



# NIH Director's Bridge Awards Update

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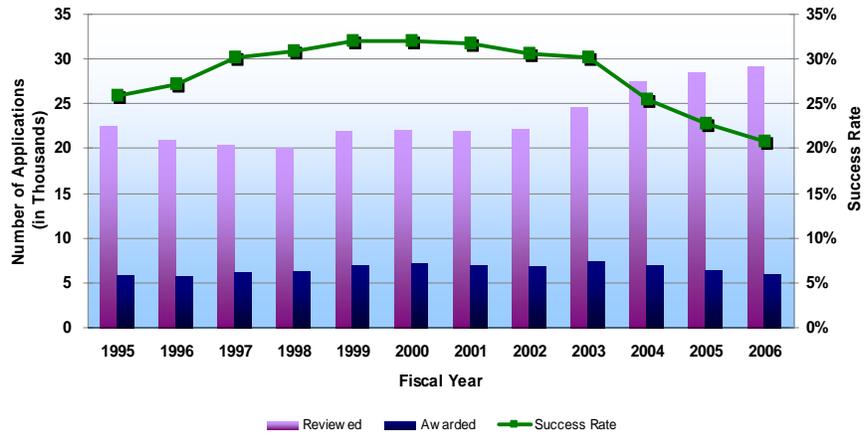


- Why NIH Director's Bridge Awards (NDBA)
- Eligibility criteria and process
- Characteristics of awards
- Future?





## NIH COMPETING R01-EQUIVALENT\* APPLICATIONS: TRENDS IN NUMBER, AWARDS AND SUCCESS RATES



\* R01-Equivalent Grants include R01, R23, R29, and R37 mechanisms



## NIH Director's Bridge Award...

**Purpose:** To provide bridge funding to R01 investigators who just missed the payline on a competing renewal application and had little or no additional research support

# NDBA

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-056.html>



## NIH Director's Bridge Award...

- Eligibility
  - Competing renewal R01 applications and their first amendments (A1) that met the following conditions:
    - Considered for funding in FY 2007 (submitted in FY06 but still active or submitted for funding in FY07)
    - Percentile Rank and Other Support Limitations:
      - Phase I:
        - » Within 10 percentile points of the nominal IC payline
        - » Less than \$133,000 in other research support (direct costs)
      - Phase II:
        - » Percentile rank less than 25 or within 10 percentile points of the nominal IC payline (whichever is greater)
        - » Less than \$266,000 in other research support (direct costs)
        - » Or, if not percentiled, within a comparable range of a priority score payline



## NIH Director's Bridge Award...

ICs select & submit nominations for award to OD

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OD allocates funds to ICs

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ICs select awards from their lists of nominees



\$91 Million

91 awards  
(~\$32.7M)

160 awards  
(~\$58.6M)





- **Award Characteristics**

- Identified as NIH Director's Bridge Awards
- Up to \$333,000 in direct costs plus applicable indirect costs
- Single year
- Convert R01 to R56 and retain serial number
- Resubmit amendment as R01 with same serial number



- **Evaluation**

- NDBA Awards can be identified in NIH data systems using account numbers
- Success rates on follow-on applications from NDBA recipients will be compared to similar amendments for non-recipients
- “Post mortem” of the process





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