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Subject: Challenge Grant

Last night we sent you an email with the RFP for the NIH Challenge Grant Program. By now you all know that this program is not a limited submission program so any of your faculty are free to apply. We certainly encourage proposal development by your faculty. Please be sure that your faculty understand that this stimulus funding has objectives that are somewhat different from traditional NIH funding. From everything we heard from Director Ray Kington, they are looking to fund proposals that will make a leap forward, a significant impact in a short period of time. So a proposal that asks for a million dollars with the hope of building a program around these funds using carryover for an extended period of time will not fly with these funds. I am guessing that our best shots will be with novel strategies for elements of health-related research with results likely to be ready for application within a two year time frame. If your faculty have questions about the suitability of an idea I recommend you call your program manager in the area.

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