

April 5, 2017

Issue: Proposed Budget Cuts to NIH and Indirect Costs

In the FY2018 budget blueprint released March 16, 2017, the Administration proposes to cut \$5.8 billion (18%) of NIH's funding and to cut university indirect, or facilities and administrative (F&A), costs to achieve the proposed reduction.

Background:

- Cuts to indirect costs have been proposed in past Administrations and successfully avoided
- The FY2018 budget blueprint is a proposal to Congress; it is not a fait accompli. The Congress will ultimately determine the NIH budget through the appropriations process.
- Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle have expressed concerns with the reductions to research

Next Steps:

- UC San Diego leadership is actively engaged with the UC system and key university associations e.g. AAU, APLU, AAMC, and COGR to develop and implement a strategy to effectively respond to this threat.
- UC San Diego, with its partners, is committed to a strong and immediate response that is strategic and focused.
- Ongoing outreach to select Members of Congress and Administration officials will clarify the impact of possible reductions on our ability to conduct federally sponsored research.
- Town Hall Meetings will be held April 13, 2017 to update faculty and answer questions.
- If you are contacted by a Congressional office or have any questions on this issue or other federal government topics, please contact Angela Phillips Diaz, Executive Director, Government Research Relations, UC San Diego: apdiaz@ucsd.edu or 202/974-6323.