Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network (JCOIN)
JCOIN Rapid Innovation Grants (J-RIG)
Call for Proposals – Cycle 5
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OVERVIEW

The Research Need

People with opioid use disorder (OUD) frequently are involved in the criminal justice system, affecting the individual as well as their family members, support systems, and community. Improved access to high-quality addiction treatment in justice settings is critical for minimizing the harm to these individuals and their families/communities. High quality treatment also improves recovery. Prevention and treatment services are needed to address the unmet needs of individuals who are justice-involved. It is important that we look at innovations in prevention and treatment services, including those that emerged from COVID-19, through research and/or evaluation studies.

What is JCOIN?

The Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network (JCOIN) is a collaborative research effort that partners addiction scientists with justice agencies and community-based treatment/healthcare service providers to study approaches to grow and improve high-quality care for people with OUD in justice settings. Examples of JCOIN research and evaluation studies include the effectiveness of medications for OUD, implementation and evaluation of state-level initiatives to improve OUD services in justice systems, research on strategies to engage individuals in community-based treatment upon release from custody and/or during community supervision, and studies addressing advancing the use of MOUD.

The JCOIN Rapid Innovation Grants (J-RIG) described in this **Call for Proposals** are coordinated through the JCOIN Coordination and Translation Center (CTC). The CTC manages logistics, engagement with practitioners and other key stakeholders in the justice and behavioral health fields, and dissemination of products and key research findings; conducts implementation studies; delivers education to expand the future workforce; and engages stakeholders in evaluation efforts.

JCOIN Rapid Innovation Grants (J-RIG)

The JCOIN Rapid Innovation Grant (J-RIG) program is a rapid-funding mechanism to support small grants to research newly emerging policies and practices, or to evaluate interventions that address prevention and treatment of addiction in justice settings. While opioids are a key priority for J-RIG projects, applications may focus more broadly on other substance use issues, particularly substances associated with overdose and overdose mortality. Projects should have direct relevance to individuals who are justice-involved, but need not take place within justice settings. J-RIG is intended to facilitate short-term projects that are not compatible with traditional National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding mechanisms for a variety of reasons, including, but not limited to, time sensitivity or collecting pilot data.

J-RIG welcomes applicants who work in research environments ***and*** those who do not work in research environments, but could benefit from funding to study local initiatives, policy changes, or practice improvement efforts. J-RIG projects are appropriate for developmental pilots, feasibility studies, or other research broadly defined as foundational work for further research and practice. **J-RIG funding is not appropriate for projects that request funds only to provide services, and do not include a research or evaluation component**.

Examples of Possible Research Topics

J-RIG applications may focus on any topic at the intersection of health (particularly addiction) and justice settings. Examples of topics of that would be of interest include, *but are not limited to*:

- effects of state, local, and organizational policies and regulations regarding naloxone, with a particular emphasis on first responders;
- methods to address stigma around medications and justice-involvement to improve outcomes;
- how social determinants of health (e.g., housing issues, income barriers, access to personal technology, food insecurity) affect the ability to remain substance free and free from incarceration;
- the use of wearable technology designed for bidirectional responses;

- behavioral therapies, such as contingency management, motivational interviewing, and/or cognitive behavioral therapy;
- opportunities for agencies to share data or create linked data sets on opioid use;
- how medications for opioid use disorders (MOUD) are distributed;
- innovative strategies to expand availability of, and decrease barriers for access to, MOUD;
- prevention efforts at the community or individual level; and/or
- innovative strategies to address intergenerational substance use issues, family or social supports, and/or children of individuals who have a substance use disorder.

These efforts include strategies used to address COVID-19 and COVID-19-related implications for justice and behavioral health organizations (for example, innovations related to screening, community release and linkage to care, telehealth) and/or determining what COVID-related innovations will be maintained in a post-COVID time. Please consider the timeliness and relevance of the research proposed given the potential for funding within 3-4 months.

