

DOJ Grants Financial Guide

Change History

| Chapter/Topic | Date | Sub-Topic | Description/Comments |
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| Resources 1.2: | November 1, 2022 | Other Available Resources | Revised the title of JustGrants Training and Technical Assistance to JustGrants Resources and Training. Added a new resource OJP Recipient Resources . |
| Chapter 2.2: Acceptance of Award and Award Conditions | November 1, 2022 | Action Item | Added language regarding COPS Office awards requiring the role two Authorized Representatives |
| Chapter 3.3: Matching or Cost Sharing Requirements | November 1, 2022 | COPS Specific Tip | Revised language regarding COPS Hiring Program |
| Chapter 3.5: Adjustments to Awards | November 1, 2022 | Grant Award Modification | Added language regarding Grant Award Modification |
| Chapter 3.9: Allowable Costs | November 1, 2022 | Publications/OJP Specific Tip | Added language regarding using the awarding agency's logo |
| Chapter 3.15: Reporting Requirements | November 1, 2022 | Action Item/Performance Reports | Revised language; clarified language regarding submission requirements |
| Chapter 3.18: Closeout | November 1, 2022 | Closeout of Awards | Revised language regarding COPS Office awards refund of Federal funds |
| Chapter 3.22: Financial Management Training Requirements | November 1, 2022 | Introduction | Added new language regarding high-risk recipients |
| V. Appendices | November 1, 2022 | 5.1 Acronyms | Added UEI Unique Entity Identifier |
| Chapter 3.10 OJP/COPS Office Conference Approval, Planning and Reporting | February 9, 2023 | Throughout chapter | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revised rates throughout section (conference space & audio-visual equipment and services, logistical conference planner, and programmatic conference planner) in accordance with DOJ Policy Statement 1400.01 - Revise conference approval thresholds in accordance with DOJ Policy Statement 1400.01 - Remove link - Quick Reference Guide to Conference Cost Policy and Guidance |

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| Chapter 3.13: Unallowable Costs | March 28, 2023 | Prohibition of Award Funds To Pay for Travel of DOJ Employees | - Clarified policy with revised language |
| Foreword | March 28, 2023 | Office Leadership Update | - Updated COPS Office Director - Updated OJP Assistant Attorney General |
| Foreword | June 15, 2023 | Office Leadership Update | - Updated OVW Director |
| Chapter 3.11: Indirect Costs | July 18, 2023 | Establishment of Indirect Cost Rates | - Updated indirect costs resource document links |
| Chapter 3.8: Procurement Under Awards of Federal Assistance | September 12, 2023 | Procurement | - Updated "micro-purchase threshold" amount |
| Chapter 3.8: Procurement Under Awards of Federal Assistance | September 12, 2023 | Noncompetitive Procurement | - For clarity, divided the first bullet point into two bullet points |
| Chapter 3.19: Audit Requirements | September 12, 2023 | Audit Requirements | - Updated the administrator for Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) submissions from the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau to the General Services Administration (GSA). Also updated the website where submissions can be made: https://www.fac.gov |
| Chapter 2.2 Acceptance of Award and Award Conditions | January 2, 2024 | Award Conditions | - Updated the bullet point for the COPS Office Award Conditions. |
| Chapter 3.9 Allowable Costs | January 2, 2024 | Compensation for Personal Services (Personnel Expenses) | - Updated the SEC wage table to be: https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/ . That way it doesn't need to be replaced every year. |
| Chapter 1.1 - Users | October 1, 2024 | Recipients | Modified definition – also note “non-federal entities” is generally replaced in the updated 2 CFR 200 with “recipients or subrecipients” |
| Chapter 1.1 - Users | October 1, 2024 | Subrecipients | Modified definition |

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| Chapter 1.1 - Users | October 1, 2024 | For-profit | Modified definition |
| Chapter 3.2 - Period of Availability | October 1, 2024 | Closeout Costs | <p>Modified closeout cost language - All allowable financial obligations, properly incurred by the end of the period of performance, for the Federal award, must be liquidated no later than 120 days after the end date of the award.</p> <p>The 120 day liquidation period, exists to allow non-Federal entities, an opportunity to receive reimbursement for allowable goods and services, ordered and received. With the exception of administrative closeout costs, no new financial obligations may be incurred outside the period of performance.</p> |
| Chapter 3.3 - Cost Sharing | October 1, 2024 | Cost share | Revised terminology from “matching” to “cost sharing” |
| Chapter 3.6 - Cost Requiring Approval | October 1, 2024 | Equipment | Equipment threshold increased from \$5k to \$10k |
| Chapter 3.7 - Property Standards | October 1, 2024 | Equipment | Tribal organizations are allowed to use their own procedures for the use, management, and disposal of equipment |
| Chapter 3.8 - Procurement | October 1, 2024 | General Standards | Tribal organizations are allowed to use their own policies and procedures for procurement transactions. |
| Chapter 3.10 - Conference Approval | October 1, 2024 | Participant Support Costs | Added definition for participant support costs |
| Chapter 3.11 - Indirect Costs | October 1, 2024 | Modified Total Direct Costs | MTDC increased from \$25k to \$50k |
| Chapter 3.11 - Indirect Costs | October 1, 2024 | De minimis Rate | De minimis threshold increased from 10% to up to 15% |

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| Chapter 3.13 - Unallowable Costs | October 1, 2024 | Home Office | Language regarding home office was removed |
| Chapter 3.14 - Subrecipient Monitoring | October 1, 2024 | Subrecipient Risk | Risk assessments should now include fraud risk |
| Chapter 3.14 - Subrecipient Monitoring | October 1, 2024 | Suspension and Debarment | Subrecipients must be checked as to whether they are suspended or debarred from receiving federal funds |
| Chapter 3.19 - Audit Requirements | October 1, 2024 | Audit Threshold | Audit threshold increased from \$750k to \$1 million |
| Chapter 3.15 - Reporting Requirements | March – 2025 | FFATA Links | Updated FSRS language and link for change from fsrs to sam.gov/fsrs |
| Chapter 3.13 - Unallowable Costs | June - 2025 | Specific Tip | Removed specific tip - The use of BJA grant funds for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), including unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAV), and all accompanying accessories to support UAS or UAV is unallowable. Removed |
| Chapter 3.13 - Unallowable Costs | Sept – 2025 | Added language | Legal Services for Aliens Except as indicated in the following sentence, costs of providing legal services (that is, professional services of the kind lawfully provided only by individuals licensed to practice law) to any removable alien (see 8 U.S.C. § 1229a(e)(2)) or any alien otherwise unlawfully present in the United States are disallowed and may not be charged against the award. Costs for legal services disallowed under the preceding sentence do not include costs for legal services— (1) to obtain protection orders for victims of crime (including associated or related orders (e.g., custody orders), arising from the victimization); (2) that are associated with or relate to actions under 18 U.S.C. ch. 77 (peonage, slavery, and trafficking in persons); (3) to obtain T-visas, U-visas, or “continued presence” immigration status (see, e.g., 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(T) & (U); 22 U.S.C. § 7105(c)(3)(A)); or (4) as to which such disallowance would contravene any express requirement of any law, or of any judicial ruling, governing or applicable to the award. |
| Chapter 3.2 – Period of Performance | December 2025 | Availability of Funds; Project Period Extension Guidance | <p>Provided revised guidance on the policies and criteria for requesting an extension of a project period of performance.</p> <p>Attached a <u>Project Period Extension Quick Reference Guide</u> to support grantees when making their requests.</p> |
| Chapter 3.7 – Property Standards | December 2025 | Real Property Acquired with Federal Funds | Clarified that grant recipients are required to file a Notice of Federal Interest if DOJ funds are used to acquire or make improvements to real property. |