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OMB Issues Guidance on Administrative Relief for Federal Grant Recipients and Applicants Impacted by COVID-19

Last Thursday, March 19, 2020, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget ([OMB](#)) issued a document titled “[Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) due to Loss of Operations](#).” The five-page guidance provides similar administrative relief listed in the [March 9, 2020, OMB guidance](#) to an expanded scope of recipients affected by the loss of operational capacity and increased costs due to the COVID-19 crisis. The March 9 document provided flexibility to grant recipients performing essential research and services necessary to carry out the emergency response related to COVID-19.

The March 19 guidance provides short term relief for administrative, financial management, and audit requirements under 2 CFR [Part 200](#), without compromising federal financial assistance accountability requirements. Administrative relief efforts include flexibility with application deadlines, no-cost extensions on expiring awards, allowability of costs not normally chargeable to awards, among other provisions. In addition to the flexibilities provided within the document, agencies are reminded of their existing flexibility to issue exceptions on a case-by-case basis in accordance with 2 CFR [§ 200.102](#). Exceptions in the memo are time limited and will be reassessed by OMB within 90 days.



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