

OMB UNIFORM GUIDANCE – KEY CHANGES

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FEDERAL GRANTS COORDINATOR

- Assistance with:
 - Specific grant searches in Grants.gov
 - Weekly grants advisory (send me your email to subscribe)
 - Congressional delegation letters of support for federal project proposals

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- Office of Management and Budget announced new Uniform Guidance for federal grants in April 2024
- New guidelines are being implemented across all departments as of October 1, 2024
- Streamlined and simplified grants administration for entities receiving federal funds

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ADVANCING EQUITY & OVERCOMING BARRIERS

- Exclusive use of English language in notices, applications, and reporting will ***no longer be required***
- OMB clarifies that a federal agency should ***consider diversity when developing policies*** and procedures for merit review panels
- OMB also encourages federal agencies to develop programs in ***consultation with the communities*** that will benefit from or be impacted by a program

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NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)** must include basic information at the top of a grant announcement
- NOFOs or Requests for Proposals (RFPs) will have to include an Executive Summary and use ***plain language*** that communicates program requirements specifically and clearly

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UP-FRONT PAYMENTS

- Clearer criteria for when up-front payments are allowed
- Agencies can make advanced payments and not assume that reimbursable grants are their only/default option
- Changes to monitoring and accountability for up-front payments

MICRO-PURCHASE, SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION & AUDITS

- Audit threshold raised from \$750,00 to \$1,000,000
- Micro-Purchase threshold is \$10,000 , with provisions that may raise that threshold to \$50,000 under certain circumstances
- Simplified Acquisition threshold is raised from \$250,000 to \$500,000 with increased flexibility for certain entities

INDIRECT COST RATE INCREASE

- *Increased the “de minimis” indirect cost rate from 10% to 15%*
- Pass-through entities – typically state and local governments – must accept all federally negotiated indirect cost rates (NICRAs) for subrecipients
- Clarified allowable and unallowable costs
- Simplified negotiation processes for indirect cost rates

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REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- Federal agencies are required to eliminate reports *that are not necessary for the effective monitoring of the grant*

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ADDITIONAL CHANGES

- Clarified Period of Performance definition
- Revised administration requirements to emphasize performance
- Clarified requirements for pre-award risk assessments

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- CRS – How to Apply for a Federal Grant
[How to Develop and Write a Grant Proposal](#)
How to register on Grants.gov and SAMs

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