

## Guidelines for the 2009 Shared Equipment Evaluation Program (including Animal Facility Equipment)

We are accepting new applications to the Shared Equipment Evaluation Program (VHA Handbook 1202.6). Please paste this weblink into your VA intranet browser: <http://vaww.research.va.gov/programs/blrd/sheep.cfm>

All submissions will be due no later than COB May 26, 2009. Late and/or incomplete submissions will be administratively withdrawn from consideration. Only two (2) completed paper copies are to be submitted to VACO.

The following instructions relate to the Shared Equipment Evaluation Program VHA Handbook 1202.6 Appendix A "Shared or Common Resource Research Equipment" for the 2009 submission cycle.

- The total amount requested from BLRD/CSRD may not exceed \$500,000
- The minimum cost for individual items has been raised to \$50,000
- The total amount requested must have dollar-for-dollar matching - in-kind partnering will not be accepted
- R&D approval is not required in the initial application

Further inquiries on Shared or Common Resource Equipment may be addressed to:

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The following instructions relate to the Shared Equipment Evaluation Program VHA Handbook 1202.6 Appendix B "Animal Facility Equipment" for the 2009 submission cycle.

Requests for replacement cage washers, rack washers, autoclaves and requests for new ventilated bedding dump facilities will be considered. Dollar-for-dollar matching will not be required for Animal Facility Equipment Requests.

No funding will be provided for the following:

- Service contracts
- Installation, de-installation, and removal of existing equipment
- Site preparation
- Contracting mark-ups

A commitment letter from the facility engineering service (138) must be enclosed outlining how installation, de-installation, removal and site preparation will be handled.

There are no construction funds at the disposal of ORD to support the Animal Equipment program.

Site visits may be performed to gain a better understanding of major equipment needs.

Further questions regarding Animal Facility Equipment submissions may be addressed to:

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