



Tuesday Tips is a new outreach effort by OGCA. The idea behind *Tuesday Tips* is to convey tips, tricks and other helpful information around the area of research administration. Our goal is to post on (almost every) Tuesdays. If there is something you would like to see covered on *Tuesday Tips*, email: UAF-GCReATE@alaska.edu. For more Tips visit [OGCA website](#).

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) & Diversion to Clinical Work

NIH Guidance:

[Can recipients donate Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) and supplies acquired with NIH grant funds to local hospitals and health care facilities in support of COVID-19 efforts?](#)

Yes, recipients may donate PPE and other lab supplies in support of efforts related to COVID-19. Recipients may re-budget grant funds to repurchase supplies at a later date, use large unobligated balances, or submit an administrative supplement request to the funding IC.

<https://grants.nih.gov/faqs#/covid-19.htm?anchor=question55849>

[If faculty at my institution are diverted from research to clinical work to care for COVID-19 patients, can the institution continue to charge their salary to an NIH grant?](#)

Charging salaries to NIH grants when no work is being performed is allowable if your organization's policy allows for the charging of salaries and benefits to currently active awards (under unexpected or extraordinary

circumstances) from all funding sources, Federal and non-Federal. If you have such a policy, and anticipate a need to charge personnel costs, please notify the funding IC. NIH may request documentation to confirm the requirements of the institutional policy.

Prior approval is not required to divert faculty from research to clinical work related to COVID-19 until the end of the public health emergency period. Recipients may use clinical revenue from the work done by faculty as voluntary cost sharing to support salaries under the NIH funded project. The recipient institution may continue to charge salaries to the grant in accordance with their institutional policies.

If the PD/PI is absent from the project for a period of 3 months or more, recipients should notify the funding IC to identify a temporary replacement until the COVID-19 public health emergency/pandemic has passed or the research will, by default, be placed on hold and the delays must be reported in the RPPR. <https://grants.nih.gov/faqs#/covid-19.htm?anchor=question55847>

NSF Guidance:

Jean Feldman Head, Policy Office, Division of Institution and Award Support National Science Foundation (NSF), indicated in a webinar “Research Administration in a Time of Disruption” March 26, 2020 that the donation of masks/PPE etc falls under UG donation and contribution sections. Agencies can make a determination under UG 200.102.

She said for NSF in particular - please reach out to the program manager and they will work on getting the necessary approvals and documentation. The questions also came up about what if these items are donated and then the University plans to replace them out of their own funds once supplies are back. Ms. Feldman said that should not be a problem but to ensure that there is documentation for each award.

Additional Information can be found at [NSF FAQs](#)