

**When will the new RFP be released?**

An updated RFP is typically released in October.

**Where do I submit my proposal?**

NPRB has an online submission process: <http://grants.nprb.org/rfp/2019#/login>

**When can I submit my proposal?**

Anytime. The online proposal submission system will be unavailable for one week (October 1-8, 2018) for maintenance and upgrades.

**How early do I need to submit my proposal?**

It is recommended to submit your proposal as soon as it is completed to allow for variation in review time. Proposals must complete compliance and peer review before consideration by the Board.

**How will my proposal be reviewed?**

Every proposal that meets compliance standards receives confidential external peer review followed by consideration from our Science and Advisory Panels. Individuals planning on a proposal submission to NPRB in the next 6 months will be asked to decline peer review requests. The Board will make final selections for recommendations to, and confirmation by, the Secretary of Commerce at each of its two annual meetings, typically early May and mid-September. Board meeting dates are available on the NPRB website.

**How will I know when my proposal will be reviewed?**

On receipt, Staff will review proposals for compliance and begin the external peer review process. Proposals receiving two or more timely quality peer reviews will be considered by the Board at its next scheduled meeting. Proposals without sufficient timely peer reviews will be held over for a maximum of one Board meeting, with one exception: the Board may choose to hold over a small number of proposals for one additional meeting. Applicants have the right to withdraw their proposal at any time by contacting the Program Manager.

Notification emails on proposal status and final funding decisions will be provided after each Board meeting. Dates of Board meetings are available on the NPRB website.

Applicants can view the proposal status at any time on the login page (e.g., peer review, Board consideration, declined, recommended).

**How much money is available for research?**

The Board intends to distribute the funds in the published RFP over the two annual Board meetings.

**How soon can I start my project?**

It is recommended to request a start date that is no earlier than one year from the submission date to allow for processing, review and award setup. Start dates may be negotiated at Staff discretion.

**What if the RFP gets updated while my proposal is still in review?**

The standard format of the RFP includes general topics of interest under each major category that will carry forward into the next RFP, including the 'other' selection. Only the 'issues of particular interest' will change from year to year.

**When are reports due?**

Reports are due on January 31 and July 31 of every active project year. The first and last six months are exempt from reporting.