UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO - MAYAGUEZ
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER (R&DC)

AMERICAN RECOVERY ANS REINVESTMENT ACT

Information related to the administration of funds awarded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), also known as the Economic Stimulus Package, can be found on this page. Updates will occur as additional information becomes available.

ARRA FAQ's

1. As PI of an ARRA grant, what must I do to be compliant with the Whistleblower Protection in ARRA law?
It is a requirement of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that employers who receive ARRA funding must post notice of the rights and remedies pertaining to whistleblowers. This one page poster will serve as the notice and must be posted where people working on your grant can easily see it. Details of the provision in the Act can be found here and anyone who asks for information should be referred to the full text.

2. What is R&DC doing to meet the ARRA reporting requirements?
R&DC is working with Human Resources, Budget, Accounting and Finance, Purchasing and the Principal Investigators to gather the majority of the required data elements from UPRM information and financial systems.

3. As PI of an ARRA grant, what data elements am I responsible for providing?
PIs will verify the award description (abstract), describe quarterly activities, indicate project status, choose activity codes from one of several nationally maintained lists, verify the number of jobs created or retained and provide a narrative description of the employment impact of ARRA funds. Other information may be necessary as further clarifications are made by federal sponsors and the Office of Management and Budget.

4. When are the ARRA reports due for the grants received by UPRM - R&DC?
ARRA reports are due no later than 10 calendar days after the end of each quarter. The first due date is October 10th, and then January 10th, April 10th, and July 10th.

5. As PI of an ARRA grant, when are the data elements I'm responsible for providing due to R&DC?
R&DC must have information from PIs before the 5th day following the end of the quarter in order to meet the deadline.

6. Do I need to register with FederalReporting.gov?
No, the R&DC is registered with FederalReporting.gov and will submit the required reports.

7. I have a subrecipient or subcontractor on my ARRA grant. What do I need to do?
Prepare the Subagreement Request Form as soon as possible, attach the budget and scope

of work, and forward to your R&DC Legal Office as you normally would to initiate the Subagreement process. Your R&DC Legal Office will prepare a Subagreement using the Federal Demonstration Partnership template Agreement and attach the appropriate ARRA reporting requirement terms and conditions.

8. I'm interested in applying for ARRA funds. Where do I look?
Visit the Office of External Resources (ORE) http://cid.uprm.edu/ore.

9. I have questions about my ARRA grant, who do I contact?
General administrative questions can be referred to your R&DC Research Administrator.

12. I have questions about the ARRA reports, who should I contact?
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13. Where can I find additional information about ARRA?
About the Recovery Act and Roadmap to Recovery:
http://www.whitehouse.gov/recovery/about/
For data related to Recovery Act spending: http://www.recovery.gov/Pages/home.aspx
NIH and the ARRA: http://www.nih.gov/recovery/
NSF FAQ: http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09038/nsf09038.jsp#watqrr
Health and Human Service (HHS) Overview:
http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/overview/index.html
National Endowment for the Arts info: http://www.arts.gov/recovery/