

Advocacy Day Training Webinar

AADOOCR / ADEA / FNIDCR Advocacy Day

Washington, DC | May 6-7, 2026

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Agenda

Time	Program	Speaker
1:00 p.m.	Welcome	Yehuda Sugarman (AADOCR)
1:05 p.m.	Washington Update Legislative Landscape; The Federal Appropriations Process	Carrie Wolinetz, Ph.D. (Lewis-Burke Associates)
1:20 p.m.	Our Message to Congress FY 2027 Appropriations Requests	Yehuda Sugarman (AADOCR) Hilary Malawer, JD, MS (ADEA)
1:50 p.m.	Our Message to Congress Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act (“ELSA”)	Becky Abbott, MPH (ELSA Coalition)
2:00 p.m.	Advocacy Day App	Sara Anzalone (Advocacy Associates) Jimmy Hawley (Advocacy Associates)
2:10 p.m.	Q&A	



Our Message to Congress

Yehuda Sugarman
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Oral, and Craniofacial Research

About AADOCR

The American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR) is the leading professional community for multidisciplinary scientists who advance dental, oral, and craniofacial research.

Mission:

To drive dental, oral, and craniofacial research to advance health and well-being



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Advocacy Day 2026 “Asks”

1. Provide adequate funding for federal research and oral health programs in Fiscal Year (FY) 2027, including the NIH, NIDCR, HRSA Oral Health Programs, and CDC’s Division of Oral Health
2. Support and cosponsor the *Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act (“ELSA”)*

Ask #1

Provide adequate funding in FY 2027 appropriations bills for the federal programs vital to the nation's oral health:

- \$51.3 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- \$570 million for the National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research (NIDCR)
- \$22.25 million for CDC's Division of Oral Health
- \$46 million for HRSA Title VII Oral Health Training & Workforce Programs

FY 2027 Appropriations Requests

	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027 Request
NIH (b)	\$42.93	\$44.96	\$47.46	\$47.31	\$47.31	\$47.22	\$51.3
NIDCR (m)	\$484.87	\$501.23	\$520.16	\$520.16	\$520.16	\$525.16	\$570
CDC DOH (m)	\$19.50	\$19.75	\$20.25	\$20.25	\$20.25	\$21.25	\$22.25
HRSA Oral Health (m)	\$40.67	\$40.67	\$42.67	\$42.67	\$42.67	\$43.67	\$46

Ask #1B

Reject policies that create administrative barriers to funding the most meritorious research, including proposals to:

- ✗ Cap facilities & administrative (F&A or “indirect”) costs
 - **Maintain current negotiated F&A rates**
- ✗ Forward fund all grants upfront
 - **Use NIH budget periods or annual installments**

