

GATA Support for Grantees Impacted by COVID-19

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The federal Office of Management and Budget is allowing flexibilities in administrative requirements for services necessary to carry out the emergency response related to COVID-19. It's anticipated that the flexibilities will vary greatly by grant program and in some cases may also depend on individual circumstances.

As of this date, the federal government has provided guidance on administrative requirement flexibilities, federal OMB memo (M-20-11). This scope of their guidance is limited to actual immediate COVID-19 funding for research, testing etc. In addition, the federal and state administration will evaluate if these flexibilities should be extended to recipients whose operations have been adversely impacted in the emergency response related to COVID-19 at a later date. Federal agencies are incrementally providing program-level guidance. [Website Link to Federal Agencies Responding to Coronavirus: https://www.usa.gov/government-coronavirus-response](https://www.usa.gov/government-coronavirus-response).

We are working with our state agencies to collect and document any and all temporarily relaxed administrative requirements for state and federal funded grants. As soon as possible, state agencies will provide instruction on administrative requirement flexibilities for state funded programs. In the meantime, you can reach out to your state awarding agencies to inquire about the impact of COVID-19 on existing and future funding. As more clarification is provided at the federal level, additional communication will be provided.