



Grants

Grant Administration

Keys to Knowing and Understanding Compliance Requirements

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Today's Topics

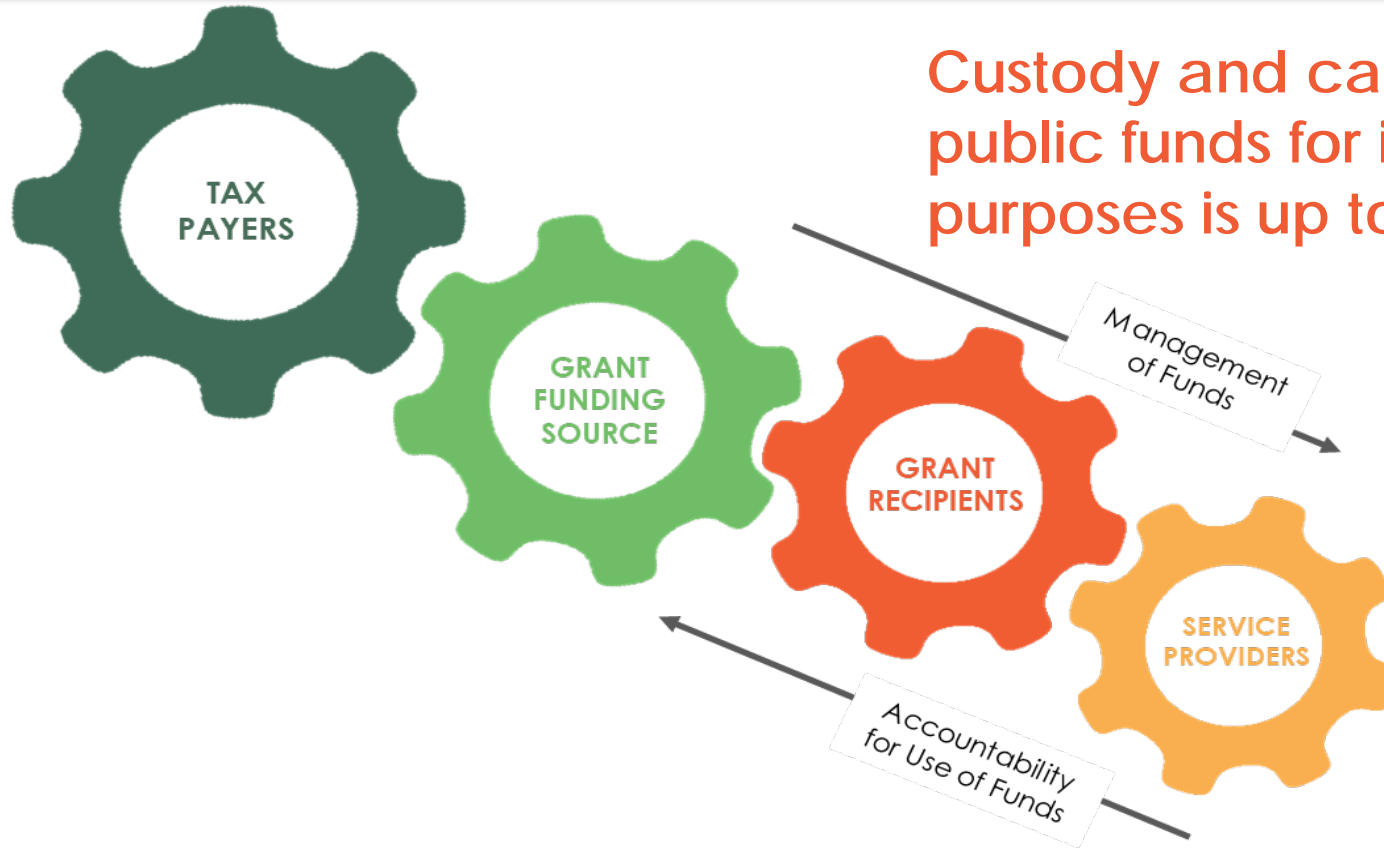


- ▶ Grant Management Overview
- ▶ Identifying Compliance Requirements Using Federal and State Guidance
- ▶ Grant Risks and Common Pitfalls
- ▶ Designing Effective Internal Controls for Compliance

Overview

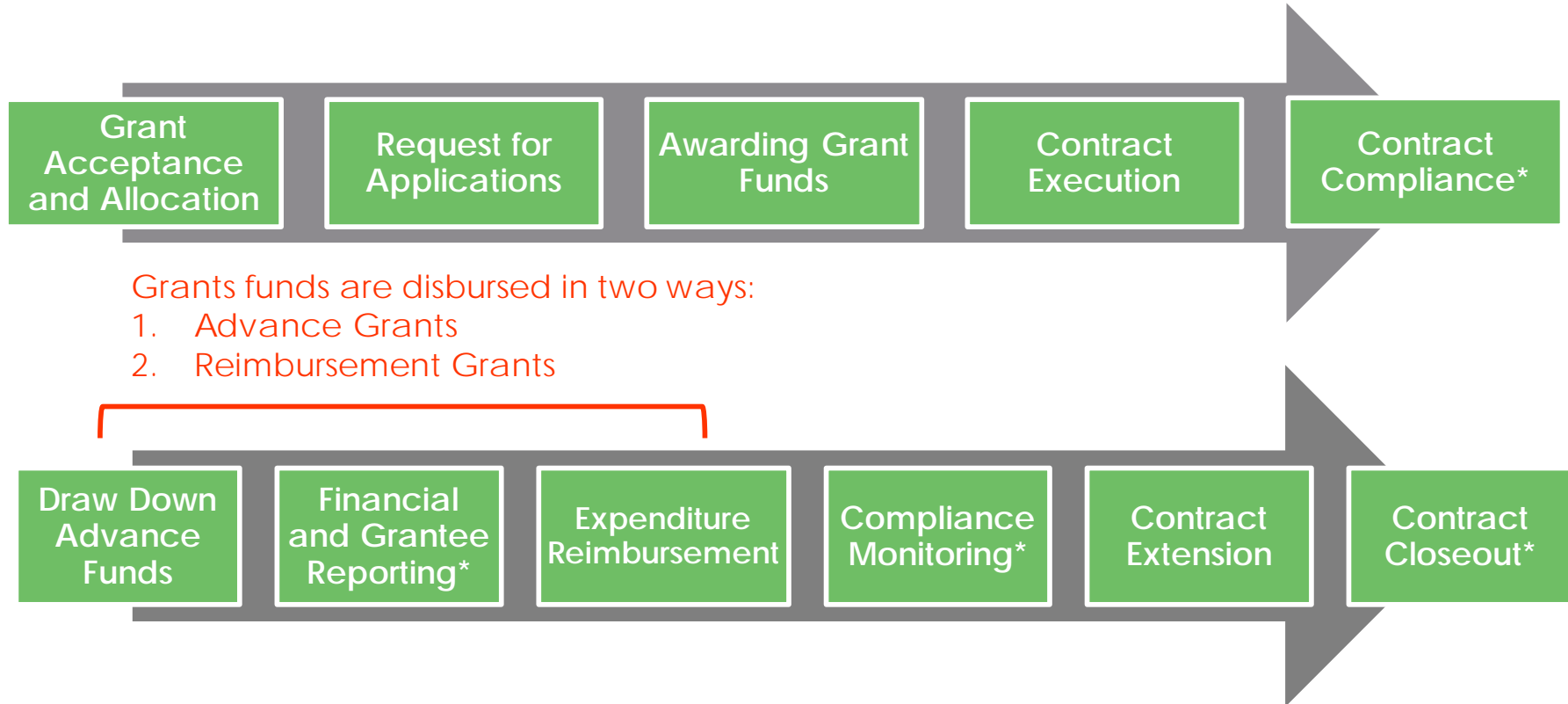
- ▶ Effective grant management is a **collaborative** approach to managing and administering grants enabling all stakeholders involved to:
 - » Meet the **mission** of the grant and organizations
 - » Efficiently and effectively use grant funds, while maintaining **compliance** with grant requirements
 - » Establish **accountability** for the use of grant funds
 - » Provide **assurance** funds are deployed appropriately
- ▶ Grant management can be centralized or decentralized, but **coordination** with all parties is key for compliance

