

Addendum to RFA# 67-153
Spinal Cord Injury Research Grant

Date: May 12, 2023

Addendum Number: 2

Addendum Changes:

- 1) This addendum is to provide answers to all questions per the RFA Potential Applicant letter.

Question 1: The forms for Spinal Cord RFA67-153 are not listed. On emarketplace, there are problems with the forms. Many boxes can't be checked or typed into.

Answer: All forms are listed on e-Marketplace and have been reviewed to ensure the forms are fillable. Attachment IV has been reformatted to allow checkboxes to be filled in; this version is now posted, file name "Fillable Attachment IV".

Question 2: There are several problems with the forms for RFA67-153. For example, the instructions say clearly that the boxes should be checked and not filled in any other way, but most of the boxes are impossible to check. On one of the forms, when I start to type in my email, it doesn't allow it. Last year's forms were fillable, but this year, it seems like the forms are so glitchy as to be impossible as is. I have spent hours with them, and there's no simple workaround. Can you advise as to whether you will be able to fix these forms quite soon or whether we should try to struggle along with the ones that are available?

Answer: Please refer to the answer of question 1.

Question 3: I submitted my LOI in response to RFA # 67 – 153 on Monday. I noticed that the deadline to submit LOIs has been extended. Does this also mean that the deadline to submit the full application will also be extended?

Answer: The deadline for submission of full application will be extended for an additional two weeks, to 1:30PM ET May 30, 2023.

Question 4: when can I expect to receive access to the sharepoint site to download necessary documents and forms that need filled out. If I remember from past submissions, there are several documents that need to be signed by my university's signing official, and I'd like to get that process started.

Answer: If you submitted an LOI, you should have already received a sharepoint link if you have not. Please check all email folders including spam, and reach out to the resource account at RA-healthresearch@pa.gov.

Question 5: It is permissible for a PI to commit effort on a Spinal Cord Research Grant Budget without requesting funding from the Commonwealth?

Answer: Yes, this is permissible.

Question 6: I am writing to let you know that the Check Boxes in the Attachment IV document posted with the RFP-67-153 are not fillable in VIII. Key Research Personnel - section. Would you please ask someone to correct the form.

Answer: Please see answer to question 1.

Addendum Changes:

- 2) This addendum is to extend the application due date and time to 1:30PM ET, May 30, 2023.

*Except as clarified and amended by this Addendum, the terms, conditions, specifications, and instructions of the RFA and any previous addenda, remain as originally written.