PLEASE NOTE: *This list includes examples of possible research or evaluation topics; it is not meant to be exhaustive. Other research areas, and evaluation projects, also are welcome.*

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Dates

The J-RIG Call for Proposals is released three (3) times per year, with funding expected in approximately four (4) months, barring any unforeseen barrier to funding that may need to be addressed. These funding cycles are listed in the table below. *(If a closing date occurs on a weekend or holiday, the date will move to the next business day.)*

Activity	Fall Cycle	Spring Cycle	Summer Cycle
Announcement/RFP available	July 1	January 5	March 20
Application closing date (11:59pm ET)	August 15	February 15	May 1
Funding decisions	October	May	July
Sub-award to awardee(s) anticipated	November	June	August

Eligibility

J-RIG support is available to applicants ***regardless of their current affiliation with JCOIN***. Successful applicants will be considered part of the JCOIN network. To ensure integration with the network, all J-RIG awardees will be linked with a JCOIN-affiliated "sponsor." Applicants not currently affiliated with a JCOIN-funded study will receive assistance connecting with a JCOIN-affiliated investigator who will act as their sponsor. Applicants interested in identifying a potential JCOIN sponsor should contact Judith Wilde at jcpilot@gmu.edu. *We encourage applicants to include a JCOIN investigator at the time of proposal submission, particularly if the applicant does not have a background in research or evaluation, but it is* ***not*** *a requirement*. If a proposal is recommended for funding, but did not name a JCOIN-affiliated sponsor, the JCOIN CTC will assist with identifying a JCOIN sponsor to work with the project personnel.

A note for Researcher-Initiated Grant applicants with existing NIH funding: J-RIG funding is not intended to provide supplemental funding to existing grants in lieu of pursuing an NIH supplement or other appropriate NIH funding. Nor is J-RIG funding intended to be used to prolong ongoing research when those funds are no longer available. Potential applicants should discuss the appropriateness of J-RIG funding with their NIDA Program Official.

JCOIN Hub eligibility: Current investigators on NIDA-funded JCOIN Hubs and members of their research teams ***are*** eligible for J-RIG funding. However, JCOIN Hub-affiliated investigators may receive no more than two (2) J-RIG awards as a J-RIG principal investigator for the entirety of the multi-year J-RIG program. As noted above, J-RIG funding should not be used as an alternative to pursuing traditional NIH administrative supplements if/when appropriate. Hub investigators should consult with their NIDA Program Official if guidance is needed.

Technical Assistance

Applicants may be researchers or practitioners, as defined below.

- Researcher: Faculty, researcher, postdoc, or scholar at a university, research organization, or other relevant organization.
- Practitioner: Professionals affiliated with a justice, behavioral health, community healthcare, and/or other impacted organization.

Applicants self-identify into one of these two categories at the time of application. *Reviewers will evaluate the proposed work in light of the project's significance and importance, innovation, approach (appropriateness of the research question[s] and methodology), investigators' qualifications, and potential impact.* Regardless of applicant type, ***research question(s), the evaluation focus, or project aim(s) must be articulated*** as part of the J-RIG application. (See more in the Submission Guidelines below.)

Applicants are encouraged to request assistance in developing an appropriate design. If you would like assistance with research/statistical skills, we urge you to contact us. JCOIN has a team of researchers available to assist with research design and statistics and to answer questions about this solicitation. Please email Judith Wilde at jcpilot@gmu.edu to request assistance. In addition, TA materials (including recordings of Webinars, a Sample Proposal, a Proposal Checklist, Tips, and list of suggested and approved measures) are available at this site (sign-in as a new JCOIN "partner" is required, at no cost): https://www.jcoinctc.org/resources/funding-opportunities

Funding Source and Availability

J-RIG will provide funding for projects lasting from 6 to 24 months. *The total budget may not exceed $100,000 in Direct Costs over the entire award*. *Total cost for the entire award period may not exceed $110,000*. Applications for less than $110,000 in total costs ***are encouraged.*** Funds may be used for research or evaluation purposes; we also encourage applications for small pilot studies that might lead to larger requests from other sources for a major project. We anticipate funding 1 or 2 applications per cycle, based on availability of funding and the funding requested by applicants.

