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Value of Grant Flag 08 Changes Impact at Biennium Crossover

Budgets requiring application of the NIH salary cap should be reviewed carefully to ensure the correct value of Grant Flag 08 is being applied. Budgets where new funding has been received and the Grant Flag 08 is changed, e.g. from a value of 1 to a value of 2, may be impacted by Biennium Crossover behavior.

Example for a department on a calendar cycle:

- Year 1 of grant ends May 31 – Subject to ELI Salary Cap (Grant Flag 08, value 1)
- Year 2 funding effective? June 1 – Subject to ELII Salary Cap (Grant Flag 08, value 2)
- New funding is received late (August 10) at which time GCA changes the Grant Flag 08 to a value of 2
- Department does NOT request new budget and adds year 2 funding to the existing budget
- Funded level of the PI is different during year two (less) due to lower cap (with the application of ELII)
- Salary distribution NOT adjusted until the year 2 funding arrives and salary transfer is processed

When the department makes a correcting retroactive salary adjustment (transfer) to reduce the amount for June, eFECS will look at the budget profile ‘as it was’ at the end of June (end of Biennium). As a result, eFECS will calculate salary cap cost sharing at the ELI level as that was the value of Grant Flag 08 at June 30 even though the Grant Flag 08 presently reflects a value of 2 since June 1. This would result in understating the amount of salary cap cost for the month of June in our example.

To adjust the salary cap cost share that displays on the FEC, departments should use the Salary Cap Calculator for Adjusting an FEC, available on the MAA website. This calculator is designed to assist departments

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determining the amount of/or adjustment to salary cap cost sharing when multiple salary caps are applicable during one FEC cycle.

While this example uses a calendar year based department, it can apply to any department where a retroactive salary adjustment impacts an FEC cycle that ended in a previous biennium and the Grant Flag 08 was changed during the current biennium.

Departments should be reviewing Grant Flag 08 for all applicable budgets and communicating any changes that need to be made to GCA through Grant Tracker. This change should be initiated before the FEC is certified. Once the flag is changed in the system, eFECS will calculate the salary cap correctly.

MAA Hosts December Brown Bag

The MAA quarterly Brown Bag is in the planning stage. We encourage staff to submit suggestions for topics they would like to see addressed.

Please submit any recommendations in areas of faculty effort, faculty cost share, and grant and contract certification to efecs@u.washington.edu



Review the Retroactive Salary Adjustment report on a regular basis and provide FEC recertifications as needed. Inaccurate FECs which don't reflect correct current % can be an audit concern.

Do you have questions or want someone to call you?

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