



Grants Management Issues and COVID-19 Funding

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Agenda

- PHEP Issues
 - Moving into BP2
 - FFRs
- COVID Issues
 - Revised NOAs
 - Prior Approval
- Administrative Waivers
- REDCAP Issues
- Other Considerations



PHEP Issues

- Budget Period 1 ends June 30; BP2 starts July 1
- Original PAHPA legislation provides for two-year availability of funds
- There is no carry-over request required
- Expanded authority means you have pre-approval to continue using your BP1 funds for approved activities until June 30, 2021
- PERFORMS will continue to track BP1 separately to maintain the integrity of each fiscal year's funding and to facilitate reporting
- Reviews are now being completed, and BP2 Notices of Award will be released during June
- Annual Federal Financial Report (FFR) due no later than September 30

COVID Crisis Cooperative Agreement (CoAg) Issues

- Performance Period: **March 16, 2020 –March 15, 2021**
- We have received almost all revised work plans, budgets and Community Intervention Plan summaries
 - Those are being reviewed by task force subject matter experts and project officers; recommendations are being submitted to OGS for inclusion with revised Notices of Award, which will be released as soon as possible
- We will work with recipients to ensure questions are answered, clarification is provided, and suggestions are passed along to help ensure success
- **June 14, 2021:** deadline for all eligible expenditures to be liquidated

Crisis CoAg Prior Approval Requirements

- Prior approval from CDC is required for alteration or renovation of nonfederal facilities that directly support activities in six domains of allowable activities
- Normal rules around prior approval apply to Crisis CoAg
 - Required for change of principal investigator, change of scope, when sum of redirections equals \$250,000 or more, major equipment purchases
 - Prior approval for contracts or general personnel is not required
 - You must follow your own procurement guidelines and keep good records for audit purposes

Administrative Waivers

- OMB Memorandum M-20-17, dated March 19, 2020, allows for relief of some requirements to provide flexibility with administrative issues
- The memorandum is currently set to expire on June 30, 2020 (unless extended)
- Some of the options would not apply to PHEP currently, such as no-cost extensions (PAHPA limits funding to two-year availability)
- Some may be considered on a case-by-case basis, such as:
 - Prior approval requirements
 - Certain procurement requirements
 - Extension of indirect cost rates

REDCap Issues

- GrantSolutions is the official system of record for grant actions
- REDCap will function similar to PERFORMS for program monitoring
- REDCap is largely configured by domain so that we have some way of reporting how money is being used
- CDC staff have copied budgets and workplans over to REDCap where possible; recipients should validate or change as needed
- Monthly spending reports should be entered in REDCap by the 15th of the month following
 - Break out by domain as much as possible
 - Can approximate or use the predominant domain for contracts/locals
 - Use notes fields to add information if helpful

Other Considerations

- Various funding streams available: PHEP, HPP, COVID-19, ELC, FEMA
 - Recipients will need to decide which funds to use and track appropriately for audit purposes, especially if there are split costs
 - COVID funds CANNOT pay the 25% share of FEMA reimbursements
- Equipment rules: follow jurisdictional procurement guidelines
- ELC just released over \$10 billion for COVID response activities
 - CDC is developing a crosswalk document to help show where differences in allowable expenses exist – but there is a lot of overlap
- Please draw down from PMS regularly as CDC reports to leadership on a weekly basis; there are still 20 jurisdictions who haven't drawn anything
- Temporary reassignment of personnel seems to be working well now; approval is as short as a few hours

Resources

Several online resources exist:

- www.CDC.gov/coronavirus CDC's main page for information, resources, tools and tips
- <https://www.cdc.gov/cpr/readiness/funding-covid.htm> Crisis CoAg funding information, including FAQs
- <https://www.cdc.gov/grants/public-health-emergencies/covid-19/index.html> Grants information pertinent to COVID-19; includes info for temporary reassignment of personnel and prior approval waivers

THANK YOU

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