

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Research Project Grants

Total Number of Awards and Dollars

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 1994	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002 Estimate	FY 2003 Estimate
No. of Awards:										
Competing	6,474	6,759	6,653	7,390	7,578	8,566	8,765	9,186	9,377	9,854
Noncompeting	17,576	17,069	17,854	18,248	19,495	20,149	21,779	23,360	25,309	26,066
Subtotal (includes Noncomp)	24,050	23,828	24,507	25,638	27,073	28,715	30,544	32,546	34,686	35,920
SBIR	914	1,071	1,012	1,298	1,326	1,508	1,640	1,740	1,947	2,118
Total	24,964	24,899	25,519	26,936	28,399	30,223	32,184	34,286	36,633	38,038
Average Annual Cost:										
Competing	\$225.0	\$231.2	\$244.6	\$245.9	\$255.9	\$293.6	\$332.2	\$331.4	\$344.8	\$369.5
Total (includes Noncomp)	\$243.5	\$252.7	\$262.1	\$269.3	\$277.7	\$294.8	\$319.4	\$342.9	\$360.7	\$382.8
Percent Change over prior year average costs:										
Competing RPGs	3.1%	2.8%	5.8%	0.5%	4.0%	14.7%	13.2%	-0.2%	4.0%	7.2%
Total RPGs	3.1%	3.8%	3.7%	2.7%	3.1%	6.2%	8.4%	7.3%	5.2%	6.1%
Average Length of Award in Years	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9

The average cost change in FY 2003 reflects the cycling of unusually expensive noncompeting grants in FY 2002 into competing continuation status in FY 2003, as well as the funding of bioterrorism challenge grants in the NIAID. Grant Policy for competing grants for Institutes and Centers was 4% average cost increase over FY 2002.