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Dear NCCIH Grantees, (Business Office copy)

We know that you are currently conducting your research on your currently funded research project.

We understand that for many of you this will mean you need additional flexibilities and/or resources over time in order to achieve success. We also understand that a one-size-fits-all approach towards providing you with these resources will not be the answer. In cooperation with our colleagues across NIH, we are developing a suite of diverse mechanisms and approaches that we hope will address your unique research needs. We have announced (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/natural-sciences/coronavirus.htm) please check this webpage often for updates while others are still in development. These approaches will best help you accomplish the goals of your currently funded research project will depend upon your specific situation. Over the next several months, NCCIH staff, including our program directors and clinical and regulatory affairs team, will be available to discuss your challenges and help you determine the approach that will work best for you.

We have already received a number of inquiries regarding administrative supplements, and the tools that we have to address such financial resources. While we will be providing administrative supplements when absolutely necessary, it is clear that for many of you, supplement requests in the next 2-3 months may be premature. We therefore encourage you to refrain from submitting COVID-19-related administrative supplement requests until the time when your research is clear, you have had a chance to discuss the various options with your NCCIH staff, and it is determined that an administrative supplement is a viable option for your project.

There are two possible exceptions to this guidance:

- supplements that will allow investigators to identify and address questions of direct relevance to the COVID-19 epidemic
- supplements to existing projects that are needed to address urgent research needs over the next 3 months

Investigators who believe they meet these exceptions should raise these issues with their program directors prior to submitting their requests. Unless otherwise specified, the deadline for requests is due by May 1, 2020. Finally, for those with grants that will end in the next few months, investigators should work with their institutions to process an no-cost extension initially, and NCCIH will evaluate subsequent requests for additional funding and/or services during the extension period.

The whole NCCIH team hopes that you are safe and healthy, and we look forward to working with you to ensure continued progress toward achieving our shared and important scientific mission.

