Research data management and other library-based support and services are referenced throughout grant proposals

175 grant proposals were analyzed to address questions including:
- How prevalent are references to library support and services in grant proposals?
- Which sections of grant proposals refer to library-based support and services?
- What kinds of library support and services are referenced in grant proposals?

References to library support and services in grant proposals vary by agency

Library support and services are mentioned in several sections of NSF proposals

9% of NSF proposals analyzed only mentioned **RDM services** or **repository** outside of the DMP

Next steps
- Follow up with funded proposals stating plans to use RDM services or repository
- Disseminate accurate boilerplate for library & repository
- Pilot outreach to all researchers with funded proposals

Results indicate that when librarians supporting RDM lack access to grant proposals, or have access only to DMPs, they – and their libraries – miss out on information and opportunities to support their institution’s researchers.

Gaining access to grant proposals can be challenging, and discretion is required in handling and using the information contained in them. The light that proposals can shed on faculty and researcher practices may prove worthwhile.