

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Justification

Service and Supply Fund

General Statement

The NIH Service and Supply Fund (SSF) was established on July 3, 1945, under 42 U.S.C. 231. The SSF was created to finance a variety of centralized research support services and administrative activities that are required for the efficient and effective operation of all NIH programs and facilities. The SSF provides a single means for consolidating the financing and accounting of business-type operations that involve the sales of services and commodities to customers. The services provided through SSF include mainframe computing, enterprise IT software planning and development, engineering planning and design, printing, telecommunications, procurement, shipping and receiving, motor pool, research animals, fabrication and maintenance of scientific equipment, utilities and plant maintenance, biomedical engineering, and other administrative support services.