

# INTERNET FOR ALL CONNECTING MINORITY COMMUNITIES

Version 2.0





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## Welcome to the CMC Family!



Congratulations on your new grant!

We have provided some guidelines to help you through the post award process.

Stay tuned for more exciting information including upcoming webinars!





## Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program



- Through the Connecting Minority Communities (CMC) Pilot Program, NTIA will directly address the lack of broadband access, connectivity, adoption and equity at our nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs), and in their surrounding anchor communities
- Accordingly, Congress has directed NTIA to provide grants to HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs to facilitate educational instruction and learning, including through remote instruction; and to consortia including Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) or taxexempt 501(c)(3) organizations to operate that MBE or tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization
- Eligible recipients may use grant funds to:
  - (1) purchase broadband internet access service, including the installation or upgrade of broadband facilities on a one-time, capital improvement, basis to increase or expand broadband capacity and/or connectivity at the eligible institution;
  - (2) purchase or lease eligible equipment and devices for student or patron use, subject to any restrictions and prohibited uses; and
  - (3) hire and train information technology personnel who are a part of the eligible anchor institution, MBE, or tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization





## **CMC** Program Goals



**What?** The CMC Pilot Program focused on building the broadband digital capacities of HBCUs, TCUs and MSI educational institutions and their surrounding communities to:



Expand educational instruction and remote learning opportunities



Hire Information Technology Personnel



Spur economic development, employment and entrepreneurship

**Purpose?** To build the broadband and digital technology capacities of eligible institutions and support broadband access, adoption, and digital skills within those institutions and in their surrounding anchor communities.





## Eligible Recipients



- Historically Black Colleges or Universities (HBCUs)
- Tribal Colleges or Universities (TCUs)
- Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs)
  - ✓ Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs)
  - ✓ Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI)
  - ✓ Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions (ANNH)
  - ✓ Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISI)
  - ✓ Predominantly Black Institutions (PBI)
- Consortiums led by HBCUs, TCUs, or MSIs that include a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) or Tax-Exempt 501(c)(3) Organization







## Meet Your NTIA Program Office



#### NTIA OFFICE OF MINORITY BROADBAND INITIATIVES

Kevin Hughes, Acting OMBI Director

Francine Alkisswani, Federal Program Officer (FPO)

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#### Meet Your NIST Grants Team



#### **NIST GRANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION**

Scott McNichol, Team Lead & Grants Officer Yongming Qiu, Grants Officer Kimberly Shields, Grants Specialist LaJuan Howard, Grants Specialist Sabrina Sananes, Grants Technical Assistant







## **AWARD MANAGEMENT**





## What Are My Immediate Actions?



• Within 30 business days of Award:



Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) signs your official award document (CD-450)

Email it to your NIST Grants Specialist and NTIA FPO cc: CMC@NTIA.gov Designate additional roles to individuals in your organization for effective and efficient grants management





## What Other Roles Should I Designate?



#### OTHER THAN YOUR AOR, WE RECOMMEND DESIGNATING:

#### **Project Director**

Assists the AOR with administration and management of your grant

#### **Payment Requestor**

Responsible for submitting drawdown requests in ASAP

WE RECOMMEND DIVIDING ROLES AS MUCH AS PRACTICABLE, BUT YOU CAN ASSIGN MULTIPLE ROLES TO A SINGLE PERSON IF YOU CHOOSE, SUBJECT TO THE INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIREMENTS IN 2 C.F.R. 200.303







## PROGRAM COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS





## Program Compliance Requirements Overview



Allowable vs. Unallowable Costs Specific Award Conditions

Records Retention Requirements

Single Audit Requirements

CONSULT THE FPO LISTED ON YOUR GRANT AWARD IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS REGARDING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.





