



Program Announcement for the Defense Health Agency

Autism Research Program Idea Development Award

Funding Opportunity Number: HT942526ARPIDA

Pre-Application Due: July 27, 2026

Application Due: October 22, 2026

This program announcement must be read in conjunction with the General Application Instructions, version [CD26_01](#).

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Before You Begin

- **Active [SAM.gov](#), [eBRAP.org](#) and [Grants.gov](#) registrations are required for application submission.** User registration for each of these websites can take several weeks or longer. Each applicant must ensure their registrations are active and up to date prior to application preparation.
- **Read this funding opportunity announcement in the order it is written before beginning to prepare application materials.** It is the responsibility of the applicant to determine whether the proposed research meets the intent of this funding opportunity and that all parties meet eligibility requirements.
- **To support application preparation, additional resources are available** including an application process [FAQ](#), a [Guide for Intragovernmental & Intramural Applicants](#) and a [CDMRP Video Series](#) detailing the application process.

Who to Contact for Support

eBRAP Help Desk

301-682-5507

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*Questions regarding
funding opportunity submission
requirements,
as well as technical assistance
related to pre-application or
intramural application submission.*

Grants.gov Support Center

800-518-4726

International: 1-606-545-5035

support@grants.gov

*Questions regarding
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and Workspace.*

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1. Basic Information About the Funding Opportunity

Summary: The fiscal year 2026 (FY26) Autism Research Program (ARP) Idea Development Award supports the development of innovative, high-risk/high-reward research that could lead to critical discoveries or major advancements that will accelerate progress in improving outcomes for Autistic individuals. This award mechanism is designed to support innovative ideas with the potential to yield impactful data and new avenues of investigation.

Distinctive Features: *Applications are strongly encouraged to address one of the [FY26 ARP Idea Development Award Areas of Interest](#)* or provide justification that the proposed research addresses a critical problem, question, or need in autism.

Partnering Principal Investigator (PI) Option: The Partnering PI Option is structured so that two investigators, each of whom will be designated as a PI, will work synergistically on a single project. The results of this partnering project should significantly advance the research beyond what would be possible through individual efforts.

Funding Details: The Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) expects to allot roughly \$2.25 million (M) to fund approximately three Idea Development Award applications with total cost caps of \$0.75M per award. The maximum period of performance is 3 years. It is anticipated that awards made from this FY26 funding opportunity will be funded with FY26 funds, which will expire for use on September 30, 2032. Awards supported with FY26 funds will be made no later than September 30, 2027.

Submission and Review Dates and Times

- **Pre-Application (Preproposal) Submission Deadline:** 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET), July 27, 2026
- **Invitation to Submit an Application:** August 28, 2026
- **Application Submission Deadline:** 11:59 p.m. ET, October 22, 2026
- **End of Application Verification Period:** 5:00 p.m. ET, October 27, 2026
- **Peer Review:** December 2026
- **Programmatic Review:** February 2027

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2. Eligibility Information

2.1. Eligible Applicants

2.1.1. Organization

[Extramural](#) and [intramural U.S. Department of War \(DOW\)](#) organizations are eligible to apply, ***including foreign and domestic organizations, for-profit and nonprofit organizations, and public or private entities.***

2.1.2. Principal Investigator

Independent investigators affiliated with an eligible organization are eligible to be named PI on the application, regardless of ethnicity, nationality or citizenship status.

PIs must be at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent).

Partnering PI Option: Up to two investigators may collaborate on a single application, each of whom will be recognized as a PI and receive a separate award

2.2. Cost Sharing

Cost sharing is not an eligibility requirement.

2.3. Other

Awards are made to eligible ***organizations***, not to individuals. Refer to the GAI for additional [recipient qualification requirements](#).

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3. Program Description

The Defense Health Agency Contracting Activity (DHACA) is soliciting applications to this funding opportunity using delegated authority provided by United States Code, Title 10, Section 4001 (10 USC 4001). The CDMRP is the program office managing this FY26 funding opportunity as part of the Autism Research Program (ARP). The CDMRP is located within the Defense Health Agency Research and Development (DHA R&D), which is a part of the Department of Defense, DOD, herein referred to using the secondary title Department of War, DOW. Congress initiated the ARP in 2007 to provide support for research of high potential impact and exceptional scientific merit. Appropriations for the ARP from FY07 through FY25 totaled \$164.4 million (M). The FY26 appropriation is \$8.0M.

The ARP's vision is to improve the lives of individuals with autism and their families, now and in their future.

Research funded by the FY26 ARP should be responsive to the needs of people with autism, their families, and/or caregivers. Researchers are therefore encouraged to establish and utilize effective collaborations and partnerships with community members to maximize the translational and impact potential of the proposed research.

3.1. Award History

The ARP Idea Development Award mechanism was first offered in FY07. Since then, 883 Idea Development Award applications were received, and 108 were recommended for funding.

3.2. Intent of the Idea Development Award

The Idea Development Award (IDA) supports the development of innovative, high-risk/high-reward research that could lead to critical discoveries or major advancements that will accelerate progress in improving outcomes for Autistic individuals.

3.2.1. Areas of Interest for the IDA

To meet the intent of the funding opportunity, the ARP encourages applications that address critical needs of the autism community in one or more of the FY26 ARP Idea Development Award areas of interest:

- Assessment of novel therapeutics using valid preclinical models
- Create tools and strategies to increase the speed of the dissemination/implementation of evidence-based practices and interventions in community-based settings
- Determinates of diagnosis, treatment efficacy and service delivery
- Development of health care provider-focused training or tools to improve health care delivery for Autistic individuals across the life span and the continuum of care (i.e., primary care, urgent/emergent care and disaster relief)
- Environmental risk factors
- Factors impacting quality of life for current and former military families
- Factors promoting success in key life transitions of Autistic individuals over their lifespan
- Improve diagnosis and access to services across the lifespan

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- Long-term treatment outcomes from previous clinical trials for the core symptoms of autism or to alleviate co-occurring conditions
- Mechanistic studies focused on:
 - Heterogeneous clinical expression of autism
 - Underlying conditions co-occurring with autism (e.g., pain, sleep disturbances, gastrointestinal issues, inflammation, aggression, depression, anxiety, attention deficit and seizures)
 - Sex differences in autism (i.e., prevalence, biological mechanisms, phenotypic expression, core and comorbid syndrome expression and outcomes, developmental trajectories, diagnosis and treatment response)

3.2.2. Key Elements for the IDA

- **Impact:** The proposed research is expected to make an important and original contribution to advancing the understanding of autism and ultimately lead to improved outcomes for Autistic individuals and their families/caregivers. The project's impact on both autism research and autism care should be articulated even if clinical impact is not an immediate outcome. A statistical plan is an important aspect of the FY26 ARP Idea Development Award to demonstrate the significance of any research outcomes or findings.
- **Innovation:** Research deemed innovative may represent a new paradigm, challenge existing paradigms, look at existing problems from new perspectives, or exhibit other highly creative qualities. Research may be innovative in study concept, research methods or technology, or adaptations of existing methods or technologies. Research that represents an incremental advance on previously published work is not considered innovative.
- **Personnel:** Personnel are considered a crucial element of the FY26 ARP Idea Development Award. The study team should have experience in autism research. Inclusion of a biostatistician in the study team is encouraged.
- **Preliminary data:** Although the proposed research must have direct relevance to autism, the required preliminary data, which may include unpublished results from the laboratory of the PI(s), research team, or collaborators named on the application, may be from outside the autism research field. Research should also be based on a sound scientific rationale that is established through logical reasoning and critical review and analysis of the literature.

