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NSF Cost Sharing Policy

Effective with the publication of the NSF 11-1 Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG), <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf11001/>, NSF prohibits the inclusion of voluntary committed cost sharing in proposals submitted, or due, on or after January 18, 2011.

In order to assess the scope of the project, all organizational resources necessary for the project must be described in the Facilities, Equipment and Other Resources section of the proposal. **The description should be narrative in nature and must not include any quantifiable financial information.** Reviewers will evaluate this information during the merit review process and the cognizant NSF Program Officer will review it for programmatic and technical sufficiency. Although these resources are not considered cost sharing as defined in OMB Circular A-110, NSF does expect that the resources identified in the Facilities, Equipment, and Other Resources section will be provided, or made available, should the proposal be funded. Changes to the resources available may require prior approval.

Mandatory cost sharing will only be required when explicitly authorized by the NSF Director.

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