

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Safety and Occupational Health Study Section

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human
Services

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Safety and Occupational Health Study
Section

3b. GSA

Committee No.

1021

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
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No 06/30/2022 06/30/2024

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

No

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 217a

13. Effective Date

11/17/1962

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. Closed0 17c. Partially Closed0 Other Activities0 17d. Total0

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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Study Section accomplishes its purpose as a result of: 1) qualified scientific review administrators and support staff; 2) continued success in recruiting leading researchers in occupational safety and health for membership on the committee; 3) ample meeting and logistic resources; 4) appropriate coordination with related National Institutes of Health study sections; 5) and consistency in development and application of administrative rules and guidelines for peer review among the various Department of Health and Human Services institutes and centers. The main measure of success is acknowledgment by the scientific community that the highest quality applications in occupational safety and health are

being identified by the Study Section. NOTE: The Study Section received 119 applications and reviewed 64 grant applications, requesting \$120,143,839.00 in support. The total amount awarded for FY23 was \$4,186,733.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Study Section is balanced in terms of female and ethnic/minority representation, as well as geographic distribution. The Study Section is composed of 20 public members with expertise in occupational medicine and nursing, industrial hygiene, occupational safety and engineering, toxicology, chemistry, safety and health education, ergonomics, epidemiology, psychology, and pulmonary pathology/physiology. These 20 members are usually augmented by 14-18 consultant reviewers to manage the application review load per member and to supplement the expertise of the public members.

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

The Study Section meets three times a year and reviews between 40 and 60 applications per round in all of the specified subject areas. Meetings are very relevant. There are no other committees at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that review occupational safety and health research applications. In general, research applications submitted to NIOSH are reviewed by the Study Section. Otherwise, assignments depend on whether occupational safety and health issues are central or peripheral to an application.

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

The Study Section provides advice and makes

recommendations to the Secretary, HHS; the Director, CDC; and the Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, on scientific, research, and training areas related to occupational safety and health, which are in need of special emphasis and expertise to meet such needs. The committee provides review for scientific and technical merit of all research and demonstration grant applications, as well as fellowships in the program areas related to the cause, prevention, and control of diseases and injuries in the occupational environment; provides review for educational, scientific, and technical merit of safety and occupational health training grant applications; and recommends grant applications, which merit support, to the appropriate national advisory councils. There is no direct duplication of the committee review activities with other committees.

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

Meetings are closed since the subject matter is considered proprietary and confidential under the terms of Section 552b(c)(4) and (6), Title 5, U.S.C., and Section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463.

21. Remarks

This is a grant application review committee and does not make recommendations.

Designated Federal Officer

Joanne Fairbanks Committee Management
Specialist

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Agah, Masoud	07/01/2020	06/30/2024	Professor	Peer Review
				Consultant Member
Beschorner, Kurt	07/01/2022	06/30/2026	Associate Professor	Peer Review
				Consultant Member

Hart, Julie	07/01/2020	06/30/2024	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Hostler, David	07/01/2020	06/30/2024	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Huang, Emily	07/01/2022	06/30/2026	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Nie, Linda	07/01/2022	06/30/2026	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Rankin, Gary	07/01/2022	06/30/2026	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Rauscher, Kimberly	07/01/2022	06/30/2026	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Sorensen, Julie	07/01/2022	06/30/2026	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Spector, June	07/01/2020	06/30/2024	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Stephenson, Dale	07/01/2022	06/30/2026	Dean	Peer Review Consultant Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 11

Narrative Description

The agency's mission and the U.S. taxpayer are served by an extramural program that funds quality (peer reviewed) applications in the area of occupational safety and health. This Study Section, which contains invaluable expertise in the multidisciplinary areas reflected in the grant applications, offers scientific advice to the agency by peer review of applications.

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 type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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| Improved service delivery | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input checked="" 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

This method of holding committee meetings are more cost effective than Special Emphasis Panels; however, an exact amount of savings cannot be determined.

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

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

This is a grant application review committee and does not make 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

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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

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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 the committee and the public information on award funding. Information can be found on the NIOSH website.

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 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 119

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval

64

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval

\$120,143,839

Grant Review Comments

This amount reflects the dollar amount of grants received for review. The total amount awarded for FY23 was \$4,186,733.00 for October through February. June has not been

awarded as of this date.

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

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" 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

The reviewers provide critiques of the reviews online. The reviewers provide scientific scores while physically present at the meetings.