

published by the journal, whether or not under a federal award (GPS 7.9.1).

- Costs for services incurred after closeout of the award, even for an Author Accepted Manuscript subject to the NIH Public Access Policy, are unallowable because the costs of publications must be incurred before closeout (GPS 7.9.1). Note that this means that costs for publication may be charged after the period of performance and prior to closeout (*i.e.*, during the 120-day liquidation period). However, these costs must only be for the originally approved activities and must not be associated with any new work performed outside of the period of performance.

Points To Consider for Authors and Institutions in Assessing Reasonable Costs

As stated in Section 7.2 of the NIH GPS, a cost may be considered reasonable if the nature of the goods or services acquired or applied and the associated dollar amount reflect the action that a prudent person would have taken under the circumstances prevailing when the decision to incur the cost was made. NIH promotes *reasonable* publication costs to ensure an equitable system for publishing opportunities. However, establishing a particular threshold for what is reasonable may lead to inequitable outcomes in specific circumstances, so NIH is instead providing these Points to Consider in assessing reasonable costs to guide authors and institutions. While NIH may modify this approach in the future, NIH encourages researchers and institutions to consider, when determining whether costs are reasonable:

- Amount of publication cost in relation to NIH award
- Other works researchers may wish to produce during an award period
- Professional and institutional priorities
- Sustainability in terms of the library budget, laboratory budget, and other relevant budgets, if such costs were to be consistently paid
- Relevance of the journal in communicating findings to advance science and/or improve health outcomes
- Suitability of the journal's target readership for the dissemination of the content

Other Public Works for Which Allowable Costs May Be Requested

This Guidance is primarily to help funded authors and institutions understand what costs are allowable under the NIH Public Access Policy.

NIH acknowledges that the public dissemination of results from NIH funding does not occur only through peer-reviewed publications. Models for sharing research findings are evolving and allowable costs may be requested for publicly disseminating works reporting on the results of NIH funding that are not subject to the NIH Public Access Policy.

As a reminder, the unallowable costs listed above continue to apply, and works must be made publicly available to qualify for costs.

Reputable Journals and Responsible Conduct of Research

In addition, NIH reiterates its Statement on Article Publication Resulting from NIH Funded Research <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-18-011.html>, a 2017 NIH Guide Notice that encourages authors to publish papers resulting from NIH-funded research in reputable journals. Fees paid to journals that have characteristics described in the Statement may be considered unreasonable.

Finally, NIH also reiterates the importance of maintaining integrity in science in its Guidance on the requirement for Instruction in the Responsible Conduct of Research <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-22-055.html>, which includes responsible authorship and publication.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract

proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; HHS-NIH-CDC-SBIR PHS 2025-1 Discovery and Development of Oral Small-molecule Direct-acting Antivirals Targeting Viruses of Pandemic Potential (Topic 146).

Date: January 15, 2025.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3F52A, Rockville, MD 20892 (Video Assisted Meeting).

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(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.855, Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish a summary of information collection requests under OMB review, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these documents, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer at (240) 276-0361.

Project: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Synar Report Format, FFY 2024-2026—(OMB No. 0930-0222)—Extension

Section 1926 of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 300x-26] stipulates that Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant (SUPTRS) funding agreements for alcohol and drug abuse programs for fiscal year 1994 and