



U-M RESEARCH AWARD AND EXPENDITURES REPORT
NOVEMBER 2025

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This report summarizes the overall trends in grant and contract activity across all three campuses of the University of Michigan **through the third month of Fiscal Year 2026, which ended September 30.**

Total research expenditures through the third month of FY26 totaled \$563 million, which is up 0.1% when compared to September 2024.

The number of research submissions through the third month of FY26 was up 7.8%, and the value of those submissions increased 23.3% when compared to September 2024.

The number of new research awards from external sponsors during the third month of FY26 decreased 10.4%, and their value decreased 13.1% when compared to September 2024.

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Some highlights of this month's report include:

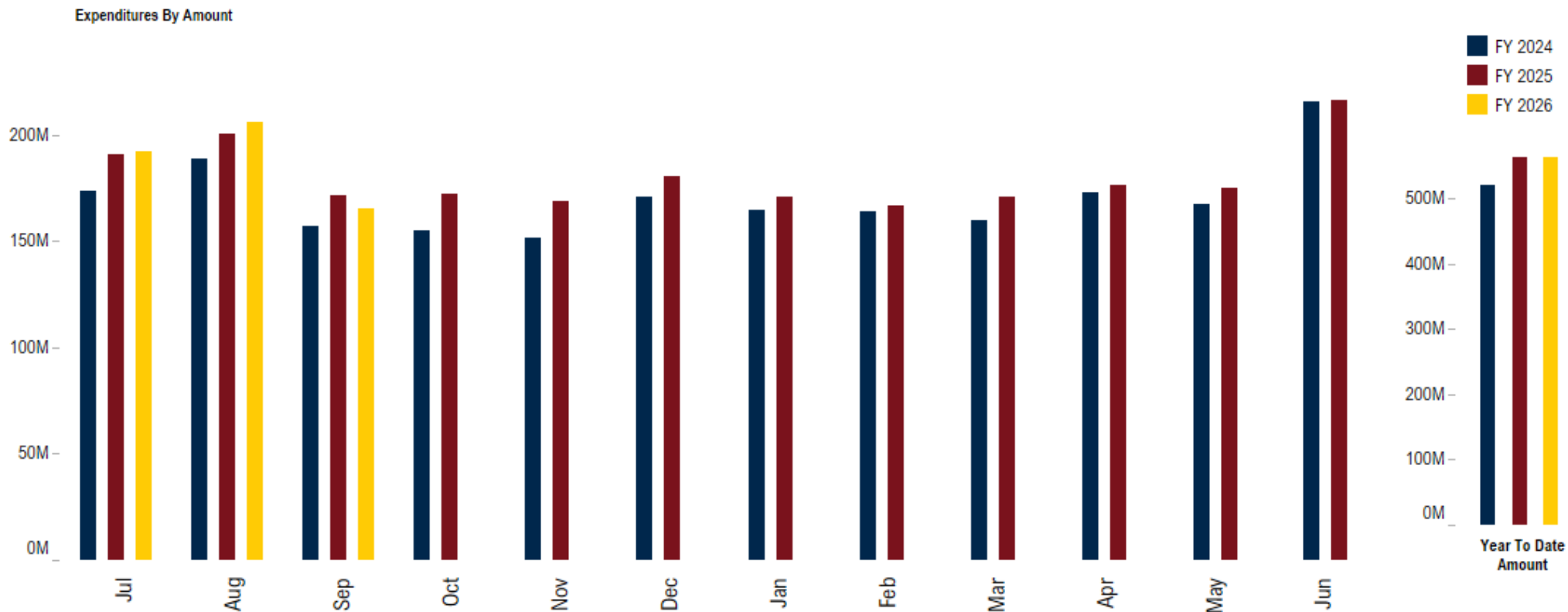
- A \$16.5M NIH award to anesthesiologist Daniel Clauw will [test quick patient assessments](#) that match people with the most effective treatments for chronic low back pain—replacing trial-and-error care. The goal is faster relief and longer-lasting results for millions.
- A \$15M NSF grant to geoscientist Marin Clark launches the Center for Land Surface Hazards (CLaSH). [The team will build tools to better predict linked disasters](#)—like landslides and floods after wildfires or earthquakes—and help communities prepare and stay safe.
- A \$6M award from Arnold Ventures supports Michael Mueller-Smith's expansion of CJARS, [a modern database](#) that links criminal justice records from dozens of states. The stronger national resource will power research that improves fairness and public safety.

