Grants Management Non-Federal Stakeholder Feedback Session

April 2021

Feedback Session Objectives:

- To discuss recent OMB guidance and resources related to grants management

- To hear about barriers/challenges to guidance implementation and learn about additional practices that could assist with equity-oriented grants management

- To learn about promising practices, anecdotes, templates, and examples that could strengthen grants management

Today's session will cover:

- Recent OMB guidance and resources related to grants management
- Feedback questions
- Closing remarks

OMB Guidance and Resource Highlights

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Recent Guidance Highlights:

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- 2 CFR 200 (Revised August 2020)

Resources:

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Geographic Preference

Executive Order: Ensuring the Future Is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers

"Use terms and conditions of Federal financial assistance awards and Federal procurements to <u>maximize the use of goods, products, and materials produced in, and services offered in, the United States.</u>"

2 CFR 200.322 Domestic Preferences for Procurements

"(a) As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the non-Federal entity should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, <u>provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States</u> (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award…"

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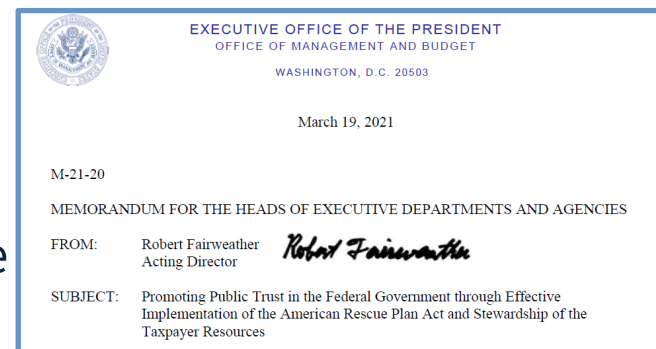- 2 CFR 200 (Revised August 2020)

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American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)

- 6th COVID Relief Act – P.L.117-2 (P.L. 116-123, 116-127,116-136, 116-139, 116-260)

- $1.9 Trillion Dollars

- https://www.pandemicoversight.gov/
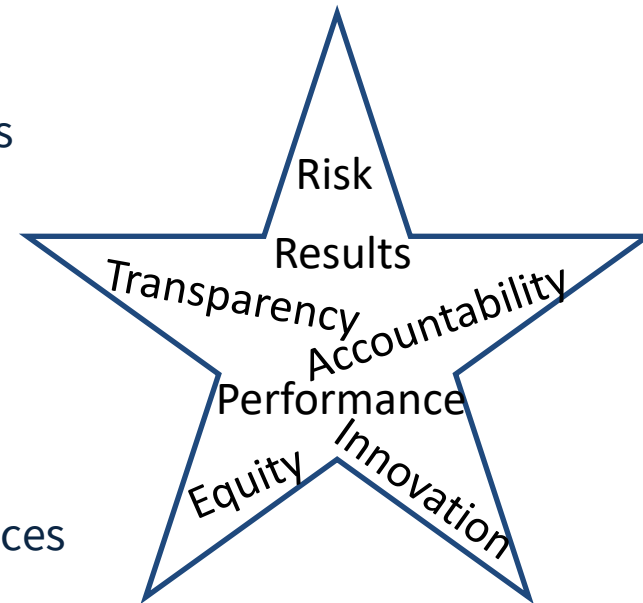
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- Equity-oriented results for financial assistance

- Subrecipient reporting requirements apply

- Appendix 2

- 2 CFR should be applied to the maximum extent allowable by law

- Appendix 3 –12 Flexibilities

- Single Audit submission extension – 6 Months

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

March 19, 2021

M-21-20

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: Robert Fairweather
            Acting Director

SUBJECT: Promoting Public Trust in the Federal Government through Effective
            Implementation of the American Rescue Plan Act and Stewardship of the
            Taxpayer Resources

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M-21-20 Equity-Oriented Results Appendix 2

1. Program Planning and Design

2. Public Availability of Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)

3. Performance Reporting

4. Risk Management

5. Case-by-Case Exceptions

6. Innovative Funding Approaches

7. Procurement of Common or Shared Goods and Services (Including IT)

8. Financial Assistance Awards for For-Profit Organizations

9. Other Types of Federal Financial Assistance

10. Use of Single Audit to Drive Accountability and Transparency

For more resources, agencies may leverage *Managing for Results: The Performance Management Playbook for Federal Awarding Agencies* and other items at https://www.cfo.gov/financial-assistance