J-RIG funding is made available by a grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) through the NIH Helping to End Addiction Long Term (HEAL) initiative to George Mason University (GMU) to operate the JCOIN Coordination and Translation Center (CTC). On behalf of JCOIN, George Mason University will make and administer J-RIG awards. Though awards are made by GMU, applicants are expected to adhere to expectations for NIH awards, including requirements around IRB and OHRP approvals. Applicants also will be expected to report on study outcomes in a timely fashion and to share and/or archive data whenever possible. (See Terms & Conditions for additional details.)

Submission Guidelines

Applications will be submitted through the J-RIG Application Management Platform [https://webportalapp.com/sp/jcoin-rig-2020]. After entering the platform, the Applicant will be provided with instructions for completing or uploading the sections of the application. All sections of the application (including the Project Narrative) should be formatted with paper size no larger than standard letter paper size (8 ½" x 11") and at least one-half inch margins (½") - top, bottom, left, and right - for all pages. Text should be single spaced with a font size of at least 11 points. Smaller text in figures, graphs, diagrams, and charts is acceptable, as long as it is legible when the page is viewed at 100%. **PLEASE NOTE: Applicants are allowed only ONE resubmission of a previous application.**

PART 1. COVER PAGE

- Principal Investigator (PI) name, affiliation, position title, and contact information. A Principal Investigator is the individual responsible for the overall conduct of the project.
- Other Co-Investigators or Senior Personnel (if any) and their affiliations. These are other individuals who will contribute in a substantive, meaningful way to the scientific development or execution of the project, whether or not salaries are requested.
- NIDA-requested questions: (1) Do you currently have an active NIDA grant related to this topic? (Yes/No) (2) A "yes" response to question 1 adds a second item – check "yes" if you have spoken with your NIDA program officer and you both agree that J-RIG funding is appropriate for this proposal. (3) Indicate whether you currently have, or have had in the past, NIH R01 funding.

- JCOIN Affiliated Sponsor has 3 options: (1) check "yes" and provide the name if one already has been identified, (2) check to indicate you are a JCOIN Hub Investigator not needing a sponsor, or (3) check to indicate you need to be matched with a JCOIN investigator if funded.
- Administrative contact (name and email address) of the person managing the fiscal aspects of the grant award at your institution.
- Project title
- Project duration (6 - 24 months)
- Requested total budget (up to $100,000 in *Direct Costs*; not to exceed $110,000 in *Total Costs*)

PART 2. ABSTRACT

- Provide a Project Abstract of no more than 500 words (MSword will provide a count) summarizing the project.

PART 3. PROJECT NARRATIVE (Up to 5 Pages)

3.1 Significance and Importance

- Identify the gap in research, or opportunity for operational improvement, that your project will study. Is there a critical barrier to progress in the field that your project proposes to address?
- How will your project improve our understanding of best practices, new or emerging interventions or technologies, or the effect of new policies?
- You may want to address what opportunity will be lost if the project is not funded.
- Describe what you hope to achieve by conducting the project; that is, state the specific aims (or research questions) of the project.
- If applicable, describe whether the study is intended to serve as foundational work for a larger study. NOTE: Not all J-RIG projects will be designed as pilots for larger studies.

3.2 Innovation

- Explain how the application challenges and seeks to shift current research, clinical, or justice system practice patterns or concepts as related to opioid use disorder in justice settings or populations.
- Describe any novel approaches or practices, technologies, research/evaluation focus, or interventions to be developed or used, and any advantage over existing practices, technologies, research/evaluation, or interventions.
- Explain any refinements, improvements, or new applications of theoretical concepts, approaches, or practices, policies, technologies, or interventions.