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Expenditures



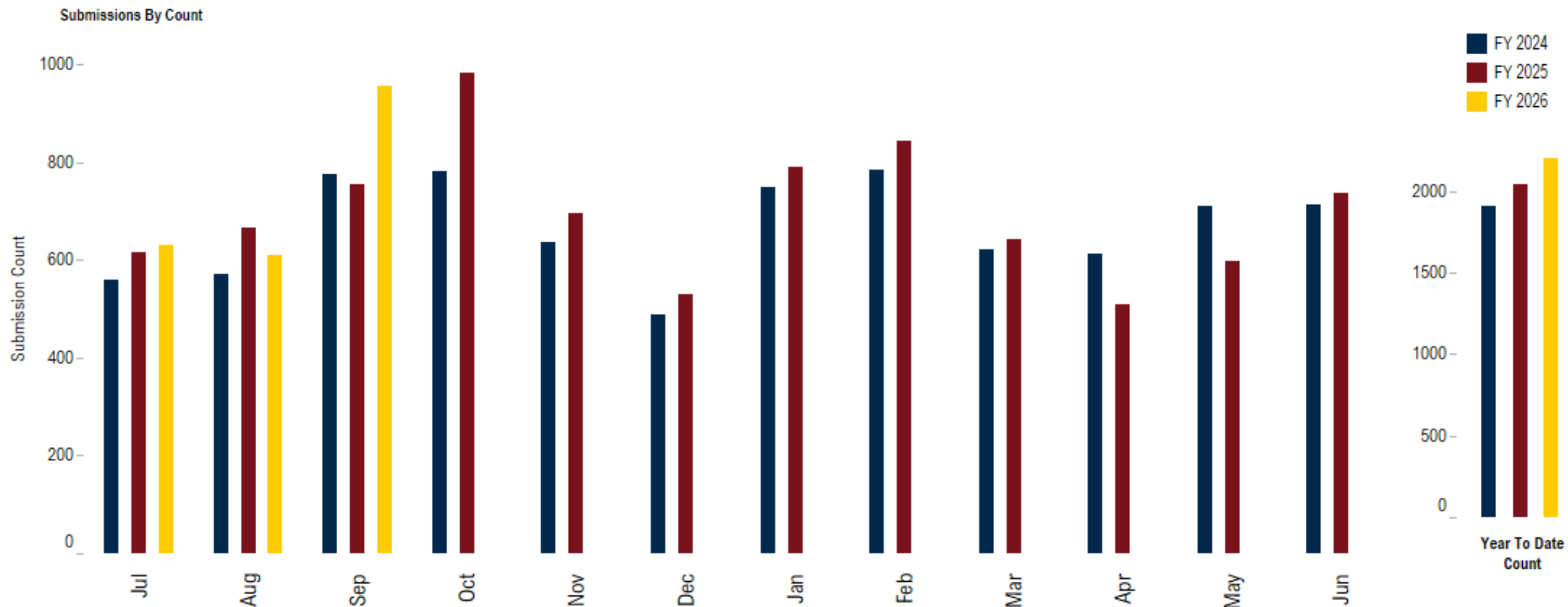
Year to Date

FY24: \$519,553,932

FY25: \$563,242,022

FY26: \$563,898,155

Submissions by Count



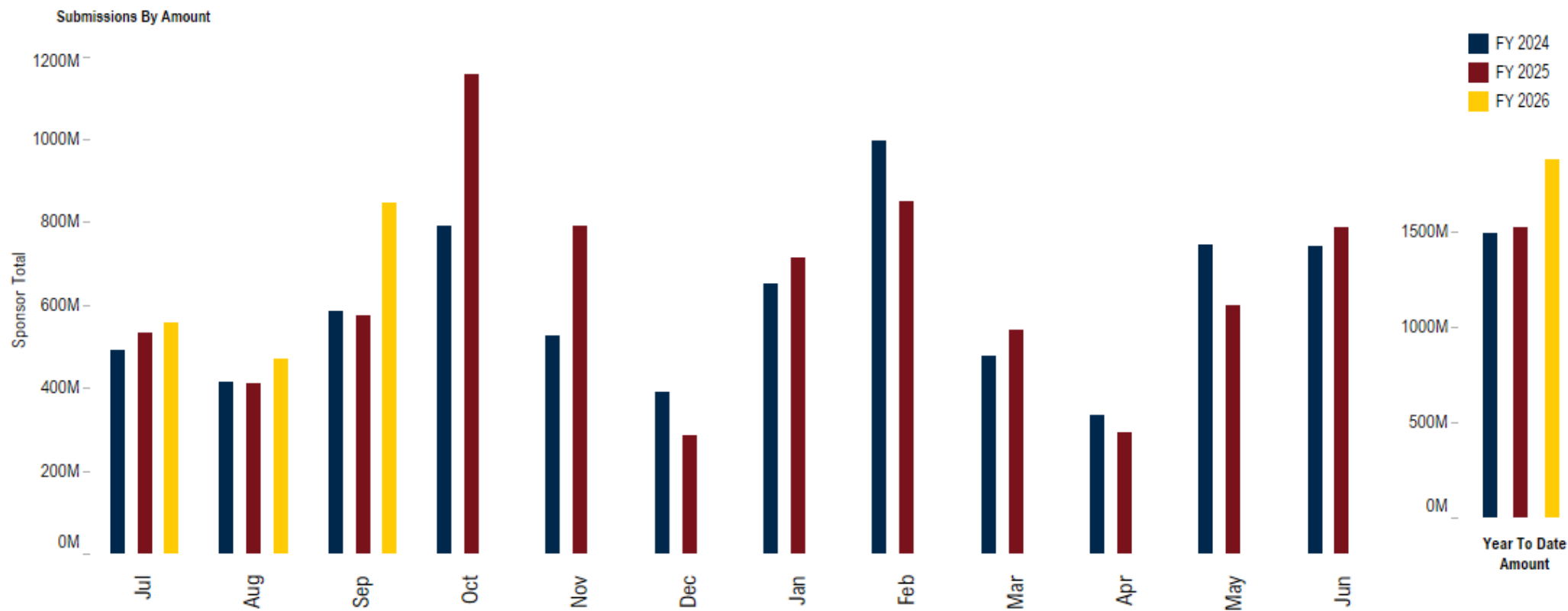
Year to Date

FY24: 1,906

FY25: 2,040

FY26: 2,199

Submissions by Amount



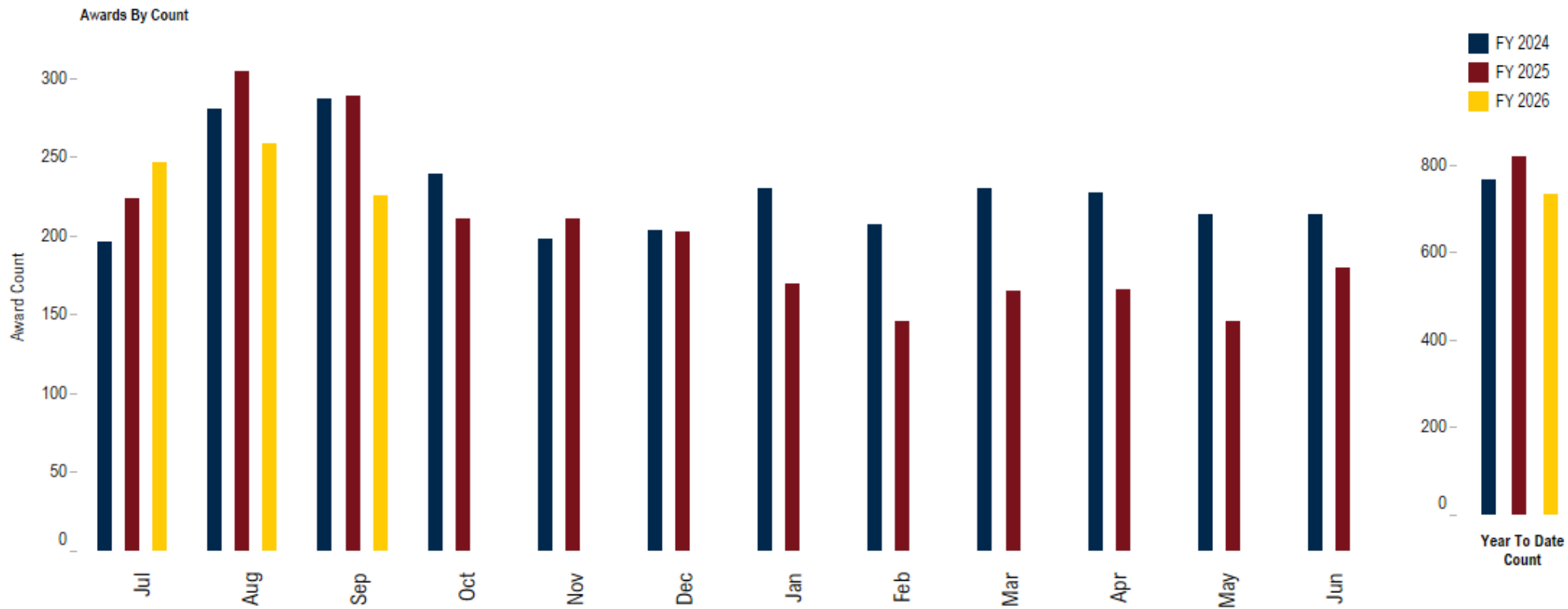
Year to Date

FY24: \$1,491,899,871

FY25: \$1,520,641,123

FY26: \$1,875,210,849

Awards by Count



Year to Date

FY24: 764

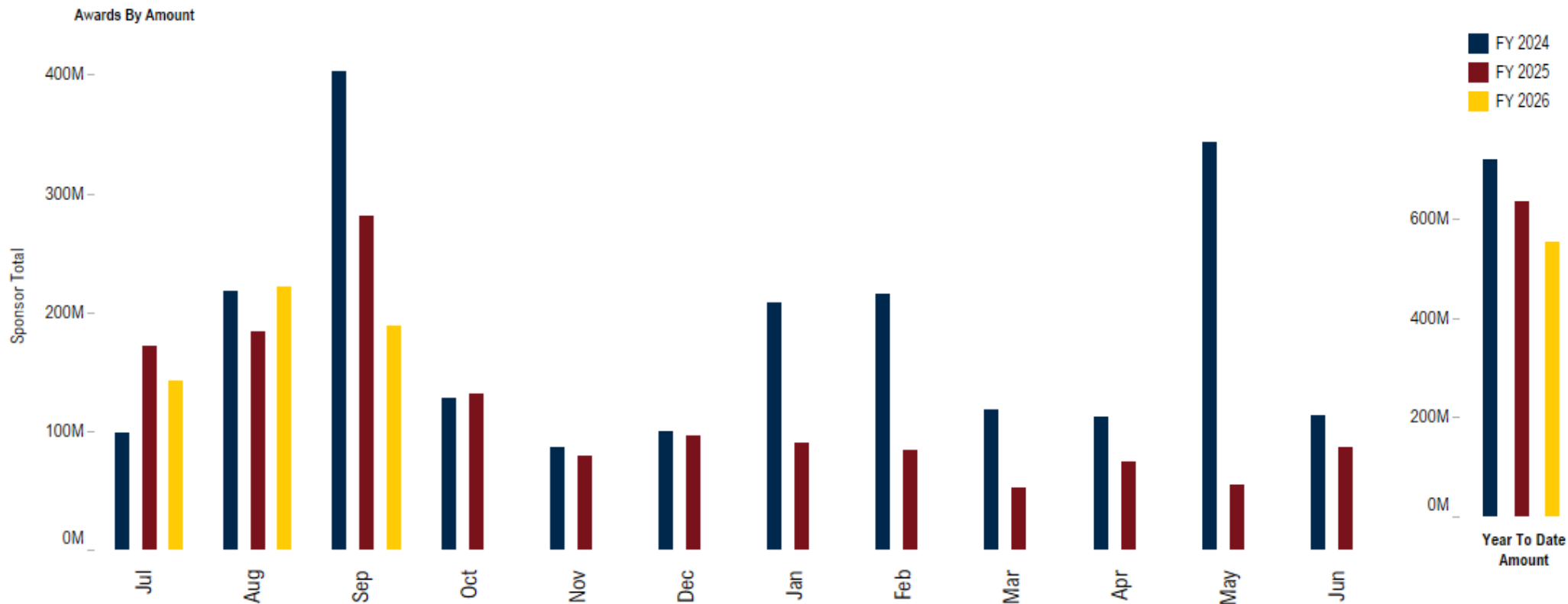
FY25: 817

FY26: 732

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FY24: \$719,787,522

FY25: \$637,440,516

FY26: \$554,007,085



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Top Monthly Awards

National Science Foundation

Principal Investigator	Department	Award Title	Sponsor	Award Sponsor Total	Estimated Award Duration (years)
Clark, Marin	LSA Earth & Environmental Sci.	Center Operations: Center for Land-Surface Hazards (CLaSH)	National Science Foundation	\$15,000,000	5.0
Liang, Di	EECS - ECE - SSEL	Collaborative Research:ASCENT: Optically-Accelerated Heterogeneous AI Computing Chiplet (OCTANT)	National Science Foundation	\$1,080,000	4.0