NIH Indirect Costs

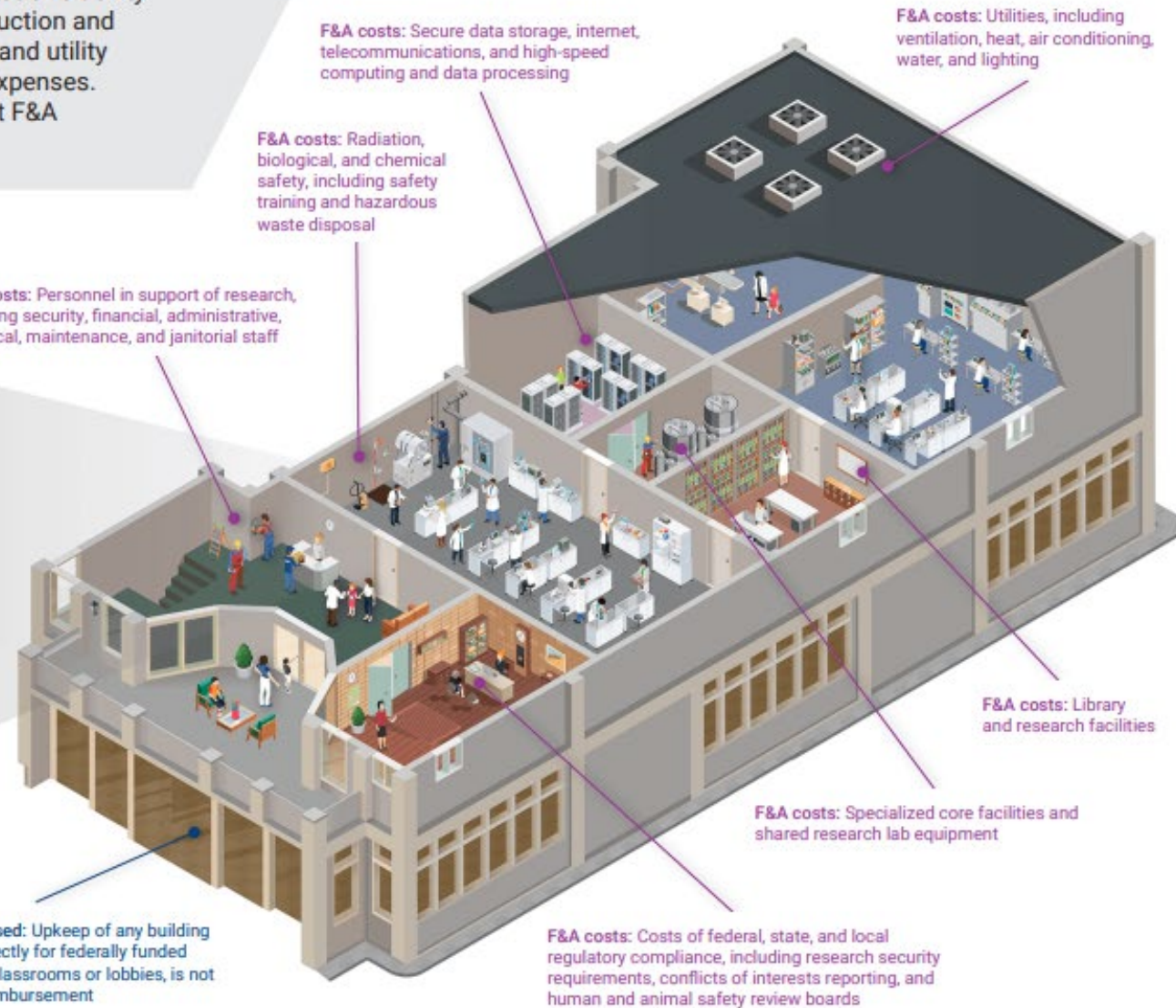
The total cost of federally sponsored research includes a combination of both direct expenditures and facilities and administrative (F&A) costs, also known as indirect costs. Both types of expenditures are essential to an institution's ability to conduct cutting-edge research. F&A costs consist of the construction and maintenance costs of laboratories and high-tech facilities; energy and utility expenses; and safety, security, and other government-mandated expenses. Research is impossible without the infrastructure investments that F&A costs create and sustain.



Direct costs: These expenses cover the salaries and stipends for researchers and graduate students; project-specific lab supplies and equipment; travel costs for conducting, sharing, and publishing research results; and other related activities

F&A costs: Personnel in support of research, including security, financial, administrative, technical, maintenance, and janitorial staff

No federal funds used: Upkeep of any building space not used directly for federally funded research, such as classrooms or lobbies, is not covered by F&A reimbursement



F&A costs: Secure data storage, internet, telecommunications, and high-speed computing and data processing

F&A costs: Utilities, including ventilation, heat, air conditioning, water, and lighting