Partnering PI Option: The FY26 ARP supports collaborative research to bring a new perspective to autism research and/or facilitate progress in the field by combined efforts. Therefore, the Idea Development Award includes an option for more than one PI. One PI will be identified as the Initiating PI and will be responsible for the majority of the administrative tasks associated with application submission. The other PI will be identified as a Partnering PI. ***Both PIs should collaborate to develop a synergistic project addressing one or more of the [FY26 ARP Idea Development Award Areas of Interest](#) or another critical problem, question, or need in autism. Applications submitted by a mentor and trainee as Initiating PI and Partnering PI do not meet the intent of the Partnering PI Option.*** If recommended for funding, each PI will be named on separate awards to the recipient organization(s). Each award will be subject to separate reporting, regulatory, and administrative requirements. For individual submission requirements for the Initiating and Partnering PI(s), refer to [Section 5.3, Submission Instructions](#). Multidisciplinary and multi-organizational projects are allowed.

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3.2.3. Other Important Considerations for the IDA

[Clinical trials](#) are not allowed within this funding opportunity.

For the purposes of this funding opportunity, research that meets the definition of a clinical trial is distinct from [clinical research](#).

In accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, Section 732, CDMRP does not support the conduct of painful research (U.S. Department of Agriculture pain category D or E) involving domestic cats or dogs, except for studies relating to military or service animals.

All projects should adhere to a core set of standards for rigorous study design and reporting to maximize the reproducibility and translational potential of clinical and preclinical research, such as those described in the [STROBE](#), [CONSORT](#), [SPIRIT](#) and [ARRIVE 2.0](#) guidelines.

Applications from investigators within the DOW and applications involving multidisciplinary collaborations among academia, industry, the DOW, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other federal government agencies are highly encouraged. These relationships can leverage knowledge, infrastructure and access to unique clinical populations that the collaborators bring to the research effort, ultimately advancing research that is of significance to Service Members, Veterans, their Families and the American Public. If the proposed research relies on access to unique resources or databases, the application must describe the access at the time of submission and include a plan for maintaining access as needed throughout the proposed research.

3.3. Funding Instrument

The funding instrument for awards made under the program announcement will be grants (31 USC 6304).

3.4. Funding Details

[Period of Performance](#): The maximum period of performance is **3** years.

[Cost Cap](#): The application's total costs budgeted for the entire period of performance should not exceed **\$750,000**. If indirect cost rates have been negotiated, indirect costs are to be budgeted in accordance with the organization's negotiated rate. Collaborating organizations should budget associated indirect costs in accordance with each organization's negotiated rate.

All direct and indirect costs of any subaward or contract must be included in the direct costs of the primary award.

The applicant may request the entire maximum funding amount for a project that may have a period of performance less than the maximum **3** years.

The appropriateness of the budget for the proposed research will be assessed during peer review.

Application submissions with the **Partnering PI Option**:

The combined total costs budgeted for the entire period of performance in the applications of the Initiating PI and the Partnering PI should not exceed **\$750,000**.

A separate award will be made to each PI's organization.

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The PIs are expected to be partners in the research, and direct cost funding should be divided accordingly unless otherwise warranted and clearly justified.

Direct Cost Restrictions: For this award mechanism, direct costs:

Must be requested for:

- Travel in support of multi-institutional collaborations.
- Costs for one investigator to travel to one scientific/technical meeting per year. The intent of travel to scientific/technical meetings should be to present project information or disseminate project results from the ARP Idea Development Award.

Must not be requested for:

- Costs for travel to scientific/technical meeting(s) beyond the limits stated above.
- Clinical trial costs.

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4. Application Contents and Format

4.1. Application Overview

Application submission is a two-step process requiring both a **pre-application** submitted via the Electronic Biomedical Research Application Portal ([eBRAP](#)) and a **full application** submitted through eBRAP or Grants.gov. Depending on the submission portal, certain aspects of the application will differ.

Intramural DOW organizations submitting a full application should follow instructions for submission through eBRAP.



Extramural organizations submitting a full application must follow instructions for submission through Grants.gov.



4.2. Pre-Application Components

The Initiating PI must submit the following pre-application components.

Upload documents as individual PDF files unless otherwise noted. Files must comply with the [formatting guidelines](#) listed in the GAI.

- **Preproposal Narrative (two-page limit):** The Preproposal Narrative page limit applies to text and non-text elements (e.g., figures, tables, graphs, photographs, diagrams, chemical structures, drawings) used to describe the project. Inclusion of URLs that provide additional information to expand the Preproposal Narrative and could confer an unfair competitive advantage is prohibited and may result in administrative withdrawal of the pre-application.

The Preproposal Narrative should include the following:

- **Research Idea:** State the hypothesis to be tested or the objective(s) to be reached. State the [FY26 ARP Idea Development Award Area\(s\) of Interest](#) that will be addressed. If the proposed project does not address one of the Idea Development Award areas of interest, provide justification that the proposed research addresses a critical problem, question or need in autism. Detail the ideas and rationale on which the proposed project is based. Concisely state the specific aims and provide a brief overview of the study design, including a well-defined population (if applicable) and details of the methods to be used. ***This award cannot be used to conduct clinical trials or proof-of-concept intervention studies on human subjects.***
- **Impact:** Describe the potential impact, both short- and long-term, of this study on the outcomes of Autistic individuals, their families/caregivers and/or the understanding of autism.
- **Innovation:** Describe how the proposed project is innovative and how the research represents more than an incremental advance on published data.
- **Personnel:** Clearly describe the autism expertise of the proposed research team and how this will factor into the team's ability to successfully complete the project.
- **Pre-Application Supporting Documentation:** The items to be included as supporting documentation for the pre-application ***must be uploaded as individual files*** and are limited to the following:

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- **References Cited (one-page limit):** List the references cited (including URLs if available) in the Preproposal Narrative using a standard reference format that includes the full citation (i.e., author[s], year published, reference title, and reference source, including volume, chapter, page numbers, and publisher, as appropriate).
- **List of Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Symbols:** Provide a list of abbreviations, acronyms, and symbols used in the Preproposal Narrative.
- **Key Personnel Biographical Sketches:** *All biographical sketches should be uploaded as a single combined file.* Biographical sketches should be used to demonstrate background and expertise through education, positions, publications, and previous work accomplished. 