Grant Stakeholders

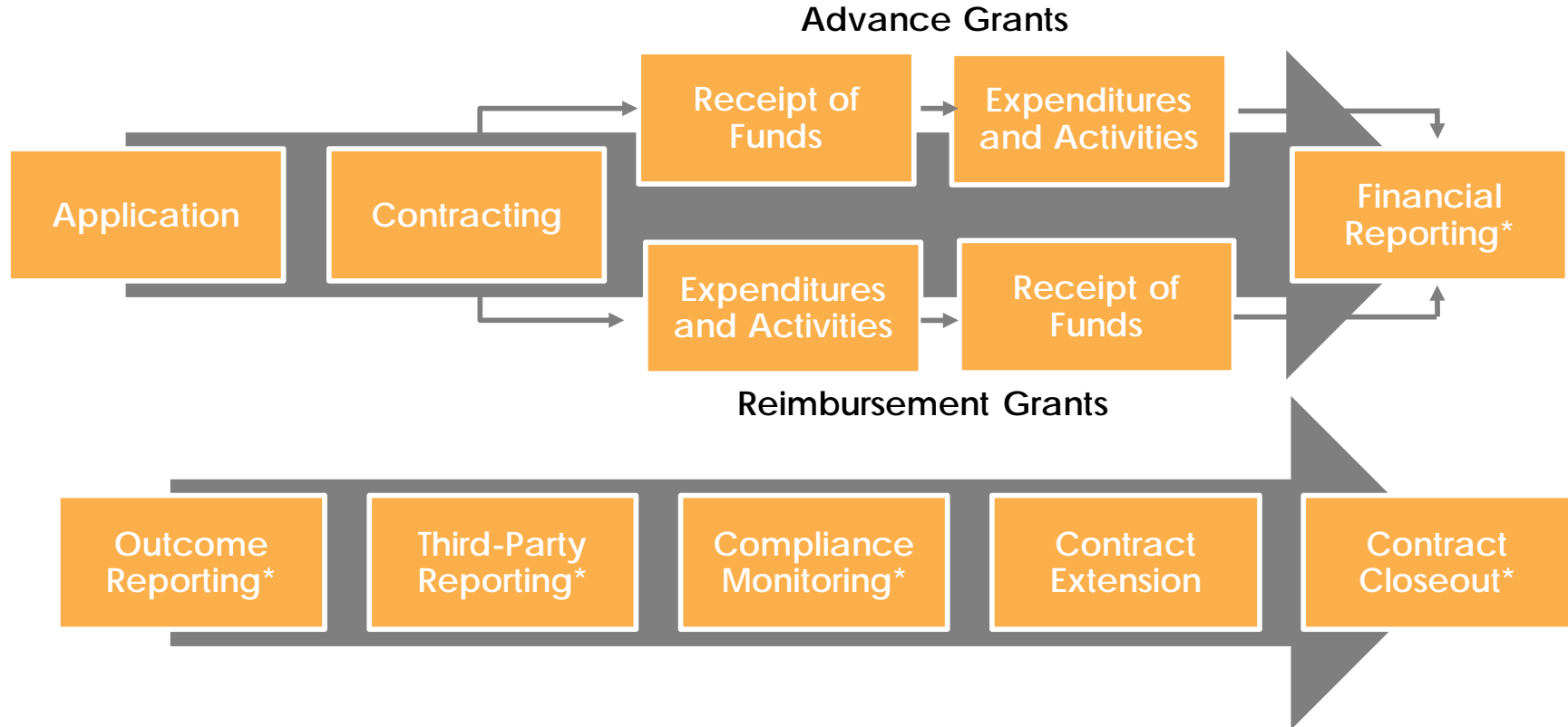


Custody and care of deploying public funds for intended purposes is up to you!

The Grant Cycle (Grantor)



The Grant Cycle (Grantee)



The Grant Cycle (Compliance)

**COMPLIANCE IS
EVERYWHERE**

So...where do we start?

* **Compliance** *

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KNOWING YOUR COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS



Determining Your Criteria

Each grant is unique, and each contract has its own terms, conditions and requirements.



Identify and know the following:

- » Contract amount and terms
- » Scope of work
- » Key contacts
- » Allowable vs. unallowable costs
- » Funding sources and applicable guidance
- » Reporting requirements

Compliance Standards



Federal Standard

Uniform Grant Guidance 2 CFR 200 (Super Circular)

- » Streamlines grant administration by creating uniform regulations for cost principles and audit requirements
- » Focuses on performance over compliance



State Standard

Uniform Grant Management Standards

- » Adopted June 2004
- » Revised March 2016 (Updated State Single Audit Threshold to \$750,000)

Uniform Guidance: Six Sections

Subpart Acronyms and Definitions

A

- » *Terms and definitions that apply to all non-federal entities*

Subpart General Provisions

B

- » *Establishes uniform administration requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements for federal awarding agencies*

Pre Federal Award Requirements

Subpart

C

- » *Requirement to define grant award methods*
- » *Sets requirements for application evaluation for granting agencies*
- » *Defines eligibility requirements*

Uniform Guidance: Six Sections

Subpart **Post Federal Award Requirements**

D

- » Establishes standards and requirements for all areas of the grant
- » Financial and program management, performance reporting, monitoring and reporting, etc.

Subpart **Cost Principles**

E

- » Defines cost requirements for direct and indirect costs
- » Sets standard indirect cost rates and requirements for pass through entities

Subpart **Audit Requirements**

F

- » Prescribes single audit thresholds for programs
- » Defines criteria for low and high risk programs
- » Describes reporting requirements

OMB Compliance Supplement

- ▶ Issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
- ▶ Identifies important **compliance requirements** of the Federal Government expected to be considered as part of an audit
- ▶ Provides an **efficient and cost-effective** approach to performing research on individual programs



OMB Compliance Supplement

- ▶ Source of information to understand:
 - » *Federal program's objectives, procedures, and compliance requirements **relevant** to the audit*
 - » *Audit objectives and suggested audit procedures for determining compliance*
- ▶ Updates and changes issued **April 2018**
- ▶ A full Supplement was not issued for 2018; the 2017 and 2018 Supplements must be used together
 - » *A new matrix is not included in the 2018 update*
 - » *Matrices in Parts 4 and 5 must be used together*



OMB Compliance Supplement

- ▶ **Part 1:** *Background, Purpose and Applicability*
- ▶ **Part 2:** *Compliance Requirements Matrix*
- ▶ **Part 3:** *Compliance Requirements*
- ▶ **Part 4:** *Individual Compliance Requirements (for each CFDA, by department)*



