

Summary of Central Account

FDA uses the Central Account to pay a variety of costs that FDA pays for centralized services and assessments. It is generally more efficient to purchase services that have FDA-wide benefit when FDA purchases these services centrally from one account. The savings that result allow FDA components to have more resources available for public health programs.

There are four main categories of expenditures from the central account: Program Support Center (PSC), facilities, information technology, and support services.

If the charge universally benefits FDA centers, ORA and offices charges are based on Full-Time Equivalent (FTE). In certain cases, charges are limited to the specific FDA centers, ORA and offices that benefit from the services.

Program Support Center (PSC)

- PSC assessments are for centralized services that PSC provides to FDA. These funds provide various administrative and program support services, including financial management services, human resources services, building operations, Federal Occupational Health Services, HHS University, payroll systems, and enterprise applications.

Facilities

- The Facilities category includes the NIH Management Fund that supports lab and office space occupied by CBER and CDER at the NIH campus and rent-related costs such as utilities, maintenance, and janitorial and guard services incurred by NCTR in support of the Arkansas Regional lab. In addition, this subcategory includes recurring costs for maintenance of alarm systems, lock work for FDA headquarters, x-ray machines and explosive detection devices for FDA sites across the nation. This subcategory also includes non-recurring services such as on-time security system installations to meet minimum security standards as required by the Department of Homeland Security and Presidential directives.

Information Technology

- The IT expenditures include five subcategories: IT security, telecommunications costs, operations and maintenance of agency-wide systems (AIMS, EASE, FDA Internet/intranet, etc.), enterprise agreements (including enterprise information management), and miscellaneous IT costs, such as Departmental tap for consolidated grants management system and NIH computer charges.

Support Services

- The support services category includes: TAPS/Assessments for HHS Department-wide initiatives, Secretary Priorities, Joint Funding Arrangements with other HHS agencies, mail and courier services for mail rooms, General Service Administration Fleet Mail vehicles, Piney Bowes equipment and maintenance, records storage at the National Archives and Records Administration; interpreting services, ethics review, A-123 activities, A-76 studies, succession planning, Equal Employment Opportunity settlements, and other employee services, such as background investigations.

The following tables reflect program level expenditures by budget authority and user fees from the FDA Central Account for FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009. The growth in Central Account services and costs during these years generally relates to rising in PSC costs and costs associated with advanced technology and telecommunications.