4.3. Full Application Components

Applicants **must** receive an invitation to submit a full application. Uninvited full application submissions will be rejected.

Partnering PI Option: The CDMRP requires separate full application package submissions for the Initiating PI and each Partnering PI, even if the PIs are located within the same organization. The application submission process for the Partnering PI uses an [abbreviated full application package](#).

4.3.1. Full Application Components for the PI or Initiating PI

Each application submission must include the completed full application package for this program announcement. See [Appendix 1](#) for a checklist of the full application components.

(a) SF424 Research & Related Application for Federal Assistance Form (*Grants.gov submissions only*):

IMPORTANT: When completing the SF424 R&R, enter the **eBRAP log number** assigned during pre-application submission into **Block 4a – Federal Identifier**.

(b) Attachments:

- Each attachment of the full application components must be uploaded as an individual file in the format specified and in accordance with the [formatting guidelines](#) in the GAI. **Attachment 1: Project Narrative (eight-page limit): Upload as “ProjectNarrative.pdf”.** 
 - **Background:** Present the ideas and reasoning behind the proposed research and include relevant literature citations. Describe and show the preliminary data to justify the rationale for the proposed project.
 - **Hypothesis or Objective:** State the hypothesis to be tested or the objective to be reached. Describe how the project addresses one or more of the [FY26 ARP Idea Development Award Areas of Interest](#) or another critical problem or question in autism.
 - **Specific Aims:** Concisely explain the project’s specific aims supported by this application. If this application is part of a larger study, present only tasks that this award would fund.
 - **Research Strategy:** Describe the experimental design, methods, and analyses, with appropriate controls, in sufficient detail for assessment. Address potential problems

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and present alternative methods and approaches. If animal studies are proposed, the applicant is required to submit an Animal Research Plan ([Attachment 11](#)). If human subjects or human biological samples will be used, include a detailed plan for the recruitment of subjects or the acquisition of samples. Where relevant, describe the availability of, and access to, tissue, data, or human subjects.

- **Partnering PI Option:** Describe how the research project is supported and strengthened by the proposed synergistic collaboration. If the project is multi-organizational, describe plans for communication between investigators at each organization.
- **Statistical Plan:** Clearly describe the statistical plan and the rationale for the statistical methodology as well as an appropriate power analysis. Describe in detail how the statistical plan is appropriate for the experimental methodology being used. **If applicable**, describe how the human subject population is appropriate for the study and provide assurance that there is clear access to the designated population. Inclusion of a biostatistician on the study team is encouraged.

For all applications proposing clinical research describe the strategy for the inclusion of women and minorities appropriate to the objectives of the study, including a description of the composition of the proposed study population in terms of sex, racial, and ethnic group, and an accompanying rationale for the selection of subjects. Studies utilizing human biospecimens or datasets that cannot be linked to a specific individual, ethnicity, or race (typically classified as exempt from Institutional Review Board [IRB] review) are exempt from this requirement. Anticipated enrollment table(s) with the proposed enrollment distributed on the basis of sex, race, and ethnicity should be provided as Attachment 10.

If the proposed research involves access to military and/or VA patient populations and/or DOW or VA resources or databases, describe the access at the time of submission and include a plan for maintaining access as needed throughout the proposed research. Also include a plan for obtaining any required data sharing, memorandum of understanding or other agreements required to access and publish data. Refer to the GAI, [Appendix 4](#), for additional considerations.

- **Attachment 2: Supporting Documentation: Combine and upload as a single file named “Support.pdf”.**



There are no page limits for these components unless otherwise noted. Include only components described below; inclusion of items not requested or viewed as an extension of the Project Narrative will result in the removal of those items or may result in administrative withdrawal of the application.

- **References Cited:** List the references cited in the Project Narrative using a standard reference format (include URLs, if available).
- **List of Abbreviations, Acronyms and Symbols:** Provide a list of abbreviations, acronyms and symbols.
- **Facilities, Existing Equipment and Other Resources:** Describe the facilities and equipment available for performance of the proposed project; include any additional facilities or equipment proposed for acquisition at no cost to the award. Indicate whether government-furnished facilities or equipment are proposed for use. If so, reference the original or present government award under which the facilities or

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equipment items are now accountable. There is not a standardized form for this information.

- **Publications and/or Patents:** Include a list of relevant publication URLs and/or patent abstracts. If articles are not publicly available, then copies of up to five published manuscripts may be included in Attachment 2. Extra items will not be reviewed.
- **Letters of Support (two-page limit per letter is recommended):** Provide individual letters signed by collaborating individuals and/or organizational officials demonstrating that the PI has the support and resources necessary for the proposed work. Letters from the PI's Department Chair, or appropriate organization official, should also confirm that the PI(s) meet [eligibility criteria](#). If applicable, provide a letter of support, signed by the lowest-ranking person with approval authority, confirming participation of intramural DOW collaborator(s) and/or access to military populations, databases or DOW resources. If applicable, provide a letter of support signed by the VA Facility Director(s), or an individual designated by the VA Facility Director(s), confirming access to VA patients, resources and/or VA research space.
- **Letters of Collaboration (if applicable):** Provide a signed letter from each collaborating individual and/or organization demonstrating that the PI(s) has the support and resources necessary for the proposed work. If an investigator at an intramural DOD organization is named as a collaborator on a full application submitted through an extramural organization, the application must include a letter from the collaborator's commander or commanding officer at the intramural DOD organization authorizing the collaborator's involvement.
- **Sex as a Biological Variable (SABV) Strategy (two-page limit is recommended):** Describe the strategy for how sex will be considered as a biological variable. This strategy should include a brief discussion of what is currently known regarding sex differences in the applicable research area. Clearly articulate how sex as a biological variable will be factored into the data analysis plan and how data will be collected and disaggregated by sex. If needed, provide a strong rationale for proposing a single-sex study, based on justification from scientific literature, preliminary data or other relevant considerations. Refer to the [CDMRP Directive on Sex as a Biological Variable in Research](#) for additional information.
- **Intellectual and Material Property Plan (if applicable):** Provide a plan for resolving intellectual and material property issues among participating organizations.
- **Research Sharing Plan:** Describe the type of data or research resources (e.g., bio-specimen, analysis tool/software, training material) to be made publicly available as a result of the proposed work. Describe the mechanism (e.g., direct sharing, repository, mixed mode) by which data and resources generated during the period of performance will be shared with the research community and other affected communities, including clinical research participants. Include the name of the repository(ies) where scientific data and resources arising from the proposed study will be archived, if applicable. Identify and provide the rationale for any data or resources that will not be shared (e.g. for intellectual property, feasibility, cost, or other considerations). The plan should also protect participant privacy, confidential and proprietary data, and performer/third-party intellectual property. Provide a milestone plan for disseminating data/results including when data and resources will be made available to other users. In cases where the study participant could potentially derive medical or other benefit from the information, explain whether the

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results of screening and/or study participation will be shared with the participant or their primary care provider, including results from any screening or diagnostic tests performed as part of the study.

