


## Wuhan Has Fallen! WCW Ends NIH Funding Eligibility for Lab Leak Center

[Justin Goodman, White Coat Waste Project](#)

May 2023

State/Country	Organization Name	Assurance ID (Legacy Assurance ID)
China		F16-00400
 China	<b>DISQUALIFIED!</b> Wuhan Institute of Virology - China	F16-00279 (A5967-01)
China	Wuhan University in Wuhan, China	F16-00398

It's official: Following a three-year-plus White Coat Waste Project (WCW) campaign to defund the Wuhan lab that [tortures animals](#) and probably prompted the pandemic, we have discovered and confirmed the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has finally disqualified it from receiving any taxpayer funding for animal tests!

This is a MAJOR win in the War On Waste!



On April 11, 2020, the WCW Project [shocked the world](#) when we first revealed to the UK's [Daily Mail](#) that the NIH and EcoHealth Alliance (EHA) wasted part of [\\$3.7 million grant](#) to fund dangerous bat and animal experiments in Wuhan—the [probable cause of a lab leak](#) and COVID.

**From:** Justin Goodman <[justin@whitecoatwaste.org](mailto:justin@whitecoatwaste.org)>

**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2020 2:36 PM

**To:**

**Subject:** Laura- NIH funding Wuhan virus lab

I hope you had a nice weekend and are staying safe and healthy. I wanted to make sure you saw that our taxpayer watchdog group just [exposed](#) that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has been sending tax dollars to the controversial Wuhan Institute of Virology for years, including for dangerous lab experiments on coronavirus-infected bats captured from caves. The [Daily Mail](#), [Washington Examiner](#), Drudge and others ran stories about the troubling find over the weekend.

We're working with Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL) and others on a sign-on letter about this and would love to work with you and Senator Rubio as well to ensure no more tax dollars are shipped to the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

I'd be happy to send over more info if you're interested and answer any questions you may have.

Thanks for looking,

Justin

---

Justin Goodman, M.A.  
Vice President, Advocacy and Public Policy  
White Coat Waste Project

*Taxpayers shouldn't be forced to pay \$20 billion+  
for wasteful government animal experiments.*

On April 13, 2020, just after we launched the blockbuster *Daily Mail* investigation that first exposed NIH funding to the Wuhan Lab, WCW's VP sent this email to Sen. Marco Rubio's office.

Obtained via FOIA by White Coat Waste Project (WCW)

The WCW Project was the very first group to demand Congress end U.S. tax funding for the Wuhan Lab.

Days after WCW's investigation broke, [President Donald Trump cut the NIH grant](#) that funded the Wuhan lab. Trump called it "[tremendous WASTE in the government.](#)"

# NIH: Wuhan virus lab suspected of COVID leak is cut off from taxpayer funding for animal testing



**The Washington Times**

**But a WCW investigation exposed how the Wuhan lab was still authorized to receive taxpayers' money specifically for animal testing from NIH *until 2024!***



<b>A. Authorized Institutional Official (must complete this section)</b>	
Name:	Yan-Yi Wang
Title:	Director
Name of Institution:	Wuhan Institute of Virology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
Address: (street, city, state, country, postal code)	No.44 Xiao Hong Shan, Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, 430071
Phone:	(b) (6)
Fax:	
E-mail:	wangyy@wh.iov.cn
Signature:	(b) (6)
Date:	November 30 <sup>th</sup> 2018

<b>B. PHS Approving Official (to be completed by OLAW)</b>	
<p>Eileen M. Morgan          Director, Division of Assurances          Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW)          National Institutes of Health          6700B Rockledge Drive-Suite 2500-MSC 6910          Bethesda, MD 20892</p>	
<p>Eileen M. Morgan -S  <small>Digitally signed by Eileen M. Morgan -S          Date: 2019.01.09 17:03:42 -05'00'</small></p>	
Signature:	Date:
Foreign Assurance Number: <b>F16-00279</b>	
Effective Date: <b>1/9/2019</b>	Expiration Date: <b>1/31/2024</b>

Obtained via FOIA by White Coat Waste Project

The WCW Project uncovered a disturbing loophole that allowed the Wuhan lab to remain eligible for taxpayer dollars, specifically for animal tests. Here is the actual NIH receipt we obtained via a Freedom of Information Act investigation proving its authorization by the NIH

Our blockbuster exposé of the “Wuhan loophole” went VIRAL:

## **Wuhan lab at heart of COVID outbreak may get three more years of US funding**

“

Here's where it gets really swampy: Not only did the WHO delegation fail to do its own investigation, merely accepting reports from China's government, the WHO team's only American member happens to be the EcoHealth Alliance's president, Peter Daszak — who demands that Washington unequivocally accept the delegation's findings. (This also tells you how pathetic the whole WHO investigation was.)

**Anthony Bellotti, who heads nonpartisan watchdog group White Coat Waste Project, called for EcoHealth to be stripped of funding and asked Congress to finally conduct a real investigation into how the pandemic really started.**

”

We also uncovered documents showing the [Wuhan lab conspired with the NIH and EHA](#) to violate a federal ban on gain-of-function experiments that was put in place by the Obama-Biden Administration in 2014.