OMB Compliance Supplement

- ▶ **Part 5:** *Clusters of Programs*
- ▶ **Part 6:** *Internal Control*
- ▶ **Part 7:** *Guidance for Auditing Programs Not Included in the Compliance Supplement*
- ▶ **Appendix 5:** *List of Changes*



Part 2: Compliance Matrix

Identify the
Catalog of Federal
Domestic
Assistance (CFDA)
number of the
grant

	<i>Types of Compliance Requirements</i>													
	<i>A.</i> <i>Activities</i> <i>Allowed or</i> <i>Unallowed</i>	<i>B.</i> <i>Allowable</i> <i>Costs/Cost</i> <i>Principles</i>	<i>C.</i> <i>Cash</i> <i>Management</i>	<i>D.</i> <i>Reserved</i>	<i>E.</i> <i>Eligibility</i>	<i>F.</i> <i>Equipment</i> <i>and Real</i> <i>Property</i> <i>Management</i>	<i>G.</i> <i>Matching,</i> <i>Level of</i> <i>Effort,</i> <i>Earmarking</i>	<i>H.</i> <i>Period of</i> <i>Performance</i>	<i>I.</i> <i>Procurement</i> <i>and</i> <i>Suspension</i> <i>and</i> <i>Debarment</i>	<i>J.</i> <i>Program</i> <i>Income</i>	<i>K.</i> <i>Reserved</i>	<i>L.</i> <i>Reporting</i>	<i>M.</i> <i>Subrecipient</i> <i>Monitoring</i>	<i>N.</i> <i>Special</i> <i>Tests and</i> <i>Provisions</i>
CFDA														
11 – Department of Commerce (DOC)														
11.300	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y	N	N		Y	Y	Y
11.307	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y
11.557	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y
12 – Department of Defense (DoD)														
12.400	Y	Y	Y		N	N	Y	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	N
12.401	Y	Y	Y		N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	N
14 – Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)														
14.157	Y	Y	Y		Y	N	N	N	Y	N		Y	N	Y
14.169	Y	Y	Y		N	N	N	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	N
14.181	Y	Y	Y		Y	N	N	N	Y	N		Y	N	Y
14.182														
14.195														
14.249	N	N	Y		Y	N	N	N	N	N		Y	N	Y
14.856														
14.218	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
14.225														

Use the
matrix to
identify the
requirements

Reserved for future use

Part 3: Compliance Requirements

A. Activities Allowed or Unallowed

Specifies activities that can or cannot be funded under a specific program

B. Allowable Costs/ Cost Principles

Specifies costs that can or cannot be funded under a program

C. Cash Management

- Reimbursements & advances are properly supported & managed
- Interest earned on advances is remitted to grantor

E. Eligibility

Participants meet program criteria to receive grant funding

F. Equipment & Real Property Mgmt

Management, use & disposal of equipment and real property

G. Matching, Level of Effort, Earmarking

- M - required cost share
- LOE - required participation from period to period
- EM - setting aside funds for a purpose

H. Period of Performance

Expenditures are within the granting period

I. Procurement & Suspension/Debarment

- Comply with federal & state procurement laws
- Vendors not suspended and debarred

J. Program Income

Income generated by federal funds used for program expenses

L. Reporting

- Performance
- Financial
- Special

M. Subrecipient Monitoring

Monitoring pass-through funding

N. Special Tests and Provisions

Unique requirements of individual grants

Part 7: Missing CFDA #s

- ▶ Not all federal financial assistance programs are included in the OMB *Compliance Supplement*
- ▶ Federal programs not included in Part 4 compliance requirements can be found in:



- » *Grant agreement, grant application or notice of grant award*
- » *Process documentation or other internally prepared information related to operation and requirements of the grant*
- » *Communication from grantor regarding requirements*
- » *Review program specific websites*

Compliance Reporting

► Financial Reporting

- » Grant recipients must prepare appropriate financial statements, including Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA)
- » Reports must be submitted within 30 calendar days of receiving auditor's report, or within 9 months after the end of the audit period

► Financial Status Reports (FSRs)

- » FSRs must include all costs to be reimbursed by the grant funds
- » Must be submitted at least quarterly, but not more frequent than monthly
- » Failure to submit reports timely may result in unreimbursed costs

Compliance Reporting

► Programmatic Reporting

- » Individual grants have different programmatic reporting requirements, based on the grant contract
- » Careful review of the grant contract to identify compliance requirements will identify reporting requirements
- » State Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Division grants must report programmatic progress through the Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI) at Texas A&M



State Single Audits

State Single Audits are performed in accordance with the State of Texas Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS)



- ▶ Single Audit is required if entity expends **\$750,000** or more in State Awards – changed from \$500,000
- ▶ Amount to distinguish between Major and Non-major Programs = **\$300,000**
- ▶ Compliance requirements mirror Uniform Guidance requirements

Local Awards

- ▶ No specific requirements to be audited
- ▶ An individual local agency may require a program specific audit in addition to the financial statement audit
- ▶ If a program specific audit is required, verify (***and verify again***) that the local agency is not a pass-through from a state or federal agency



GRANT RISK CONSIDERATIONS



Risk Considerations

The primary risks associated with grants and ineffective grant management include:

- ▶ Misuse of grant funds
- ▶ Failing to achieve the grant objectives
- ▶ Violating laws, regulations, or grant conditions
- ▶ Misrepresentation of grant results
- ▶ Reputational damage from grant misuse



These risks affect each phase of the grant, including pre-award, award, and post-award processes.