Do not submit a copy of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Data Management and Sharing Plan or duplicate the Data Management Plan which will be requested only after a recommendation for funding is made.

Refer to the [CDMRP Directive on Sharing Data and Research Resources](#) for more information about the CDMRP's expectations for making data and research resources publicly available.

- **Attachment 3: Technical Abstract (one-page limit): Upload as “TechAbs.pdf”.**



Write the technical abstract using the outline below. Clarity and completeness within the space limits are highly important.

- **Background:** Present the scientific rationale behind the proposed research project. Identify the [FY26 ARP Idea Development Award Area\(s\) of Interest](#) or provide justification that the proposed research addresses another critical problem, question, or need in autism that will be addressed by the proposed research project.
- **Hypothesis/Objective(s):** State the hypothesis to be tested and/or objective(s) to be reached.
- **Specific Aims:** State the specific aims of the study.
- **Study Design:** Describe the study design, including appropriate controls.
- **Impact:** Summarize how the proposed project is relevant to and will have an impact on the outcomes of Autistic individuals, their families/caregivers and/or the understanding of autism. Describe the impact on the specified population, if applicable.
- **Innovation:** Briefly describe how the proposed project uses innovation to yield critical discoveries, new avenues of investigation, or major advancements to improve the understanding of autism and ultimately to improve outcomes of Autistic individuals.
- **Military Relevance:** Describe how the study is relevant to military health.

- **Attachment 4: Lay Abstract (one-page limit): Upload as “LayAbs.pdf”.**



The lay abstract should address the points outlined below ***in a manner that is readily understood by readers without a background in science or medicine.*** Avoid overuse of scientific jargon, acronyms and abbreviations. ***Do not duplicate the technical abstract.***

- Summarize the objectives and rationale for the proposed research.
- What population will the research help, and how will it help them?
- What are the potential applications, benefits and risks of the anticipated outcomes?
- What are the likely contributions of the proposed research project to advancing research, patient care and/or quality of life?
- What is the potential benefit of the proposed study and the anticipated outcomes to Service Members, Veterans and/or their Families.

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- **Attachment 5: Statement of Work (three-page limit): Upload as “SOW.pdf”.** Refer to eBRAP for the [Suggested SOW Format](#). 

For guidance on preparing the SOW, refer to either the [Example: Assembling a Clinical Research and/or Clinical Trial Statement of Work](#) or [Example: Assembling a Generic Statement of Work](#), whichever is most appropriate for the proposed effort. Include milestones for data or research resource(s) sharing.

Partnering PI Option: Each PI must submit an identical copy of a jointly created SOW. The specific contributions of the Initiating PI and the Partnering PI should be clearly noted for each task.

- **Attachment 6: Impact Statement (one-page limit): Upload as “Impact.pdf”.** Describe how the proposed research is relevant to autism now. Detail the anticipated outcome(s)/product(s) and/or improved understanding of autism that will be directly attributed to the results of the proposed research project (near-term impact). Explain the anticipated long-term impact from the proposed research project, including details on how this work will have a real-world impact on the autism community. If applicable, compare the anticipated outcomes from the proposed project to currently available autism information, products or treatments. If applicable, describe how the anticipated outcomes of the proposed study will make an impact in understanding health differences between sexes.

Researchers are encouraged to establish and utilize effective collaborations and partnerships with community members to maximize the translational and impact potential of the proposed research.

- **Attachment 7: Innovation Statement (one-page limit): Upload as “Innovation.pdf”.** Summarize how the proposed research is innovative. State how the research challenges existing paradigms or provides new paradigms, technologies, evidence-based diagnoses and/or applications for autism. Investigating the next logical step or an incremental advancement of published data is not considered innovative.
- **Attachment 8: Accomplishments Statement (four-page limit): Upload as “Accomplishments.pdf”.** Provide autism or other developmental disorder(s) research accomplishments of the Initiating PI and Partnering PI based on the outline below:
 - Past and current autism or other developmental disorders research support from both federal and non-federal sources (as applicable) from the past five years
 - Any honoraria, awards or other distinctions received for work in autism or other developmental disorders research from the past five years
 - Any patents or other autism or other developmental disorders research accomplishments from the past five years
- **Attachment 9: Research Outcomes Plan: (one-page limit): Upload as “Outcomes.pdf”.** Describe the anticipated research outcomes including knowledge products, clinical products for development, etc. Describe the methods and strategies proposed to move the anticipated research outcomes to the next phase of development or clinical application after successful completion of the project. Detail the funding strategy to transition to the next level of investigation, development and/or commercialization (e.g., partners, applications for internal/external funding opportunities).

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- **Attachment 10: Inclusion Enrollment Report: Upload as “Enrollment.pdf”.** *(Attachment 10 is only applicable and required for applications proposing clinical research studies).*

Provide an anticipated enrollment table(s) for the inclusion of women and minorities using the [“Public Health Service \(PHS\) Inclusion Enrollment Report”](#), a three-page fillable PDF form, that can be downloaded from eBRAP. The enrollment table(s) should be appropriate to the objectives of the study with the proposed enrollment distributed on the basis of sex, race, and ethnicity. Studies utilizing human biospecimens or datasets that cannot be linked to a specific individual, ethnicity, or race (typically classified as exempt from IRB review) are exempt from this requirement.

- **Attachment 11: Animal Research Plan (three-page limit): Upload as “AnimalResPlan.pdf”.** *(Attachment 11 is only applicable and required for applications proposing animal studies.)*

If the proposed study involves animals, a summary describing the animal research that will be conducted must be included in the application. Consult the ARRIVE guidelines 2.0 (Animal Research: Reporting *In Vivo* Experiments) to ensure relevant aspects of rigorous animal research are adequately planned for and, ultimately, reported. Consult the [ARRIVE guidelines 2.0](#) (Animal Research: Reporting *In Vivo* Experiments) to ensure relevant aspects of rigorous animal research are adequately planned for and, ultimately, reported. The Animal Research Plan may not be an exact replica of the protocol(s) submitted to the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). The Animal Research Plan should address the following points to achieve reproducible and rigorous results for each proposed animal study:

- Briefly describe the research objective(s) of the animal study. Explain how and why the animal species, strain, and model(s) being used can address the scientific objectives and, where appropriate, the study’s relevance to human biology.
- Summarize the procedures to be conducted. Describe how the study will be controlled.
- Describe the randomization and blinding procedures for the study, and any other measures to be taken to minimize the effects of subjective bias during animal treatment and assessment of results. If randomization and/or blinding will not be utilized, provide justification.
- Provide a sample size estimate for each study arm and the method by which it was derived, including power analysis calculations.
- Describe how data will be handled, including rules for stopping data collection, criteria for inclusion and exclusion of data, how outliers will be defined and handled, statistical methods for data analysis and identification of the primary endpoint(s).

