As you may be aware, the NIH is changing their proposal requirements which will be effective for all proposals submitted on or after January 25th, 2023. As highlighted in a recent NIH communication, we wanted to make you aware of these important changes, most notably the new NIH Policy for Data Management and Sharing.

This new requirement identifies the need for all proposals submitted on or after January 25th, 2023 to include the following elements:

- **Data Type**: Briefly describe the scientific data to be managed and shared
- **Related Tools, Software and/or Code**: Indicate whether specialized tools are needed to access or manipulate shared scientific data to support replication or reuse, and name(s) of the needed tool(s) and software
- **Standards**: Describe what standards, if any, will be applied to the scientific data and associated metadata
- **Data Preservation, Access, and Associated Timelines**: Give plans and timelines for data preservation and access
- **Access, Distribution, or Reuse Considerations**: Describe any applicable factors affecting subsequent access, distribution, or reuse of scientific data

**Budgeting for Data Management and Sharing:**

Per NIH’s guidance, “investigators may request funds toward data management and sharing in the budget and budget justification sections of their applications.”

- Allowable costs examples are: Curating data, developing supporting documentation, formatting data, de-identifying data, preserving and sharing data. **These costs must be incurred during the project period.**

If submitting a modular budget, a brief justification must be provided in the Additional Narrative Justification. If submitting a detailed budget, this will show as a single line item.
under Other Direct Costs and a description is required in the Budget Justification.

For more detailed information regarding this policy and new requirements, we encourage you to view the recently completed Webinar, “Understanding the New NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy,” and suggest that you plan to attend the upcoming Webinar, “Diving Deeper into the New NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy,” to take place on Thursday, September 22nd.

Should you have any questions about this upcoming change, feel free to contact your assigned Contract & Grant Specialist.