**From:** Peter Daszak  
**Sent:** Mon, 11 Jul 2016 14:28:11 +0000  
**To:** Greer, Jenny (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Aleksei Chmura  
**Cc:** Stemmy, Erik (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Kirker, Mary (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Glowinski, Irene (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Ford, Andrew (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Joseph Riccardi  
**Subject:** Re: Grant Number: 5R01AI110964 - 03 PI Name: DASZAK, PETER

Dear Jenny,

**This is terrific!** We are very happy to hear that our Gain of Function research funding pause has been lifted.

Cheers,

Peter

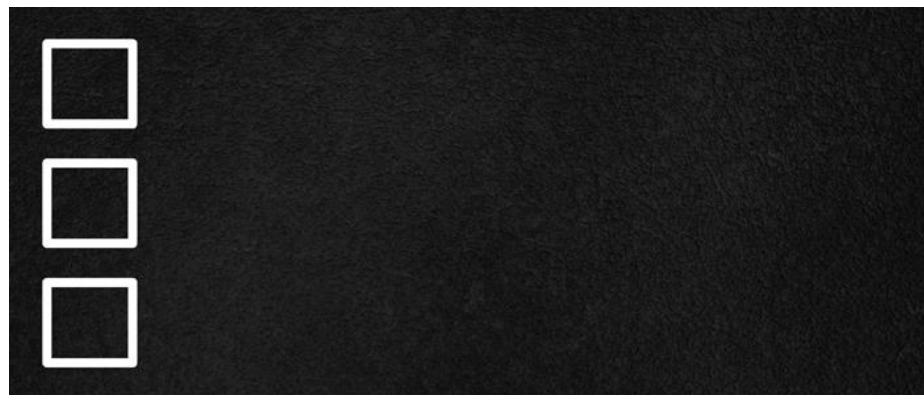
Peter Daszak

*President*

Smoking Gun: The WCW Project uncovered this actual email from our Freedom of Information Act lawsuit. Once EcoHealth Alliance's grant was approved by Fauci's department, Peter Daszak celebrated that his gain-of-function research funding pause was lifted.

Since early 2020, we've been working to [permanently defund WIV](#) (and its [shady partners at EHA](#)). In fact, WCW is the only organization in the country that is lobbying Congress to defund the Wuhan lab.

This past year, we successfully worked with Congress to cut off Wuhan's taxpayer funding from the [US State Department and Pentagon](#) (both of which previously funded the lab).



But the Wuhan lab has remained eligible for more tax money from the NIH despite growing concerns about how the lab recklessly wasted tax dollars to collect coronaviruses from wild bats, engineered those viruses to be more deadly and contagious to humans and injected the supercharged viruses into “humanized” mice who became very sick and died.

In fact, last year we uncovered an internal NIH video showing how the agency was actively lobbying *against* our efforts with Congress to defund the Wuhan lab!

Finally, in January 2023, a federal watchdog report prompted by WCW recommended that WIV be permanently prohibited from receiving tax dollars, in part for refusing to cooperate with investigations of the NIH-funded gain-of-function animal experiments it conducted.

Yet, as of late April, the Wuhan lab was still on the NIHs list of foreign facilities eligible to receive tax money for animal tests.

Organization Name	Assurance ID (Legacy Assurance ID)
Soochow University	F17-00355
Southern Medical University	F16-00208 (A5867-01)
Sun Yat-sen University	F20-00471
Tsinghua University	F16-00228 (A5916-01)
University of Hong Kong	F16-00111 (A5486-01)
WuXi AppTec (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.	F16-00281 (A5969-01)
WuXi AppTec (Suzhou) Co. Ltd.	F18-00387
Wuhan Institute of Virology - China	F16-00279 (A5967-01)
Wuhan University in Wuhan, China	F18-00398

Organization Name	Assurance ID (Legacy Assurance ID)
Sichuan Primed Shines Bio-tech Co., Ltd	F19-00450
Southern Medical University	F16-00208 (A5867-01)
Sun Yat-sen University	F20-00471
University of Hong Kong	F16-00111 (A5486-01)
WuXi AppTec (Chengdu) Co. Ltd.	F23-00586
WuXi AppTec (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.	F16-00281 (A5969-01)
WuXi AppTec (Suzhou) Co. Ltd.	F18-00387
Zhejiang University, China	F20-00460

Now, WCW has discovered that the NIH quietly removed the Wuhan lab from its list of approved animal labs.

White Coat Waste Project was the first to expose the money flow between EcoHealth and the Wuhan laboratories, with a strong campaign run by its President Anthony Bellotti and Deputy Justin Goodman. Bellotti said the NIH and other agencies should never have funded these experiments in China. "Shipping millions of US tax dollars to the dangerous Wuhan animal lab and dozens of other facilities in China where there's no real transparency and accountability about how the money is spent is a recipe for disaster," he said. "Taxpayers should not be forced to bankroll this reckless spending and new polls show that a majority of Democrat and Republican voters in the US want to cut funding for animal labs in China and other foreign countries."

**Sharri Markson**

*What Really Happened In Wuhan: A Virus Like No Other,  
Countless Infections, Millions of Deaths*

[#kindlequotes](#)

**We're proud of this historic victory in the War on Waste! With our Worldwide Waste campaign, we will continue to find, expose and defund animal experiments in the U.S. and abroad!**

***STOP THE MONEY. STOP THE MADNESS!***