



BUDGET LIMITS: Projects that exceed \$300,000 in any one year or a total project budget of \$925,000 (including all salary costs) will not be accepted without a previous written waiver approved by the scientific program manager and the Director, HSR&D. In planning project budgets, applicants are reminded to adhere to HSR&D guidelines regarding allowable use of research funds for specific items and restrictions on the use of research funds for equipment and development of computer software (see [VHA Handbook 1204.01](#), Paragraph 8, HSR&D Funding for “Development”).

WAIVER REQUEST: In rare instances, a waiver may be granted for projects that exceed \$300,000 in any one year or a total of \$925,000. A request must be received no later than 30 days prior to the proposal submission deadline. The request must include all budget information from the proposal (VA forms 10-1313-1, 10-1313-2, 10-1313-3, 10-1313-4) and a one-page justification as to why the waiver is being requested. Following approval by the local HSR&D Center (if applicable) and ACOS for Research Development, the request and related documentation should be sent via e-mail to the relevant portfolio manager. An e-mail response will be given within 10 days. If a waiver is granted, a copy of the e-mailed waiver must be included with all copies of the application. A waiver does not guarantee a project will be funded at the level requested.