

SPECIFIC GRANT TERMS FOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AWARDS

OVERVIEW

The U.S. Department of Education (Department) terms within this portion of the Grant Award Notification (GAN) Attachment describe grant terms specific to awards issued by the Department (ED-Specific Terms). ED-Specific Terms are applicable to all awards issued by the Department.²

AUTHORITIES

[2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards](#)

[2 CFR Part 3474, Department of Education, Adoption of 2 CFR Part 200](#)

[34 CFR Part 75, Education, Direct Grant Programs](#)

[34 CFR Part 76, Education, State-Administered Formula Grants](#)

ED-SPECIFIC TERMS

- I. Specific Grant Terms and Conditions for Financial and Performance Reports
- II. Participation of Faith-Based Organizations
- III. Written Notice of Beneficiary Protections

I. SPECIFIC GRANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE REPORTS

Financial and performance reports required for grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Education (Department), and described in this term and condition, can be accessed on the [Grant Application and Other Forms](#) page of the Department website. Governmentwide reports can be accessed on the [Post-Award Reporting Forms](#) page of the Grants.gov website.

PERFORMANCE REPORTS

FINAL REPORTS

ALL RECIPIENTS are required to submit a final performance report within 120 days after the expiration or termination of grant support in accordance with submission instructions provided in box 10 of the Grant Award Notification (GAN), or through another notification provided by the Department ([2 CFR Part 200.329\(c\)](#)).

ANNUAL, QUARTERLY, OR SEMIANNUAL REPORTS

Your education program contact will provide you with information about your performance report submissions, including the due date, as a grant term or condition in box 10 on the GAN, or through another notification provided by the Department. The grant term or condition in box 10 on the GAN, or another notification, may reflect any of the following:

² The content in this portion of the GAN Attachment consolidates information previously included in GAN Attachments 2F, 17F, and 18F.

1. That an annual performance report is required, and it shall provide the most current performance and financial expenditure information that is sufficient to meet the reporting requirements in the governmentwide requirements located in 2 CFR Part 200. The terms reflected in this document are also consistent with:
 - [2 CFR Part 200.328, Financial reporting](#);
 - [2 CFR Part 200.329, Monitoring and reporting program performance](#);
 - [2 CFR Part 200.332, Requirements for pass-through entities](#);
 - [34 CFR Part 75.720, Education, Direct Grant Programs, Financial and performance reports](#); and
 - Applicable reporting requirements stipulated in program statutes or regulations.
2. That an interim performance report is required because of the nature of the award or because of statutory or regulatory provisions governing the program under which this award is made, and that the report is due more frequently than annually as indicated. For example, more frequent reports may be due quarterly and submitted within 30 days after the end of each quarter, or due semiannually and submitted within 30 days after the end of each 6-month period ([2 CFR Part 200.329\(c\)\(1\)](#)).
3. That other reports are required. For example, program-specific reports may be required in a program's statute, regulation, or specific conditions of the Federal award ([2 CFR Part 200.208](#)).

FINANCIAL REPORTS

If a financial report is required, your Department program contact will provide you with information about your financial report submission, including the due date, as a grant term or condition in box 10 on the GAN, or through another notification.

The Department uses the governmentwide Standard Form (SF) 425, also known as the Federal Financial Report (FFR), for final reporting. Governmentwide reports can be accessed on the [Post-Award Reporting Forms](#) page on the [Grants.gov](#) website.

FINANCIAL REPORT OVERVIEW

A Standard Form (SF) 425 Federal Financial Report (FFR) is required if:

1. A grant involves cost sharing, and the ED 524B, which collects cost sharing information, is not submitted or a program-specific report approved by U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) does not collect cost sharing information;
2. Program income was earned;
3. Indirect cost information is to be reported and the ED 524B was not used or a program-specific report approved by OMB does not collect indirect cost information;
4. Program regulations or statute require the submission of the FFR; or
5. Specific Award Conditions, or specific grant or subgrant conditions for designation of "high risk," were imposed in accordance with [2 CFR Part 200.208](#) and [2 CFR Part 3474.10](#) and required the submission of the FFR.

SUBMISSION TIMELINES

If the FFR is required, the notification may indicate one of the following reporting frequencies and timelines:

1. Quarterly - FFRs are required for reporting periods ending on 12/31, 03/31, 06/30, 09/30 and are due within 30 days after each reporting period.
2. Semi-annual - FFRs are required for reporting periods ending on 03/31 and 09/30 and are due within 30 days after each reporting period.
3. Annual - FFRs are required for the reporting period ending 09/30 and is due within 30 days after the reporting period.
4. Final - In coordination with the submission of a final performance reports, grantees must submit FFRs no later than 120 calendar days after the conclusion of the period of performance. A subgrantee must submit a final financial report to a pass-through entity no later than 90 calendar days after the conclusion of the period of performance ([2 CFR Part 200.328](#)).

SUBMISSION GUIDANCE

When completing an FFR for submission in accordance with the above referenced selection, the following must be noted:

1. *Multiple Grant Reporting Using SF 425A Not Required:*
 - While the FFR is a governmentwide form that is designed for single grant and multiple grant award reporting, the Department's policy is that multiple grant award reporting is not permitted for Department grants.
 - Grantees are instructed to not use the FFR attachment (SF 425A), which is available for reporting multiple grants, for reporting on Department grants.
2. *Completing an SF 425 for Each Grant*
 - Department grantees are required to submit an FFR in accordance with any of the above referenced selections.
 - Grantees must complete and submit one FFR for each of its grants.
 - FFR Form, Field 2: Grantees are instructed to disregard the note about using the SF 425A to report multiple grants.
 - FFR Instructions, Report Submissions: With regards to item 1 of the note found in the FFR Instructions, a grantee must complete items 10(a) through 10(o) for each of its grants. The multiple grants and FFR attachment references found in item 2 of the Line Item Instructions for the FFR is not applicable to Department grants.
3. *Program Income*
 - Unless disallowed by statute or regulation, a grantee will complete item 10(m) or 10(n) in accordance with the options or combination of options as provided in 2 CFR Part 200.307.
 - A grantee is permitted, in accordance with [2 CFR Part 200.307](#), to add program income to its Federal share to further eligible project or program objectives, use program income to finance the non-Federal share of the project or program; and deduct program income from the Federal share of the total project costs.

4. *Indirect Costs*

- A grantee will complete item 11(a) by listing the indirect cost rate type identified on its indirect cost rate agreement, as approved by its cognizant agency for indirect costs.
- A Department grantee that does not have an indirect cost rate agreement approved by its cognizant agency for indirect costs, and that is using the Department approved (beyond the 90-day temporary period) temporary indirect cost rate of 10% of budgeted direct salaries and wages, or the de minimis rate of 15% of modified total direct cost (MTDC) must list its indirect cost rate in 11(a) as a Department Temporary Rate or De Minimis Rate.
 - The de minimis rate of 15% of MTDC consists of: All direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel, and subawards and contracts up to the first \$50,000 of each subaward.
 - MTDC excludes equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, rental costs, tuition remission, scholarships and fellowships, participant support costs and the portion of each subaward in excess of \$50,000.
 - Other items, including contract costs in excess of \$50,000, may be excluded when necessary to avoid a serious inequity in the distribution of indirect costs ([2 CFR Part 200.1](#), Modified Total Direct Cost (MTDC)).
- A training program grantee whose recovery of indirect cost limits indirect cost recovery to 8% of MTDC or the grantees negotiated indirect cost rate, whichever is less in accordance with [34 CFR Part 75.562 \(c\)](#), must list its rate in 11(a) as a Department Training Grant Rate. The 8% limit does not apply to agencies of Indian tribal governments, local governments, and States³ as defined in [2 CFR Part 200.1](#).
- A restricted program grantee must list its rate as a Restricted Indirect Cost Rate in 11(a).
 - A restricted program (i.e., programs with statutory supplement-not-supplant requirements) grantee must utilize a restricted indirect cost rate negotiated with its cognizant agency for indirect costs, or may elect to utilize a restricted indirect cost rate of 8% MTDC if their negotiated restricted indirect cost rate calculated under [34 CFR Part 75.563](#) and [2 CFR Part 76.564 – 76.569](#), is not less than 8% MTDC.
 - A State or local government⁴ that is a restricted program grantee may not elect to utilize the 8% MTDC rate.
 - Additionally, restricted program grantees may not utilize the de minimis rate but may utilize the temporary rate until a restricted indirect cost rate is negotiated.
 - If a restricted program grantee elects to utilize the temporary rate, it must list its rate as a Department Temporary Rate in 11(a).
- Grantees with indirect cost rates prescribed in program statute or regulation must list their rate as a Rate Required in Program Statute or Regulation in 11(a).
- Grantees are required to follow program-specific statutory or regulatory requirements that mandate either indirect cost rate type or maximum administrative costs recovery.
- For detailed information including restrictions related to temporary, de minimis,

³ Note that a State-funded institution of higher education is not considered a “State government” for these purposes; and a Tribal college or university funded by a federally-recognized Tribe is not considered a Tribe for these purposes.

