Administrative Budget Supplement

This budget request covers unforeseen expenses that arise, generally because initial budget assumptions have changed.

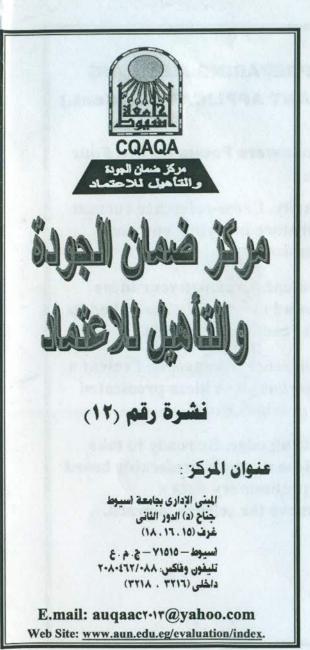
Examples are increased in the cost of some supplies.

Administrative supplements are also offered occasionally for special purposes. For example, you may be able to get an administrative supplement to pay for a minority student to work in your lab.

Competing Budget Supplement

Competing continuation applications are designed for the principal investigator who wants to modify the scope of approved work (e.g., by adding an aim or following an exciting lead). These requests are subject to the competitive peer-review process, usually through the same study section that reviewed the initial application. If you're considering this mechanism, ask your program officer about the feasibility of getting those funds from the sponsoring organization.

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PREPARING A STRONG GRANT APPLICATION (Cont.)

Reviewers Focus on the Four Cs:

Clarity. Cross-reference current literature in laying out your premises.

Content. Organize your ideas around associated aims linked to your central hypothesis.

Coherence of concepts. Present a coherent set of ideas predicated on previous work.

Cutting edge. Be ready to take legitimate risks, preferably based on preliminary data to move the science forward.

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Budget Justification

The budget justification is a categorical description of the proposed costs.

Generally, it explains staffing and supply/service consumption patterns, the methods used to estimate / calculate these items, and other details such as lists of items that make up the total costs for a category. The budget justification should address each of the major cost categories, such as:

Personnel

- Number of positions and level of expertise for each position
- Percent effort for each position
- What will each member of the proposed research team be doing?

Equipment

- Why do you need this piece of equipment?
- What equipment did you use to get preliminary data?
- Why is the above equipment not sufficient to support R · \level effort ?
- (Cost sharing for new equipment is advisable.)

Supplies

- Categorize
- Explain large expenses

Travel

- Describe proposed meetings, travelers, and estimated cost/trip
- Justify any foreign travel

Other

- Categorize other expenses

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