Key Risk Types

- ▶ **Corruption:** bribery or other improper uses of entrusted power for personal gain
 - » *Ex: utilization of grant resources for kickbacks or bribes*
- ▶ **Fraud:** party to the transaction is dishonest and seeks opportunities to profit from the transaction
 - » *Ex: misrepresentation of results or theft of grant resources*



Key Risk Types

- ▶ **Moral Hazard:** a party to a transaction has not entered into a contract in good faith; has provided misleading information about its assets, liabilities, or credit capacity, or has an incentive to take unusual risks at the expense of the grantor
 - » *Ex: accepting a grant knowing it cannot be performed as requested*



Key Risk Types

- ▶ **Reputation:** negative public perception related to the unsuccessful achievement of grant goals and/or poor grant governance
 - » *Ex: headline news, awarding aid to parties that are unprepared to successfully meet the goals of the grant*

- ▶ **Performance:** unable to complete a project successfully, or unable to organize resources in a way that will successfully fulfill the objectives established by the grantor
 - » *Ex: intended beneficiaries failing to receive the expected goods or services due to weak governance and management*



Common Pitfalls and Audit Issues

- ▶ **Missing** or **incomplete** supporting documentation
 - » *Expenditures*
 - » *Cost Allocations*
 - » *Indirect Costs*
 - » *Budget Amendments*
 - » *Budget Transfers*
 - » *Program Changes*
- ▶ Lack of appropriate approvals of expenses, reports, etc.
- ▶ Untimely reporting to the Grantor
- ▶ Inappropriate or **unallowable expenditures**
- ▶ Lack of achievement of performance metrics



Audit Issues: Common Causes

- ▶ Lack of established policies and procedures
- ▶ Lack of coordination in a decentralized grant management function
- ▶ Limited understanding of reporting/compliance requirements
- ▶ Internal control deficiencies:
 - » *Oversight and Authorization*
 - » *Purchasing (including cost coding) and Disbursements*
 - » *Program Operations*
 - » *Information Technology*
- ▶ Lack of management coordination oversight of grant amounts, usage, and administration
- ▶ Lack of internal reviews or audits of grant files

Avoiding Pitfalls

- ▶ Understand your grant administration processes
- ▶ Ask the following questions:
 - » *How many grants do we have?*
 - » *What are the funding sources?*
 - » *Who is responsible managing the grants?*
 - » *What are our grant requirements?*
 - » *What have been our past issues?*
 - » *Does adequate documentation exist?*
 - » *Are the current controls adequate?*



Avoiding Pitfalls

- ▶ Identify weaknesses and control gaps
 - » *Involve Internal Audit*
 - » *Coordinate with program managers*
 - » *Policies and procedures*
 - » *Remember your funding agency for assistance*
- ▶ Determine appropriate remediation steps and timelines
- ▶ Focus on high risk areas and compliance

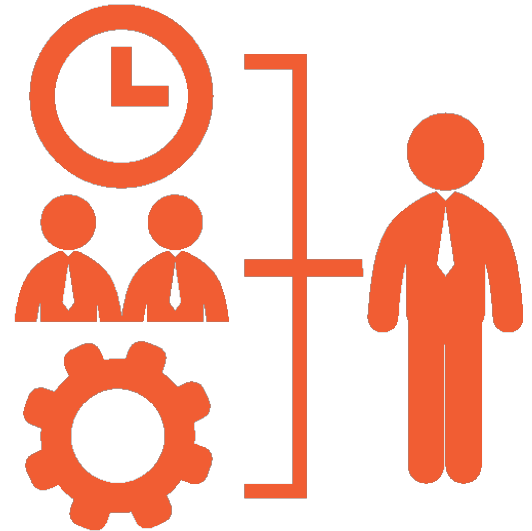


GRANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND INTERNAL CONTROLS



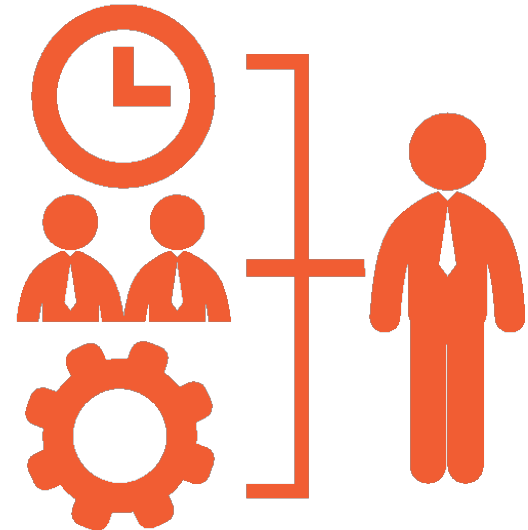
Management Systems

Organizations are expected to have systems, policies and procedures in place for managing funds and activities.



