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Project 902001.99: Abstract Feedback

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Hi Jim, Mark, and Steve,

I have pasted the Management Team feedback for your project below. Please see the MT contact if you have any questions. The [web budget entry](#) is open now. Please use the 2021 proposal form found on the [PCO website](#) when submitting your proposal.

Thanks,
Mandy

By mid-year, the Packard Foundation typically provides us with firm budget guidance for the coming calendar year. Given the global economic downturn due to impacts of COVID-19, the Foundation has not yet provided us with a 2021 budget target. Funding levels for 2021 may not be known until Phase 1 proposal reviews are well underway, and certainty may not be known until late this year if economic instability persists. Given that possibility, project teams should carefully consider and prioritize their work plans knowing that balancing the 2021 budget may require fast-response, cost-saving measures very late in the review process, even after Phase 2 reviews are completed. Identifying "fallback" options early in the 2021 planning process would be greatly appreciated, particularly if project leads are submitting multiple project proposals.

902001.99 4K ROV Camera Development

Rating: Some possibility of support

MT contact: Mike Kelly

Management Team Feedback:

Good progress in moving towards realization of the 4K ROV camera. We fully expect to continue completion of the project as originally scoped. If you include a second camera system in the proposal, it should include a milestone schedule showing build completion and at-sea testing of the first article, and how that leads to completion of the second system. 2021 may be a financially challenging year, so we will need to review a second system within the context of all proposals.