

June 22, 2021

SUBJECT: Requested Budget Modification (version 2)

TO: Dr. Ronald Weeks, Program Point of Contact, USDA-APHIS-PPQ

FROM: Dr. Aubrey Moore, Project PI

CC: Dr. Lee S. Yudin, Dean, University of Guam College of Natural and Applied Sciences

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Dear Dr. Weeks,

I regret to inform you that COVID-19 travel restrictions and University closures have been a major impediment towards progress in meeting goals of my grant entitled *Biological Control for Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Biotype G (CRB-G) on Guam* (AP19PPQS&T00C168). Specifically, it was not possible to travel to search for biocontrol agent candidates as planned because of COVID travel restrictions, and it was not possible to hire additional technical help for laboratory and field work because of University closures and social distancing constraints. As a result are unspent funds in the Salaries and Benefits, and Travel budget categories for this grant.

I respectfully request your approval to modify the budget for my grant as per the following table. If approved, I will spend supply money to re-establish a coconut rhinoceros beetle rearing facility, for maintenance of 3 environmental rearing units purchased using APHIS funds, for maintenance of air conditioners and for maintenance of 3 field vehicles used by the Guam CRB project.

Note that “air conditioner maintenance” refers exclusively to air conditioning for the converted 40 foot transmodal shipping container we are using for rearing our laboratory colony of CRB. It is essential that we have control over temperature in this space (set point is 80 degrees F.). Temperature is controlled by 2 small split unit air conditioners. One is broken and requires replacement (est. \$2,101) and the other needs maintenance.

All work will be completed prior to expiration of the grant on August 7, 2021.

Thank you for your consideration.

Budget Revision

	Original Budget*	Revisions	New Totals
Personnel	\$86,000	-\$13,021	\$72,979
Fringe Benefits	\$20,790	-\$13,695	\$7,095
Travel	\$18,434	-\$13,964	\$4,470
Equipment	\$0		\$0
Supplies	\$18,776	+\$40,230	\$59,006
Contractual	\$36,000	+\$450	\$36,450
Other	\$0		\$0
Total Direct Charges (sum of above)	\$180,000		\$180,000
Indirect Charges	\$20,000		\$20,000
TOTALS(sum of Direct charges + Indirect)	\$200,000		\$200,000