Effective Management Systems

- ▶ Effective management systems include the following:
 - » Clear delineation of roles and responsibilities
 - » Written policies and procedures
 - » Training
 - » Internal controls
 - » Effective oversight
 - » Information sharing
- ▶ Systems must provide reliable and current information
- ▶ Management systems should be driven by policy rather than process



Control Considerations

Effective internal controls ensure successful grant management, administration, and compliance.

- ▶ Defined and communicated objectives
- ▶ Defined and disseminated policies and procedures
- ▶ Project management and grant training
- ▶ Senior management approval on the application and utilization of grants
- ▶ Effective IT systems to track grant fund usage
- ▶ Management oversight and approval of grant reports
- ▶ Centralized and electronic documentation of grant support
- ▶ Tracking of grant timelines and milestones
- ▶ Timely and accurate reconciliations



Effective Internal Controls

Organizations must establish and maintain effective internal controls over grant awards to provide reasonable assurance that awards are managed in compliance with laws and regulations.

- ▶ Internal controls should align with either:
 - » *Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government (Comptroller General of the United States) or State Government (State of Texas Comptroller)*
 - » *Internal Controls Integrated Framework (Committee of Sponsoring Organization of the Treadway Commission [COSO])*
- ▶ *Policies and procedures must be in writing (IT included)*
- ▶ *Management must exercise judgment in determining the most appropriate and cost effective internal control in a given circumstance*



Internal Controls: Examples

- ▶ Written policies/procedures
- ▶ Segregation of duties
- ▶ Approval and authorization
- ▶ Verification
- ▶ Physical restrictions
- ▶ Documentation
- ▶ Monitoring and reporting



Internal Controls for Compliance **weaver**

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Funds are provided to grantees, processed and accounted through their internal controls. Key areas where risk should be considered include:

- ▶ Management Control Design
- ▶ Accounting Information Systems and Access
- ▶ Purchasing and Accounts Payable
- ▶ Expenditures
- ▶ Human Resources and Payroll
- ▶ Cash and Treasury Management
- ▶ Asset Inventory/Property Management
- ▶ Preparation of Journal Entries
- ▶ Financial Close
- ▶ Financial Reporting



Risk and Control Identification

Analysis of risks and controls helps to identify potential risks and mitigating internal controls.

Risk Scenario Category	Risk	Impact (L – M – H)	Likelihood (L – M – H)	Control	Residual Risk (L – M – H)
Reputational	Negative publicity on grant use	H	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Policies and Procedures- Governance- Management Oversight	M

Internal Control Areas of Focus

1. Management Control Design
2. Accounting Information Systems and Access
3. Purchasing and Accounts Payable
4. Expenditures
5. Human Resources and Payroll
6. Cash and Treasury Management
7. Asset Inventory and Property Management
8. Preparation of Journal Entries
9. Financial Close
10. Financial Reporting



Management Control Design

Issues	Risks	Prevention
Segregation of duties is not feasible due to the size of the accounting department, and compensating controls are not instituted.	Inappropriate system access creates endless opportunities for errors and fraud, including creating fictitious vendors and grant recipients, creating fictitious payments, concealing theft, posting erroneous transactions, and beyond.	Institute review and authorization procedures when segregation of duties is not possible.
Access to data and transaction files is not appropriately restricted.	Ability by one person to generate transactions and set up or change the data related to the entities involved in the transactions allows transactions involving fictitious entities and incorrect amounts to be processed fraudulently or erroneously.	Segregate maintenance of data from access to transaction files.
The Delegation of Authority Matrix does not exist, is outdated, or is poorly-documented.	Transactions may not be reviewed and approved by the appropriate supervisory personnel, resulting in numerous potential control issues.	Establish a formal process for periodically reviewing the Delegation of Authority Matrix to ensure effectiveness.
Matching funds reported as dedicated to grant-funded projects are not used for those projects.	Grantees are in violation of grant policies and could lose funding.	Establish these funds as restricted and require supervisor review of coding.

Accounting Information Systems and Access

Issues	Risks	Prevention
The preparer of journal entries has the ability to post the entries.	Fictitious or erroneous journal entries are recorded and not detected timely, resulting in financial statement errors	Configure the system to prohibit access to both functions by a single user.
Issues	Risks	Prevention
Multiple employees are assigned administrative roles with unrestricted access for convenience.	The system administrator is a member of the accounting staff .	Inappropriate system access creates endless opportunities for errors and fraud, including creating fictitious vendors and grant recipients, creating fictitious payments, concealing theft, posting erroneous transactions, and beyond.
Roles or groups assigned to individuals are not commensurate with their functions within the company.	User access to critical systems is not reviewed despite position and duty changes.	The accounting system administrator should be independent of any accounting functions . Create a formal process for periodically reviewing user access to critical systems.
	The system does not prevent transactions from being posted to prior periods.	Configure the system and accounting processes to prohibit posts to closed periods.

