

Creighton University Health Science Strategic Investment Fund EXPENDITURE GUIDELINES

I. Introduction

The purpose of the Health Science Strategic Investment Fund (HSSIF) is to maximize the potential of biomedical research at Creighton University, and to provide the maximum local, regional, and national benefit in terms of improved health care and delivery.

The Health Science Strategic Investment Fund application guidelines are intended to mirror the PHS 398 guidelines; therefore, the following expenditure guidelines are based primarily on the NIH Grants Policy Statement.

II. Changes in Project Budget

In general, awardees are expected to stay within the originally proposed and approved project budget. However, a certain degree of rebudgeting is allowed to meet unanticipated needs of the project. In some cases, prior approval will be required before an awardee makes certain budget modifications or undertakes particular activities. *A written request to the Associate Vice Provost for Research and Scholarship is required to obtain prior approval.*

Budget changes requiring prior approval are outlined below:

- Increase to the capital equipment budget.
- A significant rebudgeting request when expenditures in a single direct cost budget category deviate (increase or decrease) from the originally approved budget category by more than 25% of the total costs awarded.
- Budget changes that may be perceived as a change in scope of the project.

III. Extension after End Date

The two-year award is not allowed an extension or renewal.

IV. Transfer of HSSIF Award

Health Science Strategic Investment Fund Awards are not eligible to be transferred to another applicant organization. All equipment and remaining supplies purchased from Health Science Strategic Investment Funds will remain the property of Creighton University.