

Uniform Grant Guidance Updates



NGMA Uniform Grants Guidance Training Webinar

Grants Management Office
DEM Room 300 Tuesday June 11, 2024 12:30 – 4:00 PM

Agenda

1. Introductions/logistics – Thank you DEM for hosting
2. Uniform Grant Guidance Updates 101
3. Overview of resources
4. National Grant Management Association (NGMA)
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Uniform Grant Guidance 101

1. What is Uniform Grants Guidance (UGG)?

Uniform Grants Guidance is a federal regulation that provides authoritative, all-encompassing rules that govern federal awards, which are predominately grants and cooperative agreements. For recipients of federal financial assistance, there is no more sweeping and all-encompassing regulation. UGG is heavily focused on reducing the risk of waste, fraud and abuse while reducing administrative burden for non-federal entities receiving federal awards. It is the foundation on which federal agencies develop their policies for grants and cooperative agreements. Sometimes also referred to as 2 CFR 200.

2. When do the updates to UGG take effect?

The updates are effective for new awards issued 10/01/24, the beginning of the federal fiscal year. Impacts to In-flight awards may vary by federal agency.

3. Where can I see the updates?

UGG changes are viewable [here](#) on this redlined version provided by CFO.gov

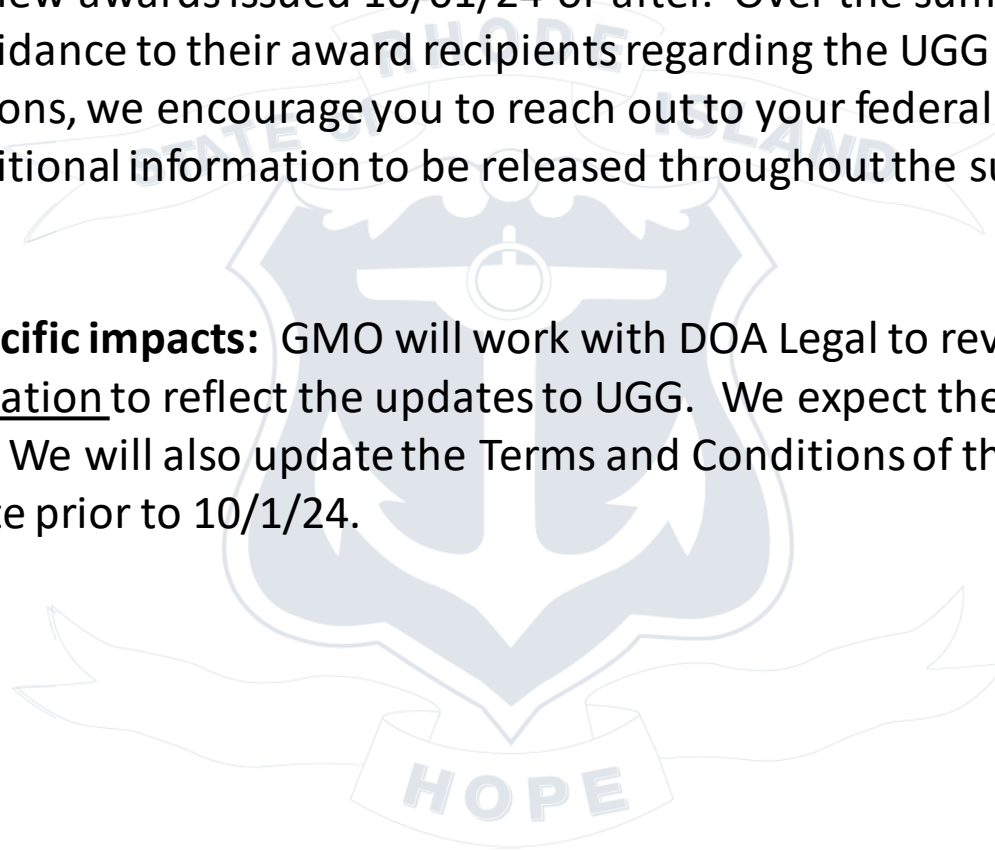
Additional information is included: <https://www.cfo.gov/resources/uniform-guidance/>

We expect [ECFR](#) to be updated 10/01/24

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4. Will these updates impact my federal awards? Yes, most likely they will. Most of the impacts will be for new awards issued 10/01/24 or after. Over the summer federal agencies will be providing guidance to their award recipients regarding the UGG updates. If you have specific questions, we encourage you to reach out to your federal program contact. We also expect additional information to be released throughout the summer and early fall.

5. Rhode Island specific impacts: GMO will work with DOA Legal to review and update the Grant Making Regulation to reflect the updates to UGG. We expect these updates will occur later this fall. We will also update the Terms and Conditions of the Subaward Agreement Template prior to 10/1/24.



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.

Resources for Agencies

1. Uniform Grants Guidance Questions:

- a) General questions about guidance, updates etc.: Contact the Grants Management Office
- b) Questions about your federal award and the impact of the updates on subawards or related issues we recommend contacting your federal program contact(s) for guidance.
- c) Legal questions related to the application of UGG for agreements, contracts we recommend first contacting your agency legal staff (if you have), if not contact DOA legal, who will often consult with our office related to these issues.

2. Resources related to UGG and grants management

- a) [National Grants Management Association \(NGMA\)](#) the host of today's training webinar
 - a) Agency staff can join and there is a discounted rate for 5+
 - b) NGMA provides monthly training and an annual conference.
- b) Other professional organizations
- c) Outside consultants/training: There are a number of organizations providing grant training and consulting services including legal firms that specialize in grant related issues. Contact our office for additional resources.

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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