OMB Guidance and Resource Highlights

Revisions to 2 CFR – Uniform Guidance

Effective Dates
- 200.216, 200.340, 200.471 – <u>August 13, 2020</u>
- Other Sections – <u>November 12, 2020</u>

Scopes of the revision (see preamble for more details):

1. **Supporting implementation of the historical administration priorities and President's Management Agenda Results-Oriented Accountability for Grants**
   - Emphasizing stewardship and results-oriented accountability for grant program results
   - Standardizing terminology to implement standard data elements

2. **Meeting statutory requirements and to align with other authoritative source requirements**
   - The 2019 NDAA section 889, Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment

3. **Clarifying existing requirements**
   - Codifying some frequently asked questions related to the prior release to 2 CFR
   - Clarifying the documentation requirement for using the de minimis indirect cost rate

Resource Highlight

Resource:

- Managing for Results: The Performance Management Playbook for Federal Awarding Agencies

What do we mean by Performance Management?
  - "The use of goals, measurement, evaluation, analysis and data-driven reviews to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of agency operations"

Why does this matter to me?
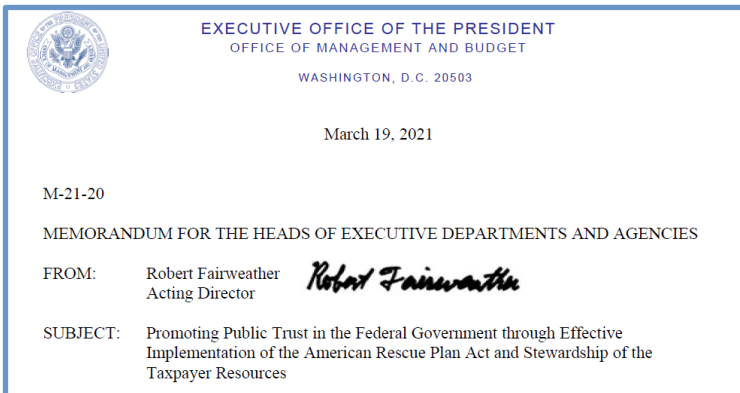 - Recent revisions to Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations

What is the Performance Management Playbook?
  - Provides promising practices for increasing emphasis on program and project results as well as individual award recipient performance

How does all this tie together and why is it important?

Ground Rules

Ground rules for today's session:

- Please be honest and respectful
- Please speak up—we want to hear from everyone (but remember to give others time to talk)
- Use the hand raise function and send chat messages to all participants
- Be present and solutions-focused
- This is a safe space – your name will not be associated with any comments you make
- Session recording is for note-taking purposes only (it will not be shared)
- Parking Lot—we will visit additional thoughts offline or as time permits

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Discussion

General Grants Management

🔊 What are the biggest challenges that recipients are facing right now?

🔊 What are some innovative ideas for the community to move toward equity-oriented results?

🔊 What are the biggest gaps in training or resources for the grants community? What resources would you like to see?

📊 What resources or templates do you have (or used) that could be shared with the grants management community (e.g., training, webinar, etc.)?
  - *Please write your name in your response for follow-up*
  - *Please include any promising practices, anecdotes, templates, and examples*

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General Grants Management

On a scale of 1-4, where does your organization focus most of its grants management attention (compliance vs. performance/results)?

To what degree is your organization successful in meeting the stated program goals and objective in your federal awards?

What challenges does your organization face when meeting program goals, measuring program performance, and gathering evidence?

How can Federal awarding agencies and award recipients improve program performance to focus on results?

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Highlight—Made in America

What steps has your organization taken to get more domestically sourced?

What are the challenges that the recipient community is facing with implementing domestic sourcing in program administration? (For example: burden, costs, etc.)

What are some innovative ideas on how to best implement administration priorities such as "Made in America" in program administration?

Can you share some success stories about programs or grantees that are doing this really well?

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Closing

Send additional feedback via email (please email grantsteam@omb.eop.gov)

We especially invite you to share any promising practices, anecdotes, templates, and examples.

Thank you!