⁴ Note that a State-funded institution of higher education is not considered a “State government” for these purposes.

training, restricted, and program prescribed indirect cost rates see the [Indirect Cost Determination Guidance for State and Local Government Agencies Questions and Answers](#) on the Department website.

5. *Supplemental Pages*

- If grantees need additional space to report financial information, beyond what is available within the FFR, they should provide supplemental pages.
- Additional pages must indicate the following information at the top of each page:
 - PR/Award Number (also known as the Federal Identifying Number or FAIN),
 - Recipient organization,
 - Unique Entity Identifier (UEI),
 - Employer Identification Number (EIN), and
 - Period covered by the report.

II. PARTICIPATION IN FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

1. A faith-based organization that participates in this program retains its independence from the Government and may continue to carry out its mission consistent with religious freedom and conscience protections in Federal law.
2. A faith-based organization may not use direct Federal financial assistance from the Department to support or engage in any explicitly religious activities except when consistent with the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment and any other applicable requirements. Such an organization also may not, in providing services funded by the Department, or in outreach activities related to such services, discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or a refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice.
3. If a grantee under a State-Administered Formula Grant program of the Department has the authority under the grant or subgrant to select a private organization to provide services supported by direct Federal financial assistance under the program by subgrant, contract, or other agreement, the grantee must ensure compliance with applicable Federal requirements governing contracts, grants, and other agreements with faith-based organizations, including, as applicable, the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), [34 CFR Parts 76.52 and 76.532](#) and [2 CFR Part 3474.15](#) (see EDGAR, 34 CFR Part 76.714).

III. WRITTEN NOTICE OF BENEFICIARY PROTECTIONS

In accordance with the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), [34 CFR Part 76.712](#), all grantees and subgrantees providing social services under a Department program supported by direct Federal financial assistance (e.g., programs that provide employment, independent living, education, or related services to individuals or groups of individuals) must give written notice to a beneficiary or prospective beneficiary of certain protections.

The written notice that an organization uses to notify beneficiaries or prospective beneficiaries of certain religious non-discrimination protections must include language substantially similar to that in Appendix C to [34 CFR Part 75](#) (See EDGAR, [34 CFR Part 76.712\(d\)](#)). Grantees and

subgrantees have discretion regarding how to provide the notice, which may include providing the notice directly to each beneficiary, posting it on the grantee's website, or other means. A grantee or subgrantee that participates in multiple Department programs may provide a single notice covering all applicable programs. Additionally, grantees must ensure that the notice is accessible to individuals with disabilities and limited English proficient individuals as required by law. Unless notified by the applicable program office, a grantee or subgrantee is not required to include in the notice the information in paragraph (5) of Appendix C to 34 CFR Part 75 (i.e., the opportunity of a beneficiary to receive information about other similar providers).

Appendix C to 34 CFR Part 75

Name of Organization:

Name of Program:

Contact Information for Program Staff: [provide name, phone number, and email address, if appropriate]

Because this program is supported in whole or in part by financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education, we are required to provide you the following information:

- (1) We may not discriminate against you on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or a refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice.
- (2) We may not require you to attend or participate in any explicitly religious activities (including activities that involve overt religious content such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization) that may be offered by our organization, and any participation by you in such activities must be purely voluntary.
- (3) We must separate in time or location any privately funded explicitly religious activities (including activities that involve overt religious content such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization) from activities supported with direct Federal financial assistance.
- (4) You may report violations of these protection, including any denials of services or benefits by an organization, by filing a written complaint with the U.S. Department of Education at BeneficiaryNoticeComplaints@ed.gov.

[When required by the Department, the notice must also state:] (5) If you would like information about whether there are any other federally funded organizations that provide the services available under this program in your area, please contact the awarding agency.

This written notice must be given to you before you enroll in the program or receive services from the program, unless the nature of the service provided, or exigent circumstances make it impracticable to provide such notice before we provide the actual service. In such an instance, this notice must be given to you at the earliest available opportunity.