Federal Funding for Information Research

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Based on a literature search, interviews with program officers at federal funding agencies, and other documentation, this poster addresses the patterns of funding for information science research, focusing specifically on faculty in iSchools. The study examines several major funding agencies and their missions and funding priorities, and concludes with recommendations for increasing the chances of success in winning federal grants.

Questions addressed in this study:
Which agencies have contributed the most support? What initiatives have been supported, how has the emphasis on topics and issues changed, where are there gaps, and which initiatives are currently at the top of federal agencies' research agendas? How has the amount of funding fluctuated over the years, what factors have influenced the availability of federal dollars for LIS research, and what is the prognosis for the future? How are research agendas currently being set? Who is determining priorities? These and other questions are addressed with charts, tables, and other graphical displays showing trends and current priorities, which will invite questions and informal discussion.