GRANTS MANAGEMENT STANDARD DATA ELEMENTS

OMB, on behalf of the Cross-Agency Priority Goal: Results-Oriented Accountability for Grants Executive Steering Committee (ESC), is issuing Version 1.0 of the standard grants management data elements available at: https://ussm.gsa.gov/fibf-gm/.

WHAT ARE THE STANDARDS AND HOW WERE THEY DEVELOPED?

The standard data elements represent a significant milestone to improve the interoperability and quality of grants management data, support the modernization of grants information technology solutions, and reduce recipient reporting burden. Currently, the standard data elements include over 400 common grants management terms and definitions that will require further refinement over time to support implementation. **This common language is the first step to realizing the benefits of data standardization.**

Version 1.0 of the standard data elements were developed based on the Federal Integrated Business Framework (FIBF) business capabilities and use cases. A cross-agency workgroup, including representatives from over 15 Federal awarding agencies, began documenting the business capabilities and use cases in 2016. These were made available for public comment from November 2018 to February 2019 and over 1,100 comments were received and adjudicated.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW THAT THESE STANDARDS ARE AVAILABLE?

Future adoption of these standards through shared solutions will reduce the number of systems a recipient is required to interact with. To expedite the adoption of standards, the CAP Goal 8 ESC will rely on the Federal and recipient community to identify the most pressing pain points, such as existing information collection requests, that may be streamlined and benefit from standardization. Pursuant to M-19-16 "Centralized Mission Support Capabilities for the Federal Government" and in support of CAP Goal 8 Strategy 2: Build Shared IT Infrastructure, **Federal awarding agencies must incorporate these standards in future grants management systems investments**.

WHAT WILL DRIVE FUTURE UPDATES TO THE STANDARDS?

Immediate system needs and the identification of existing pain points will drive future updates. For instance, if a Federal awarding agency has an immediate need to invest in a grants management system, the agency is responsible coordinating with the pre-designated Quality Service Management Office (QSMO) for grants, per M-19-16, to ensure adherence and raise any proposed refinements to the standards. Future updates to the standards will also be driven by updates to authoritative sources, such as the Uniform Guidance available at 2 CFR part 200.

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