- **Attachment 12: Representations (*Grants.gov submissions only*): Upload as “RequiredReps.pdf”.** All extramural applicants must complete and submit the [Required Representations](#) document available on eBRAP. 

- **Attachment 13: Suggested Intragovernmental/Intramural Budget Form (*if applicable*): Upload as “IGBudget.pdf”.** If an [intramural DOW organization](#) will be a collaborator in the performance of the project, complete a separate budget for that organization using the [Suggested Intragovernmental/Intramural Budget](#) form available on eBRAP. 

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The following are additional forms for application submission. Follow the instructions specific to the submission portal, as found within the GAI.



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i. Research & Related Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded)

- **Biographical Sketch**
- **Current/Pending Support**

Intragovernmental applicants must include their internally supported research and development programs.

ii. Research & Related Budget

Initiating and Partnering PIs must have a separate budget and justification specific to their distinct portions of the effort that the applicant organization will submit as separate Grants.gov or eBRAP application packages. The Initiating PI should not include budget information for Partnering PI(s), or vice versa, even if they are located within the same organization. Refer to [Section 3.4, Funding Details](#), for detailed budget information.

iii. Project/Performance Site Location(s)

iv. Research & Related Subaward Budget Attachment(s) *(if applicable, Grants.gov submissions only)*

4.3.2. Full Application Components for the Partnering PI

Refer to the equivalent attachment above for details specific to each of the following application components. See [Appendix 1](#) for a checklist of the full application components required for the Partnering PI.

(a) [SF424 Research & Related Application for Federal Assistance Form](#) (*Grants.gov Submissions Only*):

(b) **Attachments:**

- [Attachment 5: Statement of Work \(three-page limit\)](#): Upload as “SOW.pdf”. Each PI must submit an identical copy of a jointly created SOW.
- [Attachment 12: Representations \(Grants.gov submissions only\)](#): Upload as “RequiredReps.pdf”.
- [Attachment 13: Suggested Intragovernmental/Intramural Budget Form](#): Upload as “IGBudget.pdf”.

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iii. Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form

iv. Research & Related Subaward Budget Attachment(s) Form *(if applicable, Grants.gov submissions only)*

4.4. Other Application Elements

If recommended for funding, a data management plan compliant with Section 3.c, Enclosure 3, [DoD Instructions 3200.12](#) will be requested.



The government reserves the right to request a revised budget, budget justification and/or additional information for applications recommended for funding.

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5. Submission Requirements

5.1. Location of Application Package

Download the application package components for HT942526ARPIDA from [Grants.gov](#) or [eBRAP](#), depending on which submission portal will be used.

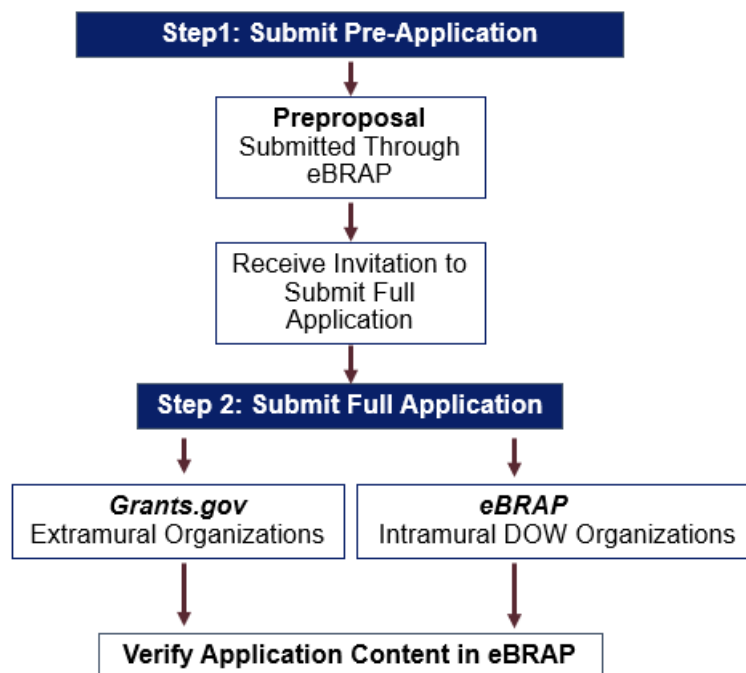
5.2. Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management

The applicant organization must be registered as an entity in the System for Award Management (SAM), [SAM.gov](#), and receive confirmation of an “Active” status before submitting an application through Grants.gov. Organizations must include the unique entity identifier (UEI) generated by the SAM in applications to this funding opportunity and maintain an active registration in the SAM at all times during which it has an active Federal award or an application under consideration. 

5.3. Submission Instructions

The CDMRP uses two portal systems to accept pre- and full application submissions. The workflow below shows which portal system to use for pre- and full application submissions, respectively.

Application Submission Workflow



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5.3.1. Pre-Application Submission

All pre-application components must be submitted by the PI or Initiating PI through [eBRAP](#), including the submission of contact information for the Partnering PI if selecting the Partnering PI Option. 

During the pre-application process, eBRAP assigns each submission a unique log number. This unique log number is required during [the full application submission process](#). The eBRAP log number, application title and all information for the PI, Business Official(s), performing organization, and contracting organization must be consistent throughout the entire pre-application and full application submission process. Inconsistencies may delay application processing and limit or negate the ability to view, modify and verify the application in eBRAP. Contact the [eBRAP Help Desk](#) if any changes need to be made.

Partnering PI Option: After the Initiating PI confirms submission of the pre-application, the Partnering PI will be notified of the pre-application submission via an email from eBRAP. ***The Partnering PI must follow the instructions provided in the email to associate the partnering pre-application with their eBRAP account.*** If not previously registered, the Partnering PI must register in eBRAP.

Partnering PIs should not initiate a new pre-application based on the same research project submitted by the Initiating PI. Partnering PIs are urged to associate the partnering pre-application with their eBRAP account as soon as possible. If this is not completed by the full application deadline:

- Any intramural Partnering PI will not be able to submit their full application package components to eBRAP.
- The Partnering PI will not be able to view and modify their full application during the verification period in eBRAP.

