



OMB Releases Final Guidance for Grants and Agreements

The U.S. Office of Management and Budget has released a [pre-publication version](#) of changes to its guidance on grants and agreements (including changes to the Uniform Guidance), as well as a [reference guide](#). OMB has also released an [implementation memorandum](#) for federal agencies. The Whitehouse has similarly [announced the release](#) of the final guidance. Here are a few items to note:

- Raises the single audit threshold from \$750,000 to \$1 million.
- Raises the de minimus indirect cost rate from 10% to 15%.
- Uses the term recipient and subrecipient except in areas where a specific provision applies to an entity that is not a federal entity.
- Raises equipment and supply thresholds from \$5,000 to \$10,000.
- Revises the template text for a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).
- Revises areas of the cost principals including clarification of pension costs – language modified from original proposal. New revised section:
 - (v) Payments for unfunded pension costs must be charged in accordance with the allocation principles of this subpart. Specifically, the recipient or subrecipient may not charge unfunded pension costs directly to a federal award if those unfunded pension costs are not allocable to that award.