Purchasing and AP

Issues	Risks	Prevention
Credit memos are not reviewed for accurate and complete processing.	These transactions are often not processed accurately and completely.	Create a formal process for processing and reviewing credit memos.
Vendor set up and editing functions are not segregated from the accounts payable function.	Employees can create and pay	Separate vendor master file access from the accounts
Issues	Risks	Prevention
Accrual entries are not reversed .	Use of vendors does not require formal review and authorization .	Institute a formal vendor review and approval process.
	Vendor information changes, continued existence, and conflicts of interest are not monitored .	Establish a formal process for periodically monitoring the vendor database for validity and relation to the organization and its employees.

Expenditures

Issues	Risks	Prevention
Direct administrative costs (DAC) are charged to the wrong funding streams.	Expenses charged to projects do not accurately reflect the expenses incurred by the projects, allowing for errors and manipulation of costs.	Require recording of administrative time spent throughout the day, and attach this documentation to DAC expense journal entries. Require reviews of entries and supporting documentation.
Expenses are coded to the incorrect general ledger account.	Unallowable expenses or costs associated with other funding streams could be included on invoices.	Ensure effective review and authorization and reconciliation controls are in place to prevent incorrect coding.
Expenditure rates are not checked against funding stream expenses.	An inappropriate expenditure rate may be used.	Institute procedures to track funding stream expenses against pro rata use and compare the results to expenditure rates used.
Expenses for traditional contractors are erroneously coded to the subcontractor line item on the request for reimbursement.	Incorrect information is reported, in violation of contract policy.	Review contract definitions and require supervisor review of coding, checking for this issue in particular.

Human Resources and Payroll

Issues	Risks	Prevention
<p>New hire procedures are not formally documented, and activities such as performance of background checks, drug testing, and granting of system access cannot be verified.</p>	<p>Undetected drug use, criminal background checks, creation of systems, performance of background checks, drug testing, and granting of system access cannot be verified.</p>	
	<p>Payroll charged to funding streams does not match time studies.</p>	<p>Expenses charged to projects do not accurately reflect the expenses incurred by the projects, allowing for errors and manipulation of costs.</p>
	<p>Editing of employee master files is not segregated from payroll processing.</p>	<p>Employees may increase pay or initiate supplemental pay without detection.</p>
<p>Access to payroll data is not periodically reviewed for appropriateness.</p>	<p>Termination checklists are not performed.</p>	<p>Conduct regular time studies and allocate payroll charges accordingly. If system automation is not used, institute reviews.</p>
	<p>Termination procedures do not include formal evidence that access to critical systems was removed upon termination.</p>	<p>Segregate human resources activities related to employee master file changes from payroll processing.</p>
		<p>Establish termination procedures and checklists that include evidencing removal of terminated employees from critical systems and review of that evidence.</p>

Cash and Treasury Management

Issues	Risks	Prevention
Access to check stock is not appropriately restricted.	Employees could create passable checks to themselves or, with proper access, could create official checks to themselves.	Use physical controls, such as locked cabinets . Ensure access to the keys is also limited.
Responsibilities for receipt of cash, logging of receipts, and preparing bank deposits are often not segregated .	Erroneous transactions and theft could go undetected.	Segregate cash receipts from logging of receipts and preparing bank deposits.
Check pre-lists are not compared to printed checks.	Unauthorized disbursements may be made.	Establish a formal process for creating check pre-lists and comparing them to printed checks.
Bank reconciliations are not formally reviewed and approved by supervisory personnel on a timely basis.	Erroneous or fraudulent activity is not detected timely.	Establish deadlines for supervisory personnel to review and approve bank reconciliations.

Asset Inventory and Property Management

Issues	Risks	Prevention
Asset inventory is not appropriately tracked in accordance with contractual requirements.	Theft of assets may increase and remain undetected.	Tag and track assets in accordance with contractual requirements.
Access to the asset physical inventory listing is not appropriately restricted.		Segregate access to the physical asset listing from performance of the physical inventory and custody of the assets.
Physical inventory is not taken annually.		Establish procedures to conduct physical asset inventory annually .
Asset classification and useful lives are not formally defined and documented .	Depreciation expense is inaccurately calculated, and fixed asset values are misstated.	Establish policies and procedures for determination of asset classification and useful lives and reviews to ensure they are followed.

Preparation of Journal Entries

Issues	Risks	Prevention
Preparation and posting of journal entries is not segregated .	Fictitious or erroneous journal entries are recorded and not detected timely, resulting in financial statement errors and undetected fraud.	Segregate preparation and posting of journal entries.
Journal entries are not compared to supporting documentation prior to posting.		Require supervisor review and approval of journal entries, including review of supporting documentation.
Reconciliation of general ledger accounts is not segregated from the posting of journal entries.	Errors and fraud may not be detected, resulting in increased asset misappropriation and financial statement errors.	Segregate reconciliation of general ledger accounts from the posting of journal entries.

