GCFS Project Closeout Updates

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Closeout Overview

- Closeout project started December 2023
- To officially close aged projects from prior fiscal years





Highlights to Date

- Completed residual distributions on aged projects
- 468 projects closed to date
- Robotic Process Automation (RPA) to support

project closeout analysis

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Closeout Analysis

- Reconciliation of expenses on projects
- Reconciliation of cost share accounts
- Confirmation of funds/reimbursements received
- Identification of residual allocations, if applicable
- ldentification of refunds to the sponsor, if applicable
- Identification of expenses outside of the project period requiring transfers to an alternate cost center



Process Improvements: Cost Transfers on Aged Projects

Current Process:

GCFS identifies and notifies the Research Administration team of cost transfers needed for over the limit expenses

RA Team submits a ticket to the BSC to prepare the cost transfer

BSC prepares and submits the transfer to the RA/OSP team for review and required approvals

RA/OSP team submits cost transfer to GCFS for processing in PeopleSoft



Process Improvements: Cost Transfers on Aged Projects Cont.

Improved Process:

- GCFS prepares the cost transfer based on expenses outside of the project period
- GCFS submits the cost transfer to the BSC and College Financial team for review, revision, and a cost center
- BSC submits the finalized cost transfer to GCFS for processing in PeopleSoft



Current Close Outs

- Monthly & 90 days before end date for:
 - Project nearing end dates
 - Expense and cost share activity
 - Transfers needed budget and/or cost
- \bigcirc 45-60 days after end date to:
 - Finalize expenses
 - Reconcile cost share
 - Resolve budget overruns and deficits
 - Update Eforms, POs, student awards, encumbered items, and assets as needed











Questions