

Lab Animal Major Equipment (LAMb) (Animal Facility Equipment)

The following instructions relate to the Shared Equipment Evaluation Program Handbook (VHA Handbook 1202.6, Appendix B “Animal Facility Equipment”) for the 2012 submission cycle.

NOTE: Due to budgetary constraints, we may not be able to fund any equipment this year. However, we will accept applications in case funding is made available later in the year. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2012.

LAMb submissions are to be **emailed** to the following mailbox: vhacoequipprog@va.gov

Please clearly label your submissions to the LAMb program (Animal Facility Equipment) and **DO NOT** combine program requests with the ShEEP program (Shared Equipment).

ALLOWABLE REQUESTS -LAMb PROGRAM

- Cage washers, rack washers, bottle washers, autoclaves and ventilated bedding dump facilities.

PLEASE CAREFULLY NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- Dollar for dollar matching will NOT be required for Animal Facility Equipment Requests.
- Full submission packages per handbook requirements shall be required by the deadline.
- We will reduce the LAMb application package by no longer requiring submission of 4.a of the Handbook: Submission of Proposals. **No paper copies will be accepted through VACO.**
- A commitment letter from the facility engineering service (138) must be provided for all major equipment requests outlining how these services (installation, de-installation, removal and preparation of the site) will be provided at the facility.

DISALLOWED ITEMS -LAMb PROGRAM

- The LAMb program will NOT consider for funding the following elements of any proposal:
 - Service contracts
 - Installation, deinstallation, and removal of existing equipment
 - Site preparation requirements
- There will be no construction funds available to support the Animal Equipment program.
- Site visits may be used to gain a better understanding of the facilities' major equipment needs.

Further questions on Animal Facility Equipment (LAMb) submissions may be addressed to:

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