

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Health Care Policy and Research Special
Emphasis Panel

3b. GSA

Committee No.

1804

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

10/01/1993

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency

Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b.

Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 299c

13. Effective Date

12/19/1989

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Grant Review Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a.

Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next

FY

FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

This committee reviews research grant proposals that require a unique combination of reviewer expertise, e.g., for complex multidisciplinary projects and new areas of study, or that require standards of review different from those ordinarily applied by standing peer review committees because of project size, or that require expedited review.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee has a fluid membership with members designated to serve for individual meetings rather than formally appointed for fixed terms of service. Membership include individuals representing the fields of health services research, including, but not limited to, basic biomedical and clinical disciplines, health care technology development and assessment, clinical, social, organizational, and information sciences.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Meetings will be held as necessary as determined by the Designated Federal Official (DFO), who shall approve the agenda. A government official shall be present at all meetings. Review meetings may be conducted by assembly or by teleconference or mail ballot, as appropriate. These committee meetings are essential to the continuation of AHRQ's extramural program in health services research.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The members of the Panel are eminently qualified to carry out the duties of the Panel by virtue of their training or experience and fulfill the peer review required set forth by legislation. Due to the diversity and the short turn around time of these reviews, i.e., ad hoc grant reviews, no other source is available to handle the reviews.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

SEP Meetings are closed. Portion of meetings may involved review, discussion, and evaluation of individual grant applications. These applications

and the discussions of them are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications.

21. Remarks

The Agency does not currently have a website. 11 grants were reviewed in FY2024 (October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024) and 19 grants were funded from July 2024 meetings and funded in March 2024. There were no grant applications funded in FY2024 for this panel. All grant meetings were held virtually.

Designated Federal Officer

Francis Chesley Director, Office of Research Review, Education and Policy, AHRQ

Narrative Description

The Agency offers grant funding to support projects that carry out its mission and strategic plan. The applications for funding are evaluated by this committee which assembles the appropriate scientific and technical expertise needed to render judgments about the relative merit of submitted applications. The Committee's judgments are articulated in written form and passed to the Agency decision-makers for determining which applications are to be funded.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

The SEP doesn't make any recommendations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or

will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

NA

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Agency provides feedback at review meetings and through their minutes and meeting dates are posted in the Federal Register Notice 30 days before the meeting. The Federal Register Notice is accessible to the public @ www.federalregister.gov.. The Agency does not currently have a website. The Agency provides feedback at review meetings and through their minutes and meeting dates are posted in The Federal Register notice 30 days before the meeting.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval 11

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 19

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval
\$18,701,505

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
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| Contact DFO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments