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Grants Management Division



What is a grant?

Federal assistance in the form of money or property, authorized by Federal law to support programs with a public purpose that the government wishes to encourage



What are the three types of award instruments?

1. Grants
2. Cooperative Agreements
3. Contracts



What is the difference between a grant and a cooperative agreement?

For a grant, the awarding agency has no substantial involvement with the recipient during the performance of the activities.

For a cooperative agreement, the awarding agency has substantial involvement with the recipient in the activities during the performance period.



True or False: Grants and Contracts

1. The end product of a grant goes directly to the public for use

True

2. The end product of a contract goes to the government for use

True

3. In grants, the sponsor and researcher usually jointly define the scope of work, methodology, and budget

False. In CONTRACTS, the sponsor and researcher jointly define the scope of work, methodology, and budget.

4. Reporting operations for progress are conducted differently between grants and contracts

True. In CONTRACTS, progress reports are periodic at defined dates. In GRANTS, progress reports are Interim and Annual

5. A grant is more rigorous involving terms and conditions than a contract

False. Both GRANTS and CONTRACTS have a standard as well as special terms and conditions, with sanctions for non-compliance



Which type of grants may unilaterally extend the performance period for up to twelve months?

1. Formula/Allotment Grants only
2. All Competitive
3. All Non-Competitive
4. Research Grants only



How early must a non-Federal entity request an unfunded extension?

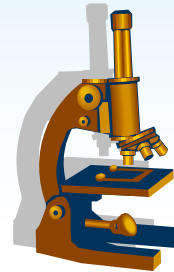


30 days for a regular No-Cost Extension;
10 days for expanded of authority
(Research Grants Only)



What are the forms that recipients must provide for equipment disposition?

1. SF-428
2. SF-424
3. SF-425
4. SF-270



What is the difference between an RFA and an FFO?

A Request for Application (RFA) is non-competitive and geared to 1 or a few recipients

A Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) is competitive and open to the public



What date did the 2 CFR Part 200 Uniform Guidance become effective and what type of awards did it apply to?

12/26/2014. It applies to all new awards and funding increments awarded on or after 12/26/2014



What act must a recipient be compliant with in order to receive approval for Foreign Travel?

1. American Reinvestment and Recovery Act
2. Davis-Bacon Act
3. Fly America Act
4. Disaster Relief Act



How must the Federal Awarding Agency notify potential recipients of Federal Funding Opportunities?



Potential recipients must be notified of funding opportunities by the Federal Awarding Agency posting a public notice on the OMB-designated government web site (i.e Grants.gov)

When does the one year period for the Federal Agency to begin a closeout start?



The one year closeout period begins once all final reports have been received from the non-Federal entity

What is the new threshold for A-133 submission, as of 12/26/2014?

1. \$350,000
2. \$500,000
3. \$750,000
4. \$1,000,000



True or False: ASAP Enrollment Requests can be submitted via e-mail



False. All requests must be sent via Grants Online as an Organization Profile Change Request in order for ASAP Enrollment to be initiated





What is the minimum required time that an FFO must remain open in Grants.gov?

1. 15 days
2. 60 days
3. 75 days
4. 90 days





What budgetary documents must have mirroring figures?

The SF-424A and budget narrative

How many days prior to the project end period should prior approval No-Cost Extension requests be submitted to NOAA?

At least 30 days prior to the project end date



How many policies did the 2 CFR Part 200 Uniform Guidance consolidate?

1. 8
2. 12
3. 16
4. 20



GMD requires a detailed budget narrative (which should mirror the SF-424A) so they can determine if proposed costs are...? (Hint: three separate words)

Allowable, allocable, and reasonable



True or False: Funds can be requested through ASAP as soon as the enrollment is complete

False. After the enrollment into ASAP.gov is complete, NOAA then has to map the award to an ASAP Vendor (convert it to an ASAP Recipient)



**What are two ways a Federal awarding agency can review the risk posed by applicants?
(Hint: websites)**

Search potential recipients on
SAM.gov and Do Not Pay



If a recipient doesn't already have a negotiated indirect cost rate, what de minimis rate can indirect costs be charged at?

1. 7.5%
2. 9%
3. 10%
4. 12%



How long does a Principal Investigator have to be absent or percentage of work reduced before the Federal awarding agency must be notified?

3 months or a 25% reduction of time



What amount does a grant need to be over where a shift of 10% of the cumulative budget would trigger a rebudget? (Hint: Simple Acquisition Threshold)

\$150,000





Name three Post-Award Action Requests that ALWAYS require prior approval:

Change of scope, change in principal investigator, request for additional funding, subawarding & transfer of work not in original application, changes in amount of approved cost-sharing

True or False: All final reports must be submitted by midnight the day before their 90 day closeout period ends.

For example, if the closeout period ends 04/30/2015, all documents must be submitted to Grants Online by midnight on 04/29/2015.

TRUE



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