#### Allowable Costs



• All costs must be necessary for the performance of the award. Costs must not be prohibited by statute, the cost principles in 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E, another regulation, program guidance, or the terms of the award. Costs must also be adequately documented, as outlined in 2 C.F.R. 200.403(g)

#### **COSTS MUST BE:**

**Reasonable**: Does not exceed that which would be incurred by a prudent person at the time the decision was made to incur such cost (see 2 CFR 200.404).

**Allocable:** Incurred either directly or indirectly to carry out the scope of work (see 2 CFR 200.405).

**Allowable**: Meets the criteria for authorized expenditures in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and in the Federal Cost Principles; that is necessary and reasonable for performance of the award and not otherwise specifically prohibited.



#### PLEASE REFER TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF YOUR AWARD ON THE CD-450.





#### Allowable & Unallowable Costs



#### REMINDER: ALL ALLOWABLE COSTS MUST BE REFLECTED IN THE APPROVED BUDGET

#### **ALLOWABLE COSTS**

- ✓ Personnel Costs salaries and fringe benefits
- ✓ Hardware, software, and other digital technology
- ✓ Equipment and devices (excluding mobile phones) Wi-Fi hotspot, modem, router, device that combines a modem and router
- ✓ Implementation of affordable broadband programs, digital training, education, technology support, outreach and awareness program
- ✓ Sub-awards and contractual costs

#### **UNALLOWABLE COSTS**

- x Certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment
- x Profit and fees
- x Prohibited use of equipment-sale or transfer of any portion of grant-funded equipment
- x Construction activities
- x Loan repayment & collateral

NOTE: THIS IS NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF ALLOWABLE/UNALLOWABLE COSTS. CONTACT YOUR GRANTS SPECIALIST IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER A COST IS ALLOWABLE.





## Equipment



- **Definition** Tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and per-unit acquisition costs which equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the non-Federal entity for financial statement purposes, or \$5,000. See also the definitions of *capital assets, computing devices, general purpose equipment, information technology systems, special purpose equipment,* and *supplies* in 2 C.F.R. 200.1.
- **Tagging of Equipment** Equipment purchased with Federal funds are required to be tagged. Equipment should be tagged with a unique tag number to identify equipment acquired with Federal funding.
- Data Elements for Tag:
  - Asset tag number
  - Description of Equipment
  - Manufacturer's serial number, model number or other identification number
  - Source of equipment, including grant/award number
  - Acquisition date (or date received) and cost
  - Information noting the equipment was acquired using Federal funding

WHEN RECORDING EQUIPMENT, INCLUDE LOCATION (BUILDING AND ROOM NUMBER), CONDITION OF EQUIPMENT, AND THE DATE THE INFORMATION WAS REPORTED.





#### Non-Federal Cost Share



#### NIST APPROVES THE VOLUNTARY COMMITTED NON-FEDERAL COST SHARE PER THE SPECIFIC AWARD CONDITIONS.

- Expenses are considered cost share when the contribution meets <u>all</u> of the following criteria:
  - Are verifiable from the non-Federal entity's records;
  - Are not included as contributions for any other Federal award;
  - Are necessary and reasonable for accomplishment of project or program objectives;
  - Are allowable costs;
  - Are not paid by the Federal Government under another Federal award;
  - Are provided for in the approved budget when required by the Federal awarding agency; and
  - Conform to other provisions of this part, as applicable.

#### STAY TUNED - WE WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TRAINING FOR CONFIRMING YOUR NON-FEDERAL SHARE!





## Specific Award Conditions (SACs)



#### NTIA AND NIST HAVE ESTABLISHED CERTAIN SACs THAT ALL RECIPIENTS NEED TO KNOW.

- **Third Party Beneficiaries:** The CMC Pilot Program is a discretionary grant program that is not intended to and does not create any rights enforceable by third party beneficiaries.
- **Construction Activities Prohibited:** Construction activities are not permitted pursuant to this award. Activities related to construction are not allowable under the CMC Pilot Program.
- **Domestic Preference for Procurements (Buy American):** To the greatest extent practicable, you must provide a preference for services, goods, or materials produced in the United States. (*See* 2 C.F.R. 200.322)
- Contracting with Small and Minority Businesses, Women's Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms: You must take affirmative steps to assure that the above listed businesses are used whenever possible. (See 2 C.F.R. 200.321)
- **No Duplication of Federal Funding:** No federal funds may be used to duplicate costs, services, connections, facilities, or equipment that have been authorized through another federal program.





