Date: March 11, 2009

To: University Research Community

From: Julia Fulghum, Vice President for Research

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Re: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus Bill)

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Over the past several weeks, information regarding funding opportunities contained in the Stimulus Bill has been released by funding agencies and circulated around campus. In response to the varying and evolving agency-specific details regarding funding opportunities, my office has put procedures into place to facilitate easy access to accurate and up-to-date information regarding Stimulus funding opportunities.

- A web site is now live (<http://research.unm.edu/stimulus>) to serve as a resource for Stimulus funding information. The website includes information on expected appropriations by agency and specific areas of emphasis, and will be updated constantly as new information and opportunities become available.
- A new list-serv ([stimulus-info-L@unm.edu](mailto:stimulus-info-L@unm.edu)) has been created to provide information on funding opportunities as it becomes available. Emails to the list will include links to agency priorities and agency-specific proposal preparation details. You can subscribe to the list by sending an email to [listserv@list.unm.edu](mailto:listserv@list.unm.edu). Leave the subject blank, and in the message body type "subscribe stimulus-info-L Firstname Lastname."
- We will work, through Faculty Research Support Services (FRSS) and Sponsored Projects Services (SPS), to alert faculty to funding opportunities that may align with their research interests and expertise.
- FRSS and SPS will be providing assistance with proposal preparation. This will include the development of "boilerplate" language to specifically address what are expected to be common selection criteria (e.g., "How does this proposal create jobs or add capacity to the economy?"), training sessions for faculty and staff, and a "help desk" for proposal development and submission questions.
- We will be assisting in the internal coordination of other opportunities in the Stimulus Bill. Some proposals, such as those involving construction or renovations, may be funded through "non-research" portions of the Stimulus Bill. These proposals will require separate review and approval by the appropriate University committee/office, and the OVPR will help direct these proposals accordingly.
- We are looking into additional steps that can be taken to expedite proposal routing and submission. Coordinating with the Associate Deans for Research, we will work to ensure that SPS is sufficiently staffed to handle the anticipated increase in submissions and awards.

We will share additional information as new plans are developed and implemented. In the meantime, if there is any information that you feel would be helpful to include, or if you have any other questions, comments, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at [stimulus@unm.edu](mailto:stimulus@unm.edu).