Financial Close

Issues	Risks	Prevention
Asset and liability accounts are not reconciled monthly.	Errors and fraud may not be detected, resulting in increased asset misappropriation and financial statement errors.	Establish procedures for asset and liability account reconciliation , requiring supervisory review and approval.
General ledger account reconciliations are not reviewed and approved by appropriate supervisory personnel.	Errors and fraud may not be detected, resulting in increased asset misappropriation and financial statement errors.	Establish deadlines for supervisory personnel to review and approve general ledger account reconciliations.
There is not a formal general ledger cut-off .	May create cut-off errors and prevent timely closing of the books.	Create a formal general ledger cut-off calendar and institute system controls that prohibit posting to closed periods.
A formal walkforward of general ledger accounts is not performed .	General ledger errors may not be detected.	Perform a walkforward , adding the period balances of each GL billed to grant and reconcile that to the latest billing report.

Financial Reporting

Issues	Risks	Prevention
Financial and progress reports are not submitted to grantor timely .	Grantees are in violation of grant policies and could lose funding.	Establish general ledger closing and other deadlines and review progress to ensure the final deadlines are met.
Financial statements and trial balances are not reviewed by appropriate supervisory personnel.	Errors and fraud may not be detected, resulting in increased asset misappropriation and financial statement errors.	Establish procedures for supervisory personnel to review and approve financial statements and trial balances, prohibiting continuation of processes without evidence of approval.
There is not a formal schedule detailing the accrued expenses included on the billing.	Goods and services are not properly accrued when they are received, causing errors in billings and liabilities.	Create an accrual schedule for each billing which identifies all services and goods which have been received but for which the invoice has not been received.

Preparation for Grant Monitoring

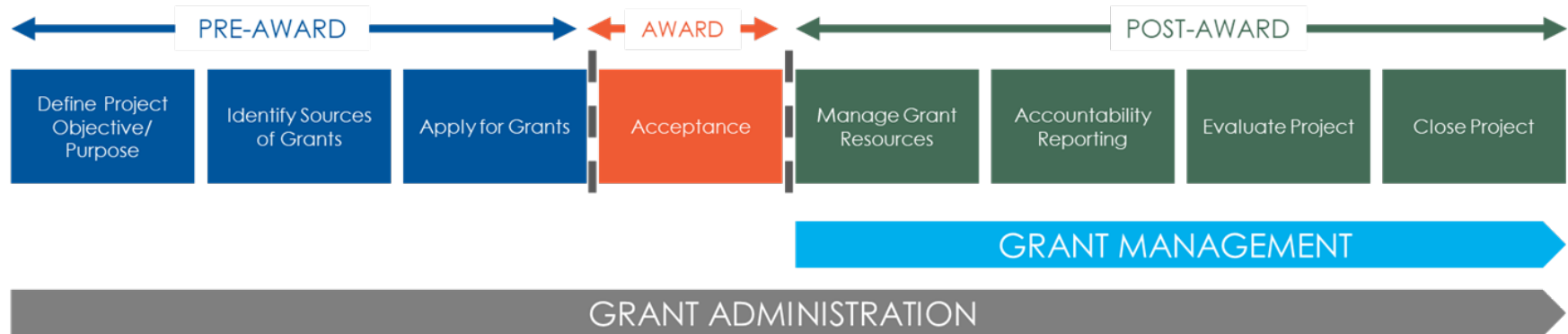
Stay on target by adequately preparing for your financial and performance monitoring review.



- ▶ Ensure all policies and procedures are up-to-date and address all requirements for the grant
- ▶ All supporting documentation is complete
- ▶ Grant staff are available to answer questions and provide information on transaction details
- ▶ Cooperate with the third party reviewers or the grantor by providing documentation and answering questions timely

Engage Internal Audit

Internal Audit can provide assistance throughout the Grant Activity phases



The Internal Audit function can provide assistance to ensure effective grant management and successful compliance reviews:

- » **Internal Control evaluations** or internal audits of the Grant Management processes
- » Consultative assistance at meetings with grantors (or grantees)
- » Assistance with crafting management **responses to audit findings**
- » **Training** to improve the grant management programs

Ensuring Grant Compliance

Grant compliance can be complicated, but it is a critically important to the achievement of the goals of many organizations. Understanding the steps necessary to meet grant requirements is the first step to avoiding common pitfalls and achieving compliance.

- ▶ Use the **appropriate guidance** to understand and communicate grant requirements throughout your organization
- ▶ **Work with the granting agency** often to ensure compliance with requirements and meeting expectations
- ▶ Avoid common pitfalls by establishing **effective internal controls** for grant management and compliance
- ▶ Leverage **internal audit** to assist in managing compliance and during grant monitoring reviews

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Questions?