Important Changes – Genomic Array Purchases from External Vendors on NIH Awards

NIH issued a notice on May 13, 2010 changing the way that purchasing for genomic arrays will be burdened. If you haven’t done so already, please take some time to review the notice *Budgeting for Genomic Arrays for NIH Grants, Cooperative Agreements and Contracts* (NOT-OD-10-097) as it also changes the way these supplies are requested in new grant applications.

Effective immediately, NIH will limit the Facilities and Administrative (F&A) cost reimbursement on external purchases of genomic arrays to the first $75,000 in each grant budget year. Any amount in excess of $75,000 in a given budget year will not be assessed F&A costs. NIH will apply this policy prospectively to new competitive awards issued subsequent to the notice.

In order to comply with this provision, a new expense type has been created. All genomic arrays from outside vendors must now be charged to expenditure type (ET) 821201-Supplies-Lab-Genomic Arrays. Classification of genomic arrays in this ET will enable GCFA to monitor and manually adjust/remove F&A burden. (Initial charges will be fully burdened upon purchase.)

The expenditure type is available in IExpense, but is not yet widely available in SciQuest. SciQuest’s PTAEO validation is based on VIP numbers and valid ETs on the VIP Award’s allowability schedule. Adding new expenditure types in SciQuest necessitates a complete refresh of all VIPs and ETs requiring considerable resources from both Yale and [the vendor for] SciQuest. Procurement plans to perform the VIP/ET refresh during the month of April.

In the interim, if there is a need to use ET 821201 (Supplies-Lab-Genomic Arrays) in SciQuest, e-mail Laurie Sirois (mailto:laurie.sirois@yale.edu) and Rob Bores (robert.bores@yale.edu) and identify the VIP numbers to be used for the purchase. VIP numbers may be e-mailed in advance for set-up in SciQuest if genomic arrays purchases are anticipated in the coming weeks. Procurement is committed to performing the necessary updates as quickly as possible.

As always, please feel free to contact your GCFA representative if you have any questions or need additional assistance.