



Member Comments Requested on Treasury Interim Final Rule on The Definition of "Obligation"

The U.S. Department of Treasury's interim final rule to amend the definition of "obligation," as set forth in the department's regulations on the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, has been officially published for comment in the [Federal Register](#). The document and more information on the interim rule can be accessed on [Treasury's website](#).

The new guidance modifies the definition of obligation and provides clarification on costs after obligation date of Dec 31, 2024, but through performance date of Dec 31, 2026. Payroll for the items listed below may be allowed so long as costs are required because you're receiving SLFRF funds, and you provide an estimate and justification of those costs along with a reasoning of how the amount is calculated to Treasury by April 30, 2024.

- Reporting and compliance requirements
- Single Audit costs
- Record retention and internal control requirements
- Property standards
- Environmental compliance requirements
- Civil rights and nondiscrimination requirements

The provisions in the interim final rule are effective November 20, 2023, and comments must be received by Treasury on or before December 20, 2023. Comments may be submitted directly to Treasury through the [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#).