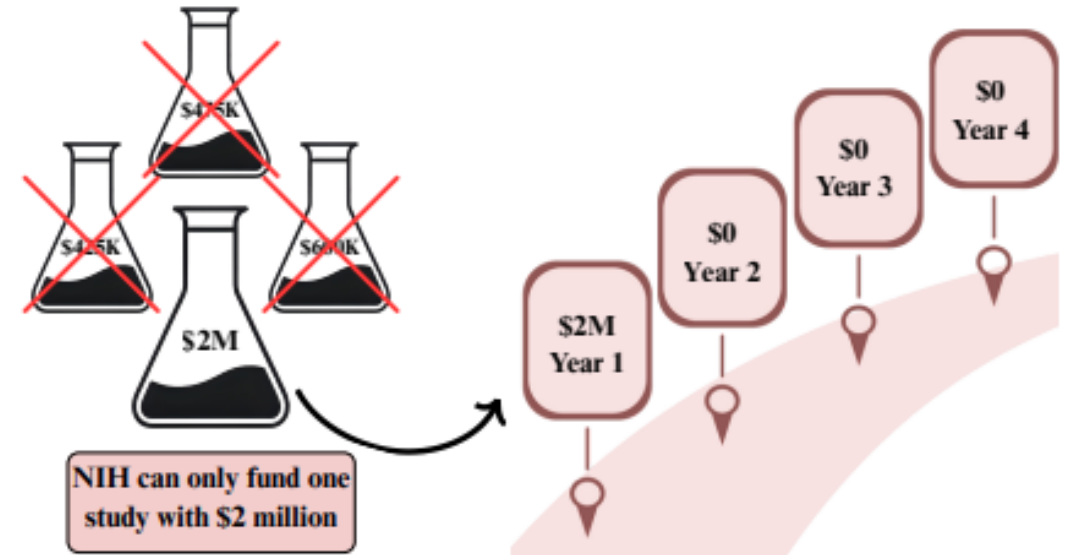
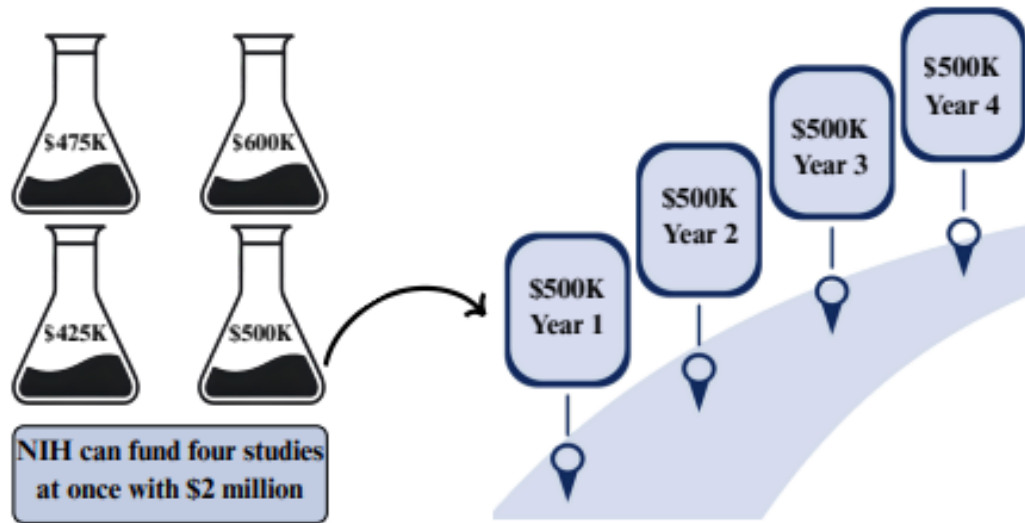
F&A costs: Radiation, biological, and chemical safety, including safety training and hazardous waste disposal

F&A costs: Library and research facilities

F&A costs: Specialized core facilities and shared research lab equipment

F&A costs: Costs of federal, state, and local regulatory compliance, including research security requirements, conflicts of interests reporting, and human and animal safety review boards

NIH Multi-Year Funding



Increased use of multi-year funding reduces the chances of research ideas being funded and disproportionately harms early career investigators.

Ask #2

Cosponsor and support the bipartisan *Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act* or “ELSA” (S.1677 / H.R.3277)

- Ensures coverage of medically necessary services related to the diagnosis and treatment of congenital craniofacial anomalies (birth defects)
- Sponsors: Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA), Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL), Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA)
- Co-sponsor or thank!

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