When starting the pre-application, PIs should select a Mechanism Option appropriate to their pre-application:

Application Includes:	Select Mechanism Option:
Single PI	IDA – Idea Development Award
Initiating and Partnering PI	IDA-PO – Idea Development Award – Partnering Option

5.3.2. Full Application Submission

Grants.gov Submissions: Full applications from extramural organizations *must* be submitted through the Grants.gov Workspace. 

eBRAP Submissions: Only [intramural DOW organizations](#) may submit full applications through eBRAP. 

5.3.3. Applicant Verification of Full Application Submission in eBRAP

Independent of the submission portal, once the full application is submitted, it is transmitted to and processed in eBRAP; the transmission to eBRAP may take up to 48 hours. At this stage, the PI and organizational representatives will receive an email from eBRAP instructing them to log in to eBRAP to review, modify and verify the full application submission. 

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The Project Narrative and Research & Related Budget Form cannot be changed after the application submission deadline. Other application components, including subaward budget(s) and subaward budget justification(s), may be changed until the [application verification period](#) ends. The full application cannot be modified once the application verification period ends.

5.4. Submission Dates and Times

The pre-application and full application submission process should be started early to avoid missing deadlines. Regardless of submission portal used, all pre- and full application components must be submitted by the deadlines stipulated in this program announcement. There are no grace periods for deadlines; failure to meet submission deadlines will result in application rejection. ***The DHACA cannot make allowances/exceptions for submission problems encountered by the applicant.***

Submission dates and times are specified in [Section 1, Basic Information About the Funding Opportunity](#).

5.5. Intergovernmental Review

Not applicable for this funding opportunity.

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6. Application Review Information

6.1. Application Compliance Review

Submitting applications that propose essentially the same research project to different funding opportunities within the same program and fiscal year is prohibited and will result in administrative withdrawal of the duplicative application(s).

While it is allowable to propose similar research projects to different programs within the CDMRP or to other organizations, duplication of funding or accepting funding from more than one source for the same research is prohibited. See the [CDMRP's Directive on Research Duplication](#).

Including classified research data within the application and/or proposing research that may produce classified outcomes or outcomes deemed sensitive to national security concerns, may result in application withdrawal.



Members of the FY26 ARP Programmatic Panel must not be involved in any pre-application or full application including, but not limited to, concept design, application development, budget preparation and the development of any supporting documentation, including personal letters of support/recommendation for the research and/or PI. Programmatic panel members **may** provide [letters](#) to confirm [PI eligibility](#) and access to laboratory space, equipment and other resources necessary for the project if that is part of their regular roles and responsibilities (e.g., as Department Chair). **A list of the [FY26 ARP Programmatic Panel members](#) can be found on the CDMRP website.**

Additional restrictions and associated administrative responses are outlined in [Section 9.2, Administrative Actions](#).

6.2. Review Criteria

6.2.1. Pre-Application Screening Criteria

To determine the merits of the pre-application and the relevance to the mission of the ARP, pre-applications will be screened based on the following criteria:

- **Research Idea:**
 - Whether the proposed research addresses one or more of the [FY26 ARP Idea Development Award Areas of Interest](#), or, if not, whether justification was provided that the proposed research addresses a critical problem, question or need in autism.
 - How well the rationale, study design, methods used and specific aims support the project's hypothesis or objective(s).
 - To what extent the research can be accomplished with the well-defined study population, if applicable, and details of the methods to be used.
- **Impact:** What potential short- and long-term impact these studies will have on the outcomes of Autistic individuals their families/caregivers and/or the understanding of autism.
- **Innovation:** To what extent the research is innovative and represents more than an incremental advance on published data.
- **Personnel:** To what degree the research team's backgrounds and autism-related expertise are appropriate to successfully carry out the proposed research project.

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6.2.2. Peer Review Criteria

To determine technical merit, all applications will be evaluated individually according to the following **scored criteria**, which are of equal importance (the Scientific Merit, Impact and Innovation are of equal importance, followed by Personnel and Research Outcomes Plan):

Note that high innovation and impact do not compensate for deficiencies in scientific merit.

The following criteria are of equal importance:

- **Scientific Merit**

- To what extent a clear hypothesis is stated and supported through scientific rationale, preliminary data and referenced literature.
- How well the hypothesis or objectives, specific aims and experimental design are developed.
- **Partnering PI Option:** How well the research project is supported by the nature of the synergistic collaboration. If the project is multi-organizational, how well the plans for communication between investigators are described.
- How well the study is designed to achieve the research objectives, including, if applicable, the development and use of animal model(s) and to what extent the chosen animal and endpoints/outcome measures are justified.
- How well the study (or studies) is designed to achieve reproducible and rigorous results, including controls, sample size estimation, blinding, randomization and data handling, as applicable.
- If applicable, to what extent the human subject population is appropriate for the study and whether there is clear access to the designated population.
- If applicable, whether the strategy for the inclusion of women and minorities and distribution of proposed enrollment are appropriate for the proposed research.
- To what degree the statistical plan is appropriate for the experimental methodology being used.
- If applicable, whether the power analysis for the proposed study adequately represents an assessment of the population or subpopulation proposed.
- How well the application acknowledges potential problems and addresses alternative approaches.

- **Impact**

- To what degree the proposed project is relevant to autism.
- To what extent the anticipated near-term outcome(s)/product(s) of the project will impact Autistic individuals, their families/caregivers, and/or improve understanding of autism.
- To what degree the anticipated long-term impact from the proposed research project will have a real-world impact on the autism community.
- How well the proposed study addresses one or more of the [FY26 ARP Idea Development Award Areas of Interest](#) or justifies that the proposed research addresses a critical problem, question or need in autism.

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- If applicable, how the anticipated outcomes from the proposed project compare to currently available autism information, products or treatments.
- If applicable, to what extent the anticipated outcomes of the proposed study will make an impact in understanding health differences between sexes.
- **Innovation**
 - To what extent the proposed research is innovative and will challenge existing paradigms or provide new paradigms, technologies, evidence-based diagnoses and/or applications for autism.
 - To what degree the proposed research represents more than a logical extension and/or incremental advance upon published data.

