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Guidelines on Research Grants

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I. RATIONALE

The NCMH, categorized as Special Research Training Center and Hospital under the Department of Health, is mandated to expand its capacity for research and development especially on mental health and neurological services in the country and acts as Repository of Researches pertaining to Mental Health in accordance with Republic Act No. 11036 or also known as "The Mental Health Act".

II. OBJECTIVES

The NCMH Professional Education, Training and Research Office (NCMH-PETRO) provides the guidelines for research grants to encourage the employees to pursue their research projects and increase the research capacity of the Center.

III. SCOPE

NCMH-PETRO Research Grant is intended to support mental health-related research and promote the publication of these researches in locally peer-reviewed journals.

All applicants to the Grant must be permanent employees of NCMH with a minimum of three (3) years remaining in the service upon target completion of the said research.

IV. DEFINITION OF TERMS

Proponent

Any permanent NCMH employees from different services and offices who will submit a request for research grant and implement the same.

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V. GUIDELINES

The following guidelines shall direct the different components in the implementation of the Research Grants:

Application Requirements

Documentary Requirements:

The proponent should submit the following requirements to the PETRO:

- Request for Research Grant (Form A)
- Ethics Clearance issued by NCMH REC
- Approved research proposal by NCMH REC
- Proposed Line-Item Budget and Distribution Plan (Form B)

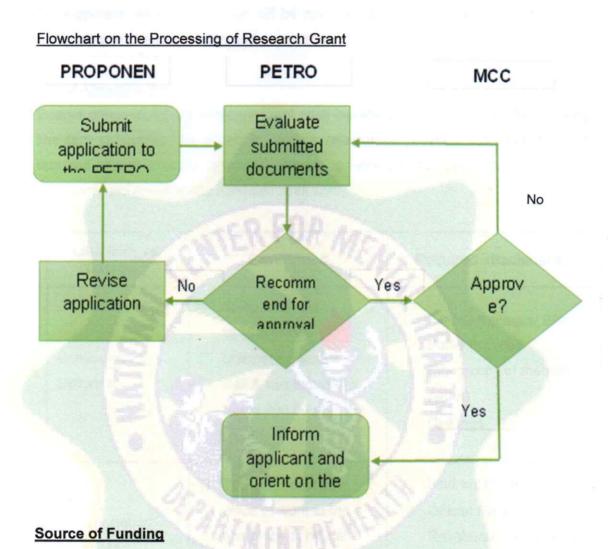
Process of Research Grant (see flowchart below)

- Once the Research Ethics Committee (REC) approved and cleared the research proposal, the proponent may request a grant by submitting all required documents in Section VI of this document to the Chief PETRO.
- II. The Chief PETRO shall evaluate the request for grant and shall recommend accordingly to the Medical Center Chief II for approval.
- i. III. Upon approval, the PETRO staff shall inform the applicant on the approval of
- ii. research grant and orient on the release of funds through reimbursement.

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A research project may be granted up to 50,000.00 php, subject to the evaluation and approval of the submitted Line-Item Budget (LIB). For research project that requires higher funding than the provided ceiling amount, justification must be provided and submitted to the PETRO for further evaluation. Release of funds will be through reimbursement by the Petty Cash holder of Research Funds upon submission of complete documentary requirements.

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The Petty Cash shall be charged against the Center's Research, Exploration and Development. All expenses that will be paid by the Center are subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

List of Allowable Expenses

Budget prepared for the research grant shall include details for each of the following line-item categories. All expenses will be reimbursed provided the submission of required attachments (in column 3). Prevailing rates and computations approved by the concerned government agencies shall apply.

Line Item per Category	Description	Required attachments*
Communication Expenses	□ Telephone, fax transmissions □ Internet expenses □ Call & text expenses (up to 300.00 php per month)	□ Official Receipts/ Bills/ Sales Invoices (photocopy of thermal paper) □ Call logs
Transportation Expenses	☐ Transport cost from place of work to the first place of official business, and vice versa.	☐ Itinerary of travel ☐ Official Receipts/ Reimbursement Expense Receipt (RER Form) ☐ Certificate of Appearance
Supplies and Materials	☐ Office supplies/ materials	□ MMS Request Slip
Printing and Binding Expenses	☐ Costs of producing, printing and binding materials such as	□ Official Receipts/ Reimbursement Expense Receipt for above 300.00

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Line Item per Category	Description	Required attachments*
PLOTE TO THE PROPERTY OF T	books, reports, catalogues, documents and other reading materials.	php (RER Form)/ Certificate of Expenses Not Requiring Receipts for 300.00 php and less (CENRR Form)
Survey Expenses	 Costs incurred in the conduct of surveys related to a research project or program. Subject Allowance/ Remuneration 	Official Receipts/ Reimbursement Expense Receipt for above 300.00 php (RER Form)/ Certificate of Expenses Not Requiring Receipts for 300.00 php and less (CENRR Form)
Professional Services	 □ Legal, auditing, consultancy, environment/ sanitary, general, janitorial, security and other professional services (laboratory services, pharmaceutical services, etc). □ Statistical analysis, statistical consultancy (please see annex A - list of statistical consultancy groups) □ Honoraria of research assistant, liaison, etc. 	☐ Official Receipts ☐ Billing Statements If applicable (honoraria for statistician, research assistants and alike): ☐ Approved Terms of Reference
Reference materials	☐ Textbooks/instructional materials	□ Request letter
Training expenses	☐ GCP training ☐ Other local training programs	□ PETRO Training Request Form (01 July 2021 rev. 0)

^{*}There may be documents needed in addition to the mentioned documents that will be required by the NCMH Accounting Section.

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Responsibilities:

A. NCMH-PETRO:

- Evaluate and process documentary requirements submitted by the requesting proponent;
- 2. Ensure efficient, timely and smooth implementation of approved research grants within the approved project duration;
- 3. Submit summary of expenses to the Finance Service and Management Committee regularly or as needed;
- 4. Repository of final research projects.

B. Proponent:

- Submit the documentary requirements to the PETRO once research proposal is cleared and approved by the NCMH Research Ethics Committee (REC);
- Facilitate the completion of required documents for the liquidation of approved expenses;
- 3. Provide copy of the full paper/ research to the PETRO;
- Return all the disbursed funds should there be failure to complete the research within the approved timeline and/ or fulfill all obligations of the grant.

VI. REFERENCE

Republic Act No. 11036 *Mental Health Act*, Implementing Rules and Regulations, Ch VI, Section 30.

VII. DOCUMENT

Request for Research Grants (Form A)

Distribution Plan (Form B.1)

Project Line-Item Budget (Form B.2)