

## NewsFlash!

Now that the National Institutes of Health's FY 2017 budget has been signed into law, NIH has published its final fiscal policy and salary cap guidance for this year.

In general, NIH will restore reductions to non-competing continuation awards made this year while operating under a pending budget ([continuing resolution](#)). Additional details on fiscal operations, including specific funding strategies for ICs and any exceptions, will be posted at the [NIH funding strategies page](#).

The salary cap remains unchanged from the interim guidance published in [March](#). The direct salary limitation follows Executive Level II of the Federal Executive pay scale, which was previously set at \$185,100, and increased to \$187,000 effective January 8, 2017. This means that for awards issued in previous years that were restricted to Executive Level II, including competing awards already issued in fiscal year 2017, grantees may rebudget to accommodate the current Executive Level II salary level as long as:

1. Adequate funds are available in active awards
2. The salary cap increase is consistent with the institutional base salary

Please see NIH Guide Notice [NOT-OD-17-087](#) for details on the salary cap, and [NOT-OD-17-086](#) for guidance on NIH fiscal policy.

**Questions?** Should you have any questions, please contact the [Contracts and Grants Officer](#) assigned to your unit.