The following criteria are listed in order of decreasing importance:

- **Personnel**
 - To what extent the PI's (for partnering PI applications, both Initiating and Partnering PIs') expertise and skill in the research areas of autism or other developmental disorders have been demonstrated, as evidenced by research support from both federal and non-federal sources, distinctions, awards and/or patents.
 - To what extent the research team's background and expertise are appropriate to accomplish the proposed research.
 - How appropriate the levels of effort are for successful conduct of the proposed work.
 - **Partnering PI Option:** How the partners' combined expertise will better address the research question.
- **Research Outcomes Plan**
 - Whether the application described the anticipated research outcomes, including knowledge products, clinical products for development, etc.
 - How well the application demonstrated methods and strategies to move the anticipated research outcomes to the next phase of development or clinical application after successful completion of the project.
 - Whether the application detailed the funding strategy to transition to the next level of investigation, development, and/or commercialization (e.g., partners, internal/external funding opportunities to be applied for).
 - To what extent the plan for sharing of project data and research resources is appropriate and reasonable and includes dissemination to affected communities, study participants and/or the scientific community. If applicable, whether specific repository(ies) are named where data and research resources arising from the project will be stored.

In addition, the following criteria will also contribute to the overall evaluation of the application, but will not be individually scored and are therefore termed **unscored criteria**:

- **Budget**
 - Whether the budget is appropriate for the proposed research.
- **Environment**
 - To what extent the scientific environment and level of institutional support is appropriate for the proposed research project.

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- How well the research requirements are supported by the availability of and accessibility to facilities and resources.
- **Application Presentation**
 - To what extent the writing, clarity and presentation of the application components influence the review.

6.2.3. Programmatic Review

To make funding recommendations and select the application(s) that, individually or collectively, will best achieve the program objectives, the following criteria are used by programmatic reviewers:

- Ratings and evaluations of peer reviewers
- Relevance to the priorities of the FY26 ARP, as evidenced by the following:
 - Adherence to the intent of the funding opportunity
 - Program portfolio balance
 - Relative impact and innovation
 - Programmatic relevance to one or more of the [FY26 ARP Idea Development Award Areas of Interest](#) or another critical problem or question in autism

6.3. Application Review and Selection Process

6.3.1. Pre-Application

Following the pre-application screening, Initiating PIs will be notified as to whether they are invited to submit full applications. The estimated date when PIs can expect to receive notification of an invitation to submit a full application is indicated in [Section 1, Basic Information about the Funding Opportunity](#). No feedback (e.g., a critique of the pre-application's strengths and weaknesses) is provided at this stage. Because the invitation to submit a full application is based on the contents of the pre-application, investigators should not change the title or research objectives after the pre-application is submitted.

6.3.2. Full Application

All applications are evaluated by scientists, clinicians and consumers in a two-tier review process. The first tier is **peer review**, the evaluation of applications against established criteria to determine technical merit, where each application is assessed for its own merit, independent of other applications. The second tier is **programmatic review**, a comparison-based process in which applications with high scientific and technical merit are further evaluated for programmatic relevance. Final recommendations for funding are subject to review and approval by a designated official. ***The highest-scoring applications from the first tier of review are not automatically recommended for funding. Funding recommendations depend on various factors as described in [Section 6.2.3, Programmatic Review](#).*** Additional information about the two-tier process used by the CDMRP can be found on the [CDMRP website](#).

Funding of applications received is contingent upon the availability of federal funds for this program, the number of applications received, the quality and merit of the applications as evaluated by peer and programmatic review, and the requirements of the government. Funds to

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be obligated on any award resulting from this funding opportunity will be available for use for a [limited time period](#) based on the fiscal year of the funds.

6.4. Risk, Integrity and Performance Information

Prior to making an assistance agreement award where the federal share is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 2, Part 200.1 (2 CFR 200.1), over the period of performance, the federal awarding agency is required to review and consider any information about the applicant that is available in the SAM.

An applicant organization may review the SAM and submit comments on any information currently available about the organization that a federal awarding agency previously entered. The federal awarding agency will consider any comments by the applicant, in addition to other information in the designated integrity and performance system, in making a judgment about the applicant's integrity, business ethics and record of performance under federal awards when determining a recipient's qualification prior to award, according to the qualification standards of the Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations (DoDGARs), Section 22.415.

In accordance with National Security Presidential Memorandum-33 and all associated laws, all fundamental research funded by the DOW must be evaluated for affiliations with foreign entities. All applicant organizations must disclose foreign affiliations of all key personnel named on applications. Failure to disclose foreign affiliations of key personnel shall lead to withdrawal of recommendations to fund applications. Applicant organizations may be presented with an opportunity to mitigate identified risks, particularly those pertaining to influence from foreign entities specified in law. Implementation of mitigation discussions and utilization of the [DOD Component Decision Matrix](#) must decrease risk of foreign influence in accordance with the above-mentioned laws and guidance prior to award.

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For each compliant full application received, the organizational representative(s) and PI will receive email notification when the funding recommendations are posted to eBRAP, typically within 6 weeks after programmatic review. At this time, each PI will receive a peer review summary statement on the strengths and weaknesses of the application and an information paper describing the application receipt and review process for the ARP award mechanisms. The information papers and a list of organizations and PIs recommended for funding are also posted on the program's page within the CDMRP website. After all awards are made, the CDMRP includes individual award information in a searchable [database](#).

If an application is recommended for funding, after the email notification is posted to eBRAP, a government representative will contact the person authorized to negotiate on behalf of the recipient organization.

Only an appointed DHACA Grants Officer may obligate the government to the expenditure of funds to an extramural organization. No commitment on the part of the government should be inferred from discussions with any other individual. ***The award document signed by the Grants Officer is the official authorizing document (i.e., assistance agreement).***

Intragovernmental obligations of funding will be made according to the terms of a negotiated Inter-Agency Agreement and managed by a CDMRP Science Officer.

Funding obligated to ***intragovernmental and intramural DOW organizations*** will be sent through the Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request (MIPR), Funding Authorization Document (FAD) or Direct Charge Work Breakdown Structure processes. Transfer of funds is contingent upon appropriate safety and administrative approvals. Intragovernmental and intramural DOW investigators and collaborators must coordinate receipt and commitment of funds through their respective Resource Manager/Task Area Manager/Comptroller or equivalent Business Official. 

An organization may, at its own risk and without the government's prior approval, incur obligations and expenditures to cover costs up to 90 days before the beginning date of the initial budget period of a new award.

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8. Post-Award Requirements

8.1. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Applicable requirements in the DoDGARs found in 32 CFR, Chapter I, Subchapter C, and 2 CFR, Chapter XI, apply to grants and cooperative agreements resulting from this program announcement.

The GAI contain information regarding [administrative requirements](#) and [national policy requirements](#).

Refer to full text of the latest [DoD R&D Terms and Conditions](#) and the [DHACA Terms and Conditions](#) for further information.

If there are delinquencies in technical reporting requirements for any existing DHA or U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command awards at the applicant organization, DHACA will not issue any new awards to the applicant organization until all delinquent reports have been submitted.

