Final FAQs on Costing for NIH-Funded Core Facilities are Available

NIH had posted their first *Draft FAQs on the Costing of Core Facilities* in September 2010 (NOT-OD-10-138) and requested further comments from select institutions in November 2012. A Yale working group comprised of members from both central and medical campuses developed and provided comments in response to both requests.

Thanks to everyone who participated in submitting Yale’s responses.

The Final NIH FAQs addressing the Costing of Core Facilities was released on April 8, 2013, per NIH Notice Number: NOT-OD-13-053. The FAQs can be accessed at: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-13-053.html

The new FAQs incorporate many of the suggestions provided by Yale’s working group, and provide better overall guidelines for the operations and costing of Core facilities. **They do not address two topics of concern identified by Yale’s working group - working capital reserves and equipment replacement.** COGR continues to stress the importance of these issues and hopes that OMB will include guidance in the new upcoming combined circulars.

If you have any questions regarding the clarifications provided in the FAQs, please contact Pauline Fagan, Manager of Cost Analysis and Special Reporting at pauline.fagan@yale.edu or 785-4954.

Expenditure Risk Review Process Change

Beginning May 2013, the Office of Grant and Contract Financial Administration will discontinue the award-by-award high risk expenditure listing for departmental review. The Expenditure Risk Review (ERR) process in its current form is duplicative and creates additional burden in combination with the monthly checklist review.

To ensure that reviews are performed for sponsored awards and justifications are obtained and maintained by the department, the certification statement at the bottom of the BUG203a - GC Financial Status Report (located in the BUG Library) has been revised. The new certification statement will read:

“I certify to the best of my knowledge that all charges in this report are allowable, reasonable and allocable to this project/award; the “high risk” monthly activity report has been reviewed for this award and all F&A type transactions listed on this report have been properly documented; All expenses are in compliance with applicable Federal, Sponsor and University policies and procedures.”

The process for unallowable expenditures will remain the same. GCFA will continue to provide the smaller list of charges that are made to any unallowable expenditures types and requests departments review and either remove the charge or provide justification in order to remain on the award.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact your GCFA designee.