FY 2028 NSP II RFA — Key Changes Summary

Quick Guide for Applicants: What's New in FY 2028 vs. FY 2027

Executive Summary

The FY 2028 RFA eliminates physical paper submissions, requires consideration of clinical placement capacity for Initiative #1, requires a personnel effort disclosure table for personnel serving on multiple NSP II grants, allows up to 8% indirect cost recovery on P.D. Resource Grants, and requests recognition of graduates that benefited from grant funding.

Key Differences (FY 2027 vs. FY 2028)

Area	FY 2027 Baseline	FY 2028 Key Change
Submission	Paper required (1 original + 8 hard copies) plus email.	**p. 22:** 100% Electronic (Email only). No hard copies accepted.
Deadline & Contacts	Due Jan 22, 2026. Sent to Laura Schenk & Kimberly Ford.	**pp. 1-2:** Due Jan 28, 2027. Added contact: Alicia Gainey (alicia.gainey@maryland.gov).
Initiative #1 (Enrollment)	General plan for student capacity expansion.	**p. 14:** Must address clinical placement capacity (Collaborating partner, MOU or narrative detail).
Personnel Effort	Standard project staffing descriptions.	**pp. 29, 55:** Mandatory Disclosure Table required in budget narrative detailing % FTE across all active/pending NSP II grants.
Indirect Costs (P.D. Grants)	0% indirect costs allowed.	**pp. 20-21:** 8% indirect cost recovery now allowed for P.D. Resource Grants.
Ceremonies	Standard publication citations.	**p. 42:** Encourages verbal/written NSP II recognition at pinning and graduation ceremonies.

Applicant Action Checklist

- Confirm 100% electronic submission via email (PDF application, Excel budget, 5-slide PPT).
- Include Alicia Gainey (alicia.gainey@maryland.gov) on submission emails.
- If applying under Initiative #1, include a collaborating clinical partner, attach an MOU or detail the strategy to address clinical capacity in the narrative.
- Fill out the Key Personnel Effort Disclosure Table in the budget narrative for personnel that serve on multiple NSP II grants.
- If applying for a P.D. Resource Grant (up to $50k), you may calculate up to 8% for indirect costs.