King, Aaron	LSA Ecology & Evolutionary Bio	Collaborative Research: Next-generation phylodynamics: theory, algorithms, applications	National Science Foundation	\$300,000	3.0
Kolmanovsky, Ilya	Aerospace Engineering	Collaborative Research: Parametric Control Barrier Functions for Complex Modern Safety-Critical Applications	National Science Foundation	\$300,000	3.0
Pradhan, S Sandeep	EECS - ECE - Cspl	Collaborative Research: NSF-ANR QISE: QUANTINT: Quantum Information and Network Theory: Algorithms and Performance Limits	National Science Foundation	\$300,000	3.0

National Institutes of Health

Principal Investigator	Department	Award Title	Sponsor	Award Sponsor Total	Estimated Award Duration (years)
Clauw, Daniel	MM Anesthesiology Department	A SMART design study using patient-based algorithms for multicomponent therapy in chronic low back pain and beyond	Health and Human Services, Department of-National Institutes of Health	\$16,378,451	4.9
Seeley, Randy	MM Surgery Department	Michigan Nutrition Obesity Research Center	Health and Human Services, Department of-National Institutes of Health	\$5,849,960	4.8
Spino, Catherine	SABER / Biostatistics	2/2 A Phase 2 Study of Elafin (Tiprelestat) for the Treatment of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH)	Health and Human Services, Department of-National Institutes of Health	\$4,010,229	5.0