Applications recommended for funding that involve animals, human data, human specimens, human subjects or human cadavers must be reviewed for compliance with federal animal and/or human subjects protection requirements and must be approved by the DHA R&D Office of Research and Regulatory Compliance (ORRC), prior to implementation. This administrative review requirement is in addition to the local IACUC, IRB or Ethics Committee (EC) review.



8.2. Reporting

Annual technical progress reports as well as a final technical progress report will be required. Annual and final technical progress reports must be prepared in accordance with the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR).

PHS Inclusion Enrollment Reporting (***Required for research proposing clinical research***): Enrollment reporting on the basis of sex, race, and/or ethnicity will be required with each annual and final progress report. The [PHS Inclusion Enrollment Report](#) is available on eBRAP.

An [Award Expiration Transition Plan](#), using the template available on eBRAP, must be submitted with the final progress report.

The Award Terms and Conditions will specify whether additional and/or more frequent reporting is required.

Awards resulting from this program announcement may entail additional reporting requirements related to recipient integrity and performance matters. Recipient organizations that have federal contract, grant and cooperative agreement awards with a cumulative total value greater than \$10M are required to provide information to the SAM about certain civil, criminal and administrative proceedings that reached final disposition within the most recent 5-year period and that were connected with their performance of a federal award. These recipients are required to disclose, semiannually, information about criminal, civil and administrative proceedings as specified in the applicable [Representations](#).

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8.3. Additional Requirements

Unless otherwise restricted, changes in the PI or organization will be allowed on a case-by-case basis, provided the intent of the award mechanism is met.



An organizational transfer of an award supporting the Initiating PI or Partnering PI is discouraged and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

An organizational transfer of an award will not be allowed in the last year of the original period of performance or any extension thereof.

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9. Other Information

9.1. Program Announcement Version

Questions related to this program announcement should refer to the program name, the program announcement name and the program announcement version code CD26_01d.

9.2. Administrative Actions

After receipt of pre-applications and full applications, the following administrative actions may occur.

9.2.1. Rejection

The following will result in administrative rejection of the pre-application:

- The Preproposal Narrative is missing.

The following will result in administrative rejection of the full application:

- The Project Narrative is missing.
- The Budget is missing.
- Submission of an application for which a letter of invitation was not issued.

9.2.2. Modification

- Pages exceeding the specified limits will be removed prior to reviewing all documents.
- Documents not requested will be removed.

9.2.3. Withdrawal

The following may result in administrative withdrawal of the full application:

- A member of the FY26 ARP Programmatic Panel is named as being involved in the development or execution of the research proposed or is found to have assisted in the pre-application or application processes.
- The application includes the name(s) of personnel from either of the CDMRP peer or programmatic review companies for which conflicts cannot be adequately mitigated. For FY26, the identities of the peer review contractor and the programmatic review contractor may be found on the [CDMRP website](#).
- Personnel from applicant or collaborating organizations are found to have contacted persons involved in the review or approval process to gain protected evaluation information or to influence the evaluation process.
- The application from an extramural organization, including non-DOW federal agencies, is received through eBRAP.
- The federal government recipient organization (including an intramural DOW organization):
(a) cannot accept and execute the entirety of the requested budget in FY26 funds; and/or (b)

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cannot coordinate the use of contractual, assistance or other appropriate agreements to provide funds to collaborators.

- The application fails to conform to this program announcement description.
- The application includes URLs, with the exception of links in the References Cited and Publication and/or Patent sections.
- The application includes research data that are classified and/or proposes research that may produce classified outcomes, or outcomes deemed sensitive to national security concerns.
- The same research project is submitted to different funding opportunities within the same program and fiscal year.
- An investigator may be named as a PI on a single application to this program announcement. If an investigator is named multiple times as a PI, only the first application(s) received will be accepted; additional applications will be administratively withdrawn.
- The PI does not meet the [eligibility criteria](#).
- The invited application proposes a different research project than that described in the pre-application.
- Failure to submit all associated (Initiating and Partnering PI) applications by the deadline.

9.2.4. Withhold

Applications that appear to involve research misconduct will be administratively withheld from further consideration pending organizational investigation. The organization will be required to provide the findings of the investigation to the DHACA Grants Officer for a determination of the final disposition of the application.

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Appendix 1. Full Application Submission Checklist

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	PI/Initiating PI	Partnering PI
SF424 Research & Related Application for Federal Assistance (<i>Grants.gov submissions only</i>)	☐	☐
Summary (Tab 1) and Application Contacts (Tab 2) (<i>eBRAP submissions only</i>)	☐	☐
Attachments		
Project Narrative – Attachment 1, upload as “ProjectNarrative.pdf”	☐	
Supporting Documentation – Attachment 2, upload as “Support.pdf”	☐	
Technical Abstract – Attachment 3, upload as “TechAbs.pdf”	☐	
Lay Abstract – Attachment 4, upload as “LayAbs.pdf”	☐	
Statement of Work – Attachment 5, upload as “SOW.pdf”	☐	☐
Impact Statement – Attachment 6, upload as “Impact.pdf”	☐	
Innovation Statement – Attachment 7, upload as “Innovation.pdf”	☐	
Accomplishments Statement – Attachment 8, upload as “Accomplishments.pdf”	☐	
Research Outcomes Plan – Attachment 9, upload as “Outcomes.pdf”	☐	
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Appendix 2. Acronym List

ARP	Autism Research Program
ARRIVE	Animal Research: Reporting of In Vivo Experiments
CDMRP	Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CONSORT	Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials
DHA	Defense Health Agency
DHA R&D	Defense Health Agency Research and Development
DHA R&D-MRDC	Defense Health Agency Research and Development Medical Research and Development Command
DHACA	Defense Health Agency Contracting Activity
DOD	U.S. Department of Defense
DoDGARs	Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations
DOW	U.S. Department of War
eBRAP	Electronic Biomedical Research Application Portal
EC	Ethics Committee
ET	Eastern Time
FAD	Funding Authorization Document
FDA	U.S. Food and Drug Administration
FY	Fiscal Year
GAI	General Application Instructions
IACUC	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
IDA	Idea Development Award
IDA-PO	Idea Development Award – Partnering Option
IRB	Institutional Review Board
M	Million
MIPR	Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request
ORRC	Office of Research and Regulatory Compliance
PDF	Portable Document Format
PHS	Public Health Service
PI	Principal Investigator
R&D	Research and Development
RPPR	Research Performance Progress Report
SABV	Sex as a Biological Variable

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SAM	System for Award Management
SF424 R&R	Standard Form 424 (Application for Federal Assistance, Research & Related)
SOW	Statement of Work
SPIRIT	Standard Protocol Items: Recommendations for Interventional Trials
STROBE	STrengthening the Reporting of OBservational studies in Epidemiology
UEI	Unique Entity Identifier
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
USC	United States Code
VA	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs