GMS Monthly Agency Meeting

Grants Management System
Monthly Agency Meeting: May 6, 2024

eCivis Metrics

System Metrics data from May 1, 2024

METRIC	VALUE AS OF MAY 1, 2024
NUMBER OF OPEN FEDERAL AWARDS	908
DOLLAR AMOUNT OF OPEN FEDERAL AWARDS	$3,236,925,678
NUMBER OF ACTIVE SUBAWARDS	584
DOLLAR AMOUNT OF ACTIVE SUBAWARDS	$116,776,724
NUMBER OF INVOICES PAID TO DATE	1,298
DOLLAR AMOUNT OFF INVOICES PAID TO DATE	$28,231,093

May Updates I

GMS State as Grantee/Prime Recipient and Related Updates:

1. **Indirect Cost State Agency > Subrecipient :** We will be offering a special training session for state agencies that issue subawards regarding the roles and responsibilities a Pass-Through Entity has related recognizing/accepting subrecipient indirect cost. This is a very important training session and we encourage all agency grant fiscal staff, CFOs, etc. to attend.

2. **Grantor/Subaward Functionality Enhancements (ARM):**   DOA building first test using the new system enhancements.

3. **State Fiscal Yearend Reminder:** Accounts and Control memo with yearend deadlines was released last month. Includes dates for eCivis invoices.

4. **Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG):** Updates training webinar June 11 – DOA Conference room 2A
   a) UGG changes are viewable **here** on this redlined version provided by CFO.gov
   b) Additional information on updates included in deck and future meetings.

5. **ERP Grants:**
   1. Grants BPO re-scheduled for Thursday May 9th

6. **Pandemic Program Management/Reporting:** SFRF quarterly report recently filed, joint effort between PRO/GMO. ERA also filed. HAF report forthcoming.

Changes to UGG 2 CFR 200 - Process

1. **Final Rule:**

   a) Published April in Federal Register

   b) To be published in CFR in October 2024

2. **Dates:**

   a) Takes effect October 1, 2024* "effective for all Federal awards issued on or after October 1, 2024" (OMB Memorandum M-24-11, p 2)

   b) Federal Agencies' plans to implement due to US OMB in May

3. **Documents Available from CFO.gov:**

   a) Updated version of UGG

   b) Unofficial redline version

   c) Reference guides

   d) Implementation memorandum

4. **Training**: June 11 – DOA Conference room 2A

Changes to UGG 2 CFR 200 - Substance

1. Reduction of Administrative Burden: Use of plain English, reduction in closeout requirements, increase equipment threshold from $5k to $10k, increase single audit threshold from $750k to $1m.

2. Simplification of Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs): Use of a streamlined template for federal grant announcements.

3. Clarification of Labor Standards and Procurement Flexibility: Updated guidance provides clearer labor standards and more flexibility in procurement processes. Changes to rules around preferences

4. Update to "Allocable," clause 200.405 increasing flexibility.

5. Strengthened Program Evaluation: Costs related to data and evaluation now explicitly allowable

6. Increased Indirect Cost Rate: De minimis rate changed from 10% to 15%, with increase in subaward amount allowable in base from $25k to $50k.

7. Use of Languages Other than English: Emphasis and clarity around translations

Caveat: This is a preliminary summary of the changes. Adapted from Witt O'Brien's summary.

May Updates II

Grantor / PTE Updates:

1. **Subawards: Waivers to Competitive Solicitation**
   a) Please use the electronic version of the form and sign with digital signature.
   b) Programs with multiple subrecipients, the proposed subrecipients should all be included on one form if you need to attach an Excel or Word file addendum that is fine.
   c) Reconciliation/Verification of existing DTAs in eCivis with approved waivers – ongoing.

2. **RI Grants Regulation 220-RICR-20-00-2 Revisions:**
   1. Went into effect April 23, 2024. Refer to February 2024 slide deck for summary of changes.
   2. New direct final rulemaking – details on separate slide

3. **Statewide Subaward Data:** List of open eCivis subawards to be posted online quarterly. Data as of March 31, 2024 is available on the GMO website.
   - Filterable, exportable.
   - City/State fields: If your subrecipients' data is blank, they can update it in Portal, in the "My Profile" section. Updates will apply to future quarterly postings.

RI Grants Regulation – Direct Final Rulemaking

220-RICR-20-00-2.6.5(C)(3)

- Proposed amendment expands the grounds for modifications to the Subaward Agreement template.

- Send comments to Laura.E.Sullivan@doa.ri.gov by **COB on Thursday, 5/9/24**

3.   If a State agency requires a modification to the Subaward Agreement template, the State agency shall be responsible for providing a modified Subaward Agreement template for review and written approval by the Controller, or designee, prior to use. Modifications to the Subaward Agreement template shall ~~only~~ be considered at the sole discretion of the Controller, or designee, when there is a showing that the proposed modification is in the best interest of the state or essential to achieving the federal program purpose. ~~if there is a conflict between federal program rules and regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Subaward Agreement template.~~

eCivis Invoices and State Fiscal Yearend

Steps for eCivis Invoices to be Recorded in SFY24

1. Advise subrecipients to submit invoices before the A&C approval deadlines.
2. Confirm Reporting Period ends on/before 6/30/2024. Reopen to subrecipient for changes if the period erroneously includes dates in SFY25.

Financial Report Details

Reporting Period:
03/01/2023 - 03/31/2023

Invoice number:*   Receiver ID:*

Category	Spend	Match	Award Approved	Match Approved

3. Ensure invoice completes eCivis approval workflow by COB on Sunday, 7/14. "Current Status" must be "Approved / Awaiting Payment" for it to be sent to RIFANS. Note: This does not guarantee the invoice will load into RIFANS overnight.
4. Ensure invoice completes RIFANS approval workflow by COB on 7/17. If this does NOT happen on time, A&C will cancel the invoice. If this happens, use the [Support Form](). GMO will assist you.

Training & Support for Agencies

Additional Agency Training Sessions: Tuesdays at 1 PM

Invitations sent approx. 2 weeks prior to training date

1. Federal Award Management (Prime Recipient Part 2): May 7, 2024 @ 1:00pm (New Training!)

2. Applying Online for Grants from RI State Agencies (Applicants): May 29, 2024 at 10:00am

3. Managing Your Grant / Subaward for RI Subrecipients: May 29, 2024 at 1:00pm

   Applicant and Subrecipient sign up link: Upcoming Trainings - Sign Up! - Grants Management RI

   Ensure you have the correct SharePoint link to prevent issues accessing – bookmark/save link below

   https://rigov.sharepoint.com/:f:/r/sites/DOA-AccountsControl-

   GrantsManagement/GMS%20Project/State%20Agency%20Trainings?csf=1&web=1&e=epfzt5

   Submit User Support Form if you cannot access – do not request access via SharePoint

Additional Support provided to Agencies for GMS Adoption:

1. Weekly Office Hours - Thursdays at 2 PM

2. Monthly Agency Call – 1st or 2nd Monday at 2 PM

3. **User Support Form – Available for both State Agency and Subrecipient/Applicant users**

https://controller.admin.ri.gov/grants-management/grant-management-system-gms/resources-state-agencies

Appendix

User Support:

To submit a support request please use the User Support form located on the Grants Management Office website:
https://controller.admin.ri.gov/grants-management/grant-management-system-gms/user-support

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