

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
Research Project Grants
Total Number of Awards and Dollars
(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005 Estimate	FY 2006 1/ Estimate
No. of Awards:										
Competing	7,390	7,578	8,566	8,765	9,101	9,396	10,411	10,020	9,216	9,463
Noncompeting	18,248	19,495	20,149	21,779	23,322	24,921	25,777	27,040	27,750	27,092
Subtotal (includes Noncomp)	25,638	27,073	28,715	30,544	32,423	34,317	36,188	37,060	36,966	36,555
SBIR	1,298	1,326	1,508	1,640	1,699	1,889	2,037	2,181	2,182	2,191
Total	26,936	28,399	30,223	32,184	34,122	36,206	38,225	39,241	39,148	38,746
Average Annual Cost:										
Competing	\$245.9	\$255.9	\$293.6	\$332.2	\$333.1	\$338.8	\$337.8	\$355.7	\$355.4	\$376.8
Total (includes Noncomp)	\$269.3	\$277.7	\$294.8	\$319.4	\$344.7	\$365.5	\$379.9	\$392.9	\$401.1	\$407.0
Percent Change over prior year average costs:										
Competing RPGs	0.5%	4.0%	14.7%	13.2%	0.3%	1.7%	-0.3%	5.3%	-0.1%	6.0%
Total RPGs	2.7%	3.1%	6.2%	8.4%	7.9%	6.0%	3.9%	3.4%	2.1%	1.5%
Average Length of Award in Years	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7

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1/ As a policy, no inflationary increases were provided for competing RPGs. The apparent increase of 6.0 percent in average cost is the result of an extremely large cohort of AIDS clinical trials cycling from noncompeting into competing status (102 awards, average cost \$2.8 million per award), as well as the extremely large G-8 HIV Vaccine awards (14 awards, average cost \$2.4 million per award). While there will be no inflationary increases for direct, recurring costs in Noncompeting continuation RPGs, where the NIH has committed to a programmatic increase in an award, such increases will be provided.

Numbers of grants identified in FY 2005 and FY 2006 are estimates, and WILL change as applications are received and selected for funding.