## Record Retention Requirements



- Guidance: 2 C.F.R. § 200.334
- Records pertinent to a Federal award must be retained for a period of three years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report, subject to certain exceptions contained in 2 CFR § 200.334.

#### RECIPIENTS SHOULD RETAIN THE FOLLOWING AFTER CLOSEOUT:

- Award package
- Financial records
- Evidence of program accomplishments
- Progress reports
- Audit follow-up records

- Monitoring records
- Written determinations and preapprovals
- Final closeout letter
- Record of reconciliation
- Property disposition forms

REMINDER: WE WILL REVIEW THIS INFORMATION AGAIN AT CLOSEOUT





## Single Audit Requirements



- Clarification: 2 CFR § 200 Subpart F; Section VI.G of the NOFO.
- Recipients that expend more than \$750,000 of Federal funds in a single fiscal year are required to submit a single audit.

1

Audits are conducted as either single audits or program-specific audits as requested by the Grants Officer.

2

Due to the audit requirements, it is highly recommended that eligible entities maintain all relevant documentation to support use of funds.

3

The retention schedule for this program is three years.







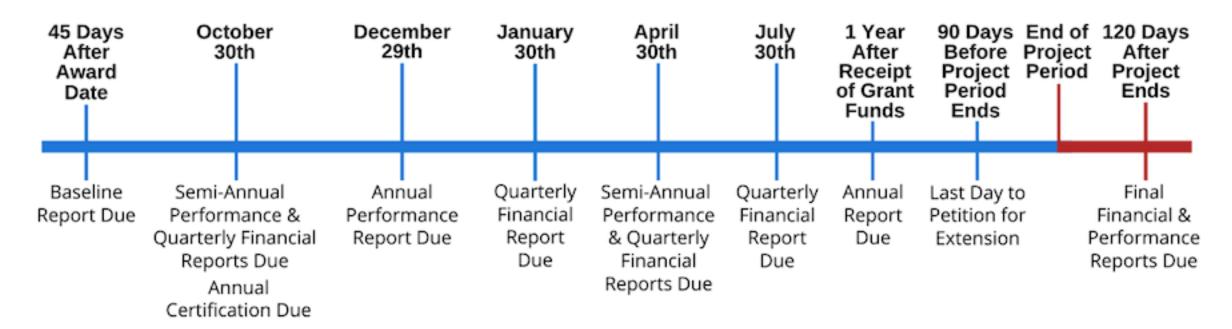
## PROGRAM & FINANCIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS





## Reporting Timeline





\*Note: If No Cost Extension is granted, performance and financial reports will continue to be due on the cadence above.

RECIPIENTS MUST SUBMIT PROGRAMMATIC AND FINANCIAL REPORTS IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE CADENCE ABOVE THROUGH THE DURATION OF THEIR PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE.





## Reporting Requirements – Performance



#### YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT PERFORMACE REPORTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE BELOW

| REPORT  | REPORTING PERIOD                        | DUE DATES   | SUBMIT TO  | FORMS  |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| Baseline Report                               | Baseline                                | Within 45 days of award   |  |  |
| Semi-Annual Performance<br>(Technical) Report | October 1–March 31 April 1–September 30 | April 30<br>October 30  |  |  |
| Annual Performance<br>(Technical) Report      | Award date-September 30                 | December 29   | Submit via email to greports@nist.gov and CC: NTIA FPO | Will be posted on CMC<br>Post-Award Website and<br>emailed to you in advance |
| Annual Report                                 | Annualized award period                 | Not later than 1 year after receiving grant funds and every year thereafter | CC. NHAFFO   | from your FPO.   |
| Final Performance<br>(Technical) Report       | Cumulative award period                 | Within 120 days after the end of the project period                         |  |  |