3.3 Approach

- Describe your research plan - what you will do. If you are collecting data, describe what data you are collecting (including what measures you are using), from whom or from where the data will be collected, and how you will collect the data. Describe how the data will be analyzed and reported, including how you will maintain participants' anonymity or confidentiality.
- Describe where the research will take place and who will be involved in conducting the research.
- Describe where and how participants will be recruited; the number of anticipated participants and their general characteristics (e.g., who are they, what is their age range); inclusion/exclusion criteria - special criteria needed to participate (e.g., individuals who are or have been previously incarcerated) and/or exclusion criteria - any criteria that would exclude participation in the research (e.g., individuals with diagnosed severe or disabling mental illness).
- Describe key milestones, the specific events or achievements that should occur at specific points in time and are important indicators of progress for your project (you may want to consider including a timeline and milestone chart with each milestone and the expected timeline for completing the milestone). Are there specific benchmarks for success; are there key achievements that will indicate that the project has met its aims successfully? The milestone chart/timeline is included in the five-page limit.
- Discuss potential problems with the research plan and alternative strategies that may be needed to address those problems.

Note: *References should be provided but are not included in the five-page limit*

PART 4. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE STUDY POPULATION

Applicants may not know the precise gender/sex, race, and ethnic breakdown of the study population (i.e., the people who will be participants in your research project) and are asked to provide the best estimate. Please complete and upload a Planned Enrollment Table to provide information on the anticipated gender/sex, race and ethnicity of the proposed study population https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/PlannedEnrollmentReport.pdf. NIH requires applicants to describe the gender/sex and race of the targeted study population separately by ethnicity (defined as Hispanic/Latino OR Not Hispanic/Latino). Therefore, you will need to identify as best you can the number of the Female/Males by Race for both categories of ethnicity (Hispanic/Latino and Not Hispanic/Latino). As an example, a person whose *race* is "White" may (or may not) identify with an *ethnicity* of "Hispanic/Latino." Note that even if you are using secondary (extant) data, you need to complete this table.

Planned

	Ethnic Categories				
	Not Hispanic or Latino		Hispanic or Latino		Total
Racial Categories	Female	Male	Female	Male	
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
Black or African American	0	0	0	0	0
White	0	0	0	0	0
More than One Race	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

PART 5. HUMAN SUBJECTS PROTECTIONS

In this section we are simply asking whether human subjects are included in your research study and, if so, whether you have identified an Institutional Review Board (IRB) to oversee the project. An IRB is an independent committee established to protect the rights and welfare of human research subjects recruited to participate in research activities. The IRB reviews and approves research involving human subjects.

If you have not identified an IRB at the time of submission, you will receive assistance in identifying an IRB to review the project, if necessary.

PLEASE NOTE: You do *not* have to address the standard human subjects elements typically included in a grant application (risks, adequacy of protections against risks, potential benefit of research, importance of knowledge to be gained) as part of this application. That information will be requested and required as part of an IRB application and approval process prior to funding.

Are human subjects included in the research: [ ] YES [ ] NO

A *human subject* is defined as any living individual about whom an investigator conducting research:

1. obtains information or biospecimens through intervention or interaction with the individual, and uses, studies, or analyzes the information or biospecimens, or
2. obtains, uses, studies, analyzes, or generates identifiable private information or identifiable biospecimens.

If YES, what Institutional Review Board (IRB) will oversee this project?

(A) Applicant institution will provide the IRB, or

(B) Co-Investigator's IRB will be the IRB of record for this award, or
(C) Do not have an IRB and will need help obtaining IRB review

If IRB is identified, please provide the Federal Wide Assurance (FWA) for the proposed IRB: [ ]

PART 6. TWO-PAGE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH, RESUME, OR CV

Include a Two-Page (2-page) Biographical Sketch, Resume or CV for:

- Principal Investigator (the principal Investigator is the individual responsible for overall scientific direction of the project) ;
- Co-Investigators, and/or Senior Personnel (if applicable, these are other individuals who will contribute in a substantive, meaningful way to the scientific development or execution of the project, whether or not salaries are requested); and
- JCOIN Investigator Sponsor (if applicable).

PART 7. BUDGET AND BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

Complete a simplified budget table (See example below). You are encouraged to download the example which can be found: https://bit.ly/2yAwKvc and use the fillable table on page 3. If necessary, you may upload a budget document you created. The portal will accept the budget in a variety of formats (Word, PDF, Excel, etc.).

In addition, you will need to provide a Budget Justification providing a written description that includes the description and justification for each budget item (see below). As noted previously, *Total Direct Costs for each project cannot be greater than $100,000 and Total Costs cannot exceed $110,000*. You may upload the Budget Justification Narrative as a PDF or Word file.

Personnel and Fringe Benefits

All personnel from the applicant organization and partners dedicating effort to the project should be listed in the personnel section. Please list the personnel name **or** personnel title (if the specific person has not yet been identified), the salary amount and the percentage of time (or number of hours for hourly/wage personnel).

Fringe benefits should be based on the organization's Fringe benefit rate. More information on what is included as fringe benefits can be found in the Grants Policy Statement at https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_12/12.8.1_salaries_and_fringe_benefits.htm

The total personnel cost should be the requested wage/salary + fringe benefits requested for the grant activities.

Salary Caps: NIH will not pay requested salary above the annual salary cap. The FY2020 Salary cap is $199,300, not inclusive of fringe (see: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-057.html).

Subcontracts

If the application includes a subcontract, include the total cost of the subcontract (Subcontract Direct and Indirect/F&A) as a line item in the applicant Direct Cost budget. **Also, include a separate budget for the subcontract similar to the budget provided for the applicant.** PLEASE NOTE: The TOTAL subcontract costs must be included as ***Direct Costs*** in the applicant budget. As a reminder, Direct Costs for the Applicant (which would include the total subcontract costs) cannot be greater than $100,000.

Travel

If you are including any travel, please provide the details in the budget justification, including the destination, number of people traveling, and dates or duration of your stay for all anticipated travel. It is important that you clearly state how the travel is directly related to your proposed research (e.g., you can go to a conference to present your research, but not just for the purpose of "staying current in your field"). You should refer to your institution's travel policy for guidance on how you should arrange the travel, but if your institution lacks a policy, it is expected that you will follow the U.S. federal government policy found here: http://www.gsa.gov/federaltravelregulation.

Other Direct Costs

Other Direct Costs may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- **Materials and Supplies**: Any materials or supplies necessary to conduct the research, such as testing kits.
- **Consultant Services:** Typically, consultants will charge a fixed rate for their services that includes both their direct and F&A costs. You do not need to report separate direct and F&A costs for consultants. Consultants are not subject to the salary cap restriction; however, any consultant charges should meet your institution's definition of "reasonableness."
- **ADP/Computer Services**: The services you include here should be research-specific computer services, such as reserving computing time on supercomputers or getting specialized software to help run your statistics. This section should not include your standard desktop office computer, laptop, or the standard tech support provided by your institution. Those types of charges should come out of the F&A costs.
- **IRB:** You may include costs for an external IRB if necessary.

NOTE: Certain costs may be deemed unallowable to the National Institutes of Health. Examples of unallowable costs include the cost for needles (e.g., for a needle exchange program) or the cost of routine services (e.g., a nurse or counselor to provide screening, counseling, and referral to treatment) which are not DIRECTLY tied to the research study.

Budget Table Example

ITEM	COST	DETAILS
Personnel		
Sarah Jones, Behavioral Health Counselor	$8,750	$70,000 Salary x 10% time + Fringe Benefits (@25% of direct salary)
Mark Smith, Research Assistant	$28,125	$45,000 Salary x 50% time + Fringe Benefits (@25% of direct salary)
Subcontract: City University	$32,000	See attached City University budget. Includes personnel costs for Dr. Brian Smith and F&A.
Travel Attendance at XXX Conference to present results of the study	$2,350	Airfare ($600), Conference Fee ($300), Hotel ($1,000) and Per Diem (3 days x 150/day). Dr. Jones to attend the conference. See Budget Justification for specific details.
Other Direct Costs		
Urine test kits	$1,190	@$95 for 25 samples
Participant Transportation	$300	Bus Tickets
Recruitment	$500	Advertisement
Participant Compensation	$3,000	$100/participant ($40/session, $20 bonus for attending both sessions, 30 participants)
Supplies for Program Implementation	$500	(See budget justification)
Total of All Above Costs (Direct Costs) Cannot Exceed $100,000	**$76,715**	
F&A (Indirect)	$22,861	Approved F&A of 29.8%
Total Costs (Direct and Indirect)	**$99,576**	

Budget Justification

The Budget Justification should include additional details about each of the budget categories. The Budget Justification is not part of the 5-page limit for the proposal.

PART 8. LETTERS OF COLLABORATION (IF APPLICABLE)

Please include a letter of collaboration for each collaborator in which their role on the project is described.

PART 9. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Please provide demographic information about the PI. We are using this information to gauge whether our announcements are reaching a diverse pool of researchers and practitioners.

REVIEW CRITERIA

All applications will be treated as proprietary. If the application is selected for funding, that proposal eventually may become subject to public disclosure. Please note that the applications will be reviewed by internal and external expert reviewers.

Each application will be reviewed by multiple reviewers and rated on the criteria noted below. All applicants will receive a Summary Statement which will include (anonymously) the reviewers' scores and comments.

Applications will be reviewed and scored using the review criteria and scoring scale typically used for other NIH Applications. However, applicants should note that these criteria and scores are being used in a very different context and scores and funding decisions will be quite different from those typically found with other NIH applications.

Reviewers will be asked to provide ratings (1-9) for each of the following criteria and to provide an overall impact score (again, 1-9). Reviewers also will be asked to note the strengths and weaknesses for each criterion. As noted above, this is similar to other NIH reviews, but the scoring and funding decisions may be quite different from other NIH funding mechanisms.

Significance and Importance

Does the project address an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field? If the aims of the project are achieved, will knowledge, understanding of emerging policies, technical capability, and/or clinical practice be improved? What is potentially lost if we do not fund this study at this time?

Innovation

Does the application challenge and seek to shift current research, or clinical or justice system practice patterns or concepts? Does the project capitalize on a novel or emerging policy, technology, or practice which requires timely evaluation or research? Are the interventions, policies, technologies, or practices being researched new in the field?

Approach

Are the overall strategies, methodologies, and analyses well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the aims of the project? Are potential problems, alternative strategies, milestones, and benchmarks for success presented? Is the project feasible? That is, what is the likelihood that the project can be completed successfully in the time period noted for the project?

Investigator(s)

Based on the biosketches provided, are the Principal Investigators (PIs), collaborators, and other researchers well suited to the project? Do the researchers and/or practitioners have relevant research and/or professional experience to conduct the project? Are there any gaps in experience needed for the project to be completed successfully? If the applicant is a researcher, is there evidence that the PI and other collaborators have expertise in the research topic and proposed methodologies? If the applicant is a practitioner, does the study team include access to appropriate research expertise? For example, has the PI or other researchers collected data before in any systematic way, and written about it in some way? If the practitioner does not have research experience, do they have partner(s) with the appropriate expertise and experience?

Overall Impact

Reviewers will provide an overall impact score to reflect their assessment of the likelihood for the project to have an impact on the field or provide the basis for further research that could have broader impact. The overall impact score also can reflect the need to conduct this research based on the opportunity that might be lost by not conducting this research. The overall impact should be made in consideration of the previous review criteria. There is no specific weighting of the other review criteria in relation to the Overall Impact Score

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All NIH awards are subject to the terms and conditions, cost principles, and other considerations described in the *NIH Grants Policy Statement*.

Institutional Review Board Requirements

Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Independent Ethics Committee (IEC) Approval: Grantee institutions must ensure that the application as well as all protocols are reviewed by their IRB or IEC prior to funding. To help ensure the safety of participants enrolled in NIH-funded studies, the awardee must provide NIH copies of documents related to all major changes in the status of ongoing protocols. Data and Safety Monitoring Requirements: The NIH policy for data and safety monitoring requires oversight and monitoring of all NIH-conducted or -supported human biomedical and behavioral intervention studies (clinical trials) to ensure the safety of participants and the validity and integrity of the data. Further information concerning these requirements is found at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/hs/data_safety.htm.

