

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Research Project Grants

Total Number of Awards and Dollars

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 Estimate	FY 2005 Estimate 1/
No. of Awards:										
Competing	6,653	7,390	7,578	8,566	8,765	9,101	9,396	10,393	10,135	10,393
Noncompeting	17,854	18,248	19,495	20,149	21,779	23,322	24,921	25,757	27,094	27,351
Subtotal (includes Noncomp)	24,507	25,638	27,073	28,715	30,544	32,423	34,317	36,150	37,229	37,744
SBIR	1,012	1,298	1,326	1,508	1,640	1,699	1,889	2,020	2,199	2,242
Total	25,519	26,936	28,399	30,223	32,184	34,122	36,206	38,170	39,428	39,986
Average Annual Cost:										
Competing	\$244.6	\$245.9	\$255.9	\$293.6	\$332.2	\$333.1	\$338.8	\$338.6	\$349.3	\$347.3
Total (includes Noncomp)	\$262.1	\$269.3	\$277.7	\$294.8	\$319.4	\$344.7	\$365.5	\$379.1	\$389.7	\$394.6
Percent Change over prior year average costs:										
Competing RPGs	5.8%	0.5%	4.0%	14.7%	13.2%	0.3%	1.7%	-0.1%	3.2%	-0.6%
Total RPGs	3.7%	2.7%	3.1%	6.2%	8.4%	7.9%	6.0%	3.7%	2.8%	1.3%
Average Length of Award in Years	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8

1/ The average cost increase of competing RPGs reflected on this table is a composite of full-funded and single-year competing RPGs.

In FY 05, the President's Budget provides an aggregate 1.3 percent increase in average cost for RPGs, consistent with the Gross Domestic Product deflator. Within this 1.3 percent aggregate increase, NIH is providing average cost increases of 1.9 percent for direct recurring costs in noncompeting continuation awards; competing RPGs receive an average cost increase of 1 percent.