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Department of Defense

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Huan, Xun	Mechanical Engineering	Flood and WeAther Resilience through Risk-Informed Operations and Readiness	Defense, Department of-Navy, Department of the	\$5,227,827	3.4
Svoboda, Laurie	Environmental Health Sciences	Lead Exposure and Sex-Specific Programming of Cardiovascular Disease Across the Life Course	Defense, Department of-Defense Health Agency	\$780,000	3.0
Ghaffari, Maani	Naval Arch & Marine Dept	Geometric Representation Learning for Equivariant Dynamical Systems	Defense, Department of-Air Force, Department of the	\$449,362	3.0

Department of Energy

Principal Investigator	Department	Award Title	Sponsor	Award Sponsor Total	Estimated Award Duration (years)
Buss, Joshua	LSA Chemistry	Surface-Inspired Catalysts for Carbon Oxygenate Reduction to C2+ Products	Energy, Department of	\$887,650	5.0



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Industry

Principal Investigator	Department	Award Title	Sponsor	Award Sponsor Total	Estimated Award Duration (years)
Mueller-Smith, Michael	LSA Economics	Scale-up of the Criminal Justice Administrative Records System	Arnold Ventures, LLC	\$6,000,000	3.0
Karimi, Yasmin	MM Int Med-Hematology/Oncology	CO41942, A PHASE Ib/II, OPEN-LABEL, MULTICENTER STUDY WITH A NON-RANDOMIZED STAGE EVALUATING THE SAFETY, PHARMACOKINETICS, AND EFFICACY OF MOSUNETUZUMAB PLUS LENALIDOMIDE (+ LEN), AND A RANDOMIZED STAGE EVALUATING THE ..	Syneos Health, LLC	\$3,056,529	6.0
Schott, Anne	MM Int Med-Hematology/Oncology	A Phase 3 Open-label Randomized Study Assessing the Efficacy and Safety of RLY-2608 + Fulvestrant Versus Capiwasertib + Fulvestrant as Treatment for PIK3CA-mutant Hormone Receptor Positive, Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2 Negative (HR+/HER2-) Locally Advanced or Metastatic Breast Ca..	Relay Therapeutics, Inc	\$2,678,829	6.0

Foundations

Principal Investigator	Department	Award Title	Sponsor	Award Sponsor Total	Estimated Award Duration (years)
Strassmann, Beverly	LSA Anthropology	The Epigenetic Inheritance of Health	Templeton, John, Foundation	\$1,845,650	3.0
Hsu, Peggy	MM Int Med-Hematology/Oncology	On the origin of ALK-driven lung cancer	Burroughs Wellcome Fund	\$700,000	5.0
Smith, Shawna	Health Management and Policy	Mental Health Improvement through Community Colleges: Enhancing and Scaling Up Capacity-Building Support Statewide	Michigan Health Endowment Fund	\$499,978	2.0