

§ 2553.73 What are grants management requirements?

What rules govern a sponsor's management of grants?

(a) A sponsor shall manage a grant awarded in accordance with:

- (1) The Act;
- (2) Regulations in this part;
- (3) 45 CFR Part 2541, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments", or 45 CFR Part 2543, "Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations";

(4) The following OMB Circulars, as appropriate A-21, "Cost Principles for Educational Institutions", A-87, "Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments", A-122, "Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations", and A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Other Non-Profit Organizations" (OMB circulars are available electronically at the OMB homepage www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/omb); and

(5) Other applicable Corporation requirements.

(b) Project support provided under a Corporation grant shall be furnished at the lowest possible cost consistent with the effective operation of the project.

(c) Project costs for which Corporation funds are budgeted must be justified as being essential to project operation.

(d) Project funds shall not be used to reimburse volunteers for expenses, including transportation costs, incurred while performing their volunteer assignments. Volunteers on assignment during a normal meal period may be reimbursed for the meal cost. Equipment or supplies for volunteers on assignment are not allowable costs. Assignment related costs of transportation, equipment, supplies, etc. are the responsibility of the volunteer station or a third party.

(e) Volunteer expense items, including transportation, meals, recognition activities and items purchased at the volunteers own expense that are not reimbursed, are not allowable as contributions to the non-Federal share of the budget.

(f) Costs of other insurance not required by program policy, but maintained by a sponsor for the general conduct of its activities are allowable with the following limitations:

(1) Types and extent of and cost of coverage are according to sound institutional and business practices;

(2) Costs of insurance or a contribution to any reserve covering the risk of loss of or damage to Government-owned property are unallowable unless the government specifically requires and approves such costs; and

(3) The cost of insurance on the lives of officers, trustees or staff is unallowable except where such insurance is part of an employee plan which is not unduly restricted.

(g) Costs to bring a sponsor into basic compliance with accessibility requirements for individuals with disabilities are not allowable costs.

(h) Payments to settle discrimination allegations, either informally through a settlement agreement or formally as a result of a decision finding discrimination, are not allowable costs.

(i) Written Corporation State Office approval/concurrence is required for the following changes in the approved grant:

(1) Change in the approved service area.

(2) Transfer of budgeted line items from Volunteer Expenses to Support Expenses. This requirement does not apply if the 25 percent cost reimbursement ratio is maintained.

Subpart H—Non-Corporation Funded Projects**§ 2553.81 Under what conditions may an agency or organization sponsor a RSVP project without Corporation funding?**

An eligible agency or organization who wishes to sponsor a RSVP project without Corporation funding, must sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Corporation that:

(a) Certifies its intent to comply with all Corporation requirements for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program; and

(b) Identifies responsibilities to be carried out by each party.