Administrative and National Policy Requirements

All NIH grant and cooperative agreement awards include the NIH Grants Policy Statement as part of the Funding Notice. For these terms of award, see the *NIH Grants Policy Statement* Part II: Terms and Conditions of NIH Grant Awards, Subpart A: General and Part II: Terms and Conditions of NIH Grant Awards, Subpart B: Terms and Conditions for Specific Types of Grants, Grantees, and Activities. More information is provided at Award Conditions and Information for NIH Grants.

Recipients of federal funding from HHS must administer their programs in compliance with federal civil rights law. This means that recipients of HHS funds must ensure equal access to their programs without regard to a person's race, color, national origin, disability, age and, in some circumstances, sex and religion. This includes ensuring your programs are accessible to persons with limited English proficiency. HHS recognizes that research projects are often limited in scope for many reasons that are nondiscriminatory, such as the principal investigator's scientific interest, funding limitations, recruitment requirements, and other considerations. Thus, criteria in research protocols that target or exclude certain populations are warranted where nondiscriminatory justifications establish that such criteria are appropriate with respect to the health or safety of the subjects, the scientific study design, or the purpose of the research.

HHS provides general guidance to recipients of FFA on meeting their legal obligation to take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to their programs by persons with limited English proficiency. Please see https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/special-topics/limited-english-proficiency/index.html. The HHS Office for Civil Rights also provides guidance on complying with civil rights laws enforced by HHS. Please see https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/section-1557/index.html; and https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-providers/laws-regulations-guidance/index.html. Recipients of federal funding also have specific legal obligations for serving qualified individuals with disabilities. Please see https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/disability/index.html. Please contact the HHS Office for Civil Rights for more information about obligations and prohibitions under federal civil rights laws at https://www.hhs.gov/ocr/about-us/contact-us/index.html or call 1-800-368-1019 or TDD 1-800-537-7697. Also note it is an HHS Departmental goal to ensure access to quality, culturally competent care, including long-term services and supports, for vulnerable populations. For further guidance on providing culturally and linguistically appropriate services, recipients should review the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health and Health Care. For additional guidance regarding how the provisions apply to NIH grant programs, please contact jcoin@nida.nih.gov.

In accordance with the statutory provisions contained in Section 872 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110-417), NIH awards will be subject to the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS) requirements. FAPIIS requires Federal award-making officials to review and consider information about an applicant in the designated integrity and performance system (currently FAPIIS) prior to making an award. An applicant, at its option, may review information in the designated integrity and performance systems accessible through FAPIIS and comment on any information about itself that a Federal agency previously entered and is currently in FAPIIS. The Federal awarding agency will consider any comments by the applicant, in addition to other information in FAPIIS, in making a judgement about the applicant's integrity, business ethics, and

record of performance under Federal awards when completing the review of risk posed by applicants as described in 45 CFR Part 75.205 "Federal awarding agency review of risk posed by applicants." This provision will apply to all NIH grants and cooperative agreements except fellowships.

Reporting

Awardees will be required to submit quarterly progress reports. Below is a sample template that will be used for the quarterly reporting. Specific milestones, deliverables, and metrics will be negotiated prior to award. These quarterly reports will include the elements noted below. At the time of the award, grantees will be given instructions on how to complete and submit the quarterly report.

Quarterly Progress Report – JCOIN Rapid Innovation Grants

Project Title: _____ PI:_____ Project Quarter: ____

Milestones	Progress Made

Deliverables	Progress Made

Performance Metrics	Progress Made

Adverse Events or Problems Encountered [If none, check here: _____]

Methods Used to Resolve Adverse Events or Problems [If N/A, check here: _____]

Other Accomplishments

Additional comments