IRB Services for Federal Grants

Streamline Your Federal Grant Submissions with Expert IRB Support

Ensure expert oversight and experienced guidance when you select Advarra as your IRB of record when submitting your federal grant proposal. Advarra has overseen over 1,000 federally funded studies, both as a local IRB for a single investigator and as a designated single IRB (sIRB) for multisite studies.

Advarra reviews research funded by government agencies, including but not limited to:

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA)

Department of Defense (DoD)

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Department of Justice (DoJ)

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID)

Selection of sIRB for NIH Funded Research and Communication Plan

Not sure how to respond to the sIRB questions? Advarra has the answers. **We can provide required documentation for your NIH grant application** to identify your project's single IRB and outline responsibilities and communication tactics.

While this plan may not be required for all grant applications, it is considered a best practice and can help avoid sIRB misunderstandings, complications, and delays during study conduct.

IRB Review Budget Estimate

To help you properly plan for IRB review costs, Advarra can provide a budget estimate to include in your grant application. This is especially important for researchers who have never relied on an external IRB or who may have never previously had to consider IRB review costs. **Avoid surprises and ensure all costs are appropriately accounted for.**

Additional Pre-award Services

Site identification: Find out which of your study's participating sites already have an agreement in place with Advarra's IRB.

- Advarra's IRB works with over 3,500 institutional sites, so it's quite likely most of your sites are already familiar with Advarra.
- For sites that haven't worked with Advarra yet: Advarra can work with each organization to quickly establish a reliance agreement.

Letter of support: Include this letter in your grant application to confirm Advarra is providing IRB support for your study.

sIRB selection letter to sites: Notify participating sites that Advarra is your study's IRB of record with a standard letter outlining how sites can prepare to rely on Advarra.

Study Activation Preparation

Often, quite a bit of time passes between submitting the grant application and beginning the human subjects portion of a project. **Keep things on track and be proactive:** As your start date nears, contact Advarra for help in ensuring sites are properly trained and ready to start.

Local and Central IRB Collaboration

While you may rely on an external IRB for your study's human subject protections, it's still important to keep your local team informed and in the loop. Be sure to contact your local grants and contracting office, as well as your local IRB if you have one, to ensure you are appropriately meeting local requirements.