## Reporting Requirements – Financial



#### YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT FINANCIAL REPORTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE BELOW

| REPORT  | REPORTING PERIOD   | DUE DATES   | SUBMIT TO                             | FORM   |
|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| Quarterly<br>Federal Financial Report<br>(SF-425) | Jan. 1–March 31 April 1–June 30 July 1-Sept. 30 Oct. 1-Dec. 31 | April 30 July 30 October 30 January 30              | Submit via email to                   | Federal Financial Report (FFR) SF-<br>425 available at |
| Final Financial Report                            | Cumulative award period  | Within 120 days after the end of the project period | greports@nist.gov and CC:<br>NTIA FPO | https://www.grants.gov/                                |





## Reporting Requirements – Annual Certification



#### YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ANNUAL CERTIFICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE BELOW

| REPORT               | REPORTING PERIOD    | DUE DATES  | SUBMIT TO   | FORM  |
|----------------------|---------------------|--|---|---|
| Annual Certification | Federal fiscal year | 30 days after Federal fiscal year end (October 30) | Submit via email to<br>greports@nist.gov and CC: NTIA FPO | NOFO Appendix A – Certification regarding Compliance with Statutory and Programmatic Requirements |

STAY TUNED - WE WILL PROVIDE DEEPER DIVE SESSIONS ON ALL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.





## Where Can I Find Help With Reporting?





We will provide deeper dive sessions and/or documentation to walk through how to complete financial reports, annual reports, and technical/programmatic performance reports.

Annual and performance (technical) report forms and data collection is currently under review by OMB. In accordance with award terms and conditions, use of these forms will be required upon OMB approval.

If you have questions about reporting, please contact your FPO.







## GRANT MONITORING, OVERSIGHT, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE





## Grant Monitoring & Oversight



- NTIA and the NIST GMD will monitor your grants to ensure compliance with Federal regulations and grant terms to avoid waste, fraud, and abuse:
  - Monitoring and oversight of awards may be in the form of site visits or desk reviews. Monitoring is <u>not</u> an audit!
  - Monitoring will occur on a regular basis, and you will be notified in advance of any site visits.
  - The types of activities we may review during a site visit or desk review:
    - Organizational structure and governance
    - Contracts, subrecipient, and procurement policies
    - Financial management policies and procedures
    - Programmatic activities





#### **Technical Assistance**



• NTIA will provide technical assistance (TA) to grant recipients to equip you with tools and information to help them successfully execute their grant-funded initiatives. Sample topics for TA workshops:

• Topics addressed here today (i.e., reporting)

Program Implementation and Consulting Services

Equipment and instrumentation

Regulatory permitting

In some cases, NTIA may provide hands-on TA to a recipient.

#### STAY TUNED - WE WILL PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE!







## GRANT MANAGEMENT





## How Will I Manage My Grant?



• NTIA will partner with NIST's Grants Management Division to manage the CMC grant activities. NIST Grants Officers and Grants Specialists will be able to assist you with:

Accepting and amending your award

 Requesting changes to your award, known as Award Amendments

Submitting and uploading reports and documents

RECIPIENTS WILL USE THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AUTOMATED STANDARD APPLICATION FOR PAYMENTS (ASAP) SYSTEM TO DRAWDOWN FUNDS.





### **Unfunded Grant Actions (UGAs)**



• UGAs can be found in Specific Award Condition #19, Prior Approvals - Unfunded Grant Actions Mailbox (UGAM) and include, but are not limited to:



No-Cost Extensions



Changes in Scope



Subrecipient Processing



Changes in Key Personnel



Budget Modifications

TO REQUEST CHANGES TO YOUR AWARD, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU FIRST DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR ASSIGNED FPO.

AFTER CONSULTING YOUR FPO, SUBMIT TO <u>UGAM@NIST.GOV</u>.

SUBJECT LINE: RECIPIENT NAME, AWARD #, PROJECT DIRECTOR, AND ACTION.

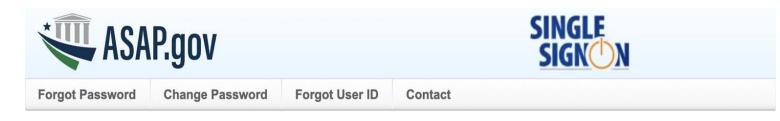




#### How Do I Drawdown Funds In ASAP?



## First, ensure that you have an account set up in ASAP.



#### How do I set up my ASAP account?

- Contact the ASAP Help Desk with to enroll
  - 1-855-868-0151 or;
  - asaphelpdesk@fiscal.treasury.gov
- Ensure that you have your UEI and EIN
- Ensure that you bank accounts are properly linked to your ASAP account

By logging in with **PIV or User ID/Password**, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and agree to abide by the <u>Rules of Behavior</u>

| Please make sure he reader   | your card/iKey is plugged into |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Jan 2011  Government Survey Su | LOGIN WITH YOUR PIV            |







## How Do I Submit a Payment Request?



#### THE PAYMENT REQUESTOR DESIGNATED BY YOUR ORGANIZATION MUST SUBMIT THE REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT

- Steps to Submit a Payment Request:
  - 1. Login to your ASAP account
  - 2. Select Initiate a Payment Request
  - 3. Enter the **Requestor ID** assigned to the Payment Requestor of your ASAP account
  - 4. Specify the criteria for the award funds from which you're drawing:
    - a. Recipient ID assigned to your Recipient Organization or the Payment Requestor in ASAP
    - **b. Account ID** ASAP account that has been setup by the Federal program agency.
  - 5. Specify the payment information:
    - a. Payment Request Type (Individual or Summary)
    - **b. Payment Method** (ACH or Fedwire)
    - c. Requested Settlement Date (will depend upon the Payment Method selected)
  - 6. Enter Amount Requested
  - 7. Review and Confirm Transaction





## **Payments**



- You will request funds in ASAP by advance payment or reimbursement as needed to pay for allowable grant costs.
- Advanced payments must be timed to limit excess cash-on-hand (no more than 30 days)
- Funds drawn in advance must be kept in an interestbearing account in accordance with the requirements contained in 2 C.F.R. 200.305(b)(8)

- Interest accrued in excess of \$500 per calendar year must be returned
- Contact a Grants Specialist if you identify a cash error and need to return funds

#### STAY TUNED – WE WILL PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON PAYMENTS!





### We Want to Help



We are committed to providing excellent service to you as you begin the process of ensuring equitable access to high quality broadband in your community!

We dedicate ourselves to ensuring that this program operates as efficiently as possible.

Be sure to contact your Federal Program Officer at NTIA if you have any questions about your award.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR AWARD AND WELCOME TO THE CONNECTING MINORITY COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM





# **CMC** Key Program Contacts



| IF YOUR INQUIRY IS RELATED TO   | CONTACT  |
|---|--|
| Submission of required grant documents                                | ✓ Assigned Federal Program Officer designated on your award  |
| Assistance with required grant documents and/or day-to-day activities | ✓ Kevin Hughes, Acting Director OMBI / CMC Team Lead, <a href="mailto:khughes@ntia.gov">khughes@ntia.gov</a> (202)578-2958, or Assigned Federal Program Officer designated on your award |
| Assistance with grant management and/or compliance                    | ✓ GS designated on your award ✓ Mercedes Martinez, Grants Officer, mercedes.martinez@nist.gov  |
| Media inquiