

CHANGES TO UNIFORM GUIDANCE



**PROPOSED
RULE**
Comments Due
July 13

What It Means for Your Organization

On May 29, 2026, OMB proposed substantial changes to the Uniform Guidance (2 CFR Part 200) that could reshape federal grantmaking.

WHY IT MATTERS



Would shift the Uniform Guidance from non-binding guidance to binding regulation.



Adds political and ideological factors into federal grantmaking.



Expands grounds for terminating or suspending existing awards.



Could impact how organizations plan, operate, and serve communities.

KEY PROPOSED CHANGES

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FROM GUIDANCE TO REGULATION

Would convert the Uniform Guidance from non-binding guidelines to regulation, giving OMB more authority at the federal level and reducing agency discretion.

IMPACT:
Less flexibility and faster implementation of policy changes.

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EXPANDED AUTHORITY TO TERMINATE AWARDS

Agencies could terminate or suspend awards if they no longer align with program goals, agency priorities—at any time.

IMPACT:
Increased financial and operational uncertainty for multi-year programs.

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NEW DEI-RELATED RESTRICTIONS

Would prohibit the use of federal funds to support discretionary grants before awards are issued, using criteria linked to administration priorities and the national interest.

IMPACT:
May affect services, policies, and overall organizational practices.

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INCREASED POLITICAL OVERSIGHT

Would require political appointees to review discretionary grants before awards are issued, using criteria linked to administration priorities and the national interest.

IMPACT:
More political influence and uncertainty even before awards are made.

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ADDITIONAL AREAS OF IMPACT

Proposed changes around immigration status, procurement, and allowable costs may also affect eligibility and service delivery.

IMPACT:
New compliance risks and potential limits on how funds can be used.

WHAT ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD DO NOW



Review current federally funded programs for potential impacts.



Review DEI policies and prepare for potential changes.



Diversify funding streams (where possible) to reduce reliance on federal awards.



Stay engaged with associations and advocacy networks tracking the rulemaking process.



Submit Public Comments

Comments due July 13, 2026.



Stay informed—these changes are proposed and may change.



Need help navigating the changes? [Fox Grants](#) can help you stay compliant, strengthen your grant strategy, and prepare for what's next.