



Arizona Department of Administration Office of Grants and Federal Resources

MEMO

March 31, 2020

OMB policy memos in response to COVID-19

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has identified the following agency actions to relieve short term administrative, financial management and audit requirements under 2 CFR 200. Federal awarding agencies are authorized to take the following actions, *as they deem appropriate*, with respect to the administrative provisions that apply to this class of Federal grant awards.

OMB Memo ([M-20-11](#))

Release Date: March 9, 2020

Expires: Does not expire

Scope: Applies to those grant awards that support the continued research and services necessary to carry out the emergency response related to COVID-19 during the period formally declared by the Department of Health and Human Services through the 90 Day Public Health Emergency Declaration (Public Health Emergency Period).

General Provisions:

- Flexibility with SAM registration for applicants
- Waiver for notice of funding opportunities (NOFO) publication
- Allows pre-award costs
- No-cost extensions on expiring awards
- Abbreviated non-competitive continuation requests
- Expenditure of award funds for salaries and other project activities
- Waivers from prior approval requirements
- Exemption of certain procurement requirements
- Extension of financial and other reporting (3 mo.)
- Extension of Single Audit submission (12 mo.)

OMB Memo ([M-20-17](#))

Release Date: March 19, 2020

Expires: Re-assessed after 90 days

Scope: Provides similar administrative relief listed in M-20-11 to an expanded scope of recipients affected by the loss of operational capacity and increased costs due to the COVID-19 crisis.

General Provisions:

- All provisions included under (M-20-11) except for pre-award costs
- Adds flexibility with application deadlines
- Allowability of costs not normally chargeable to awards (e.g. cancellation of events, travel)
- Extension of currently approved indirect cost rates
- Extension of closeout (up to 12 mo.)
- Extension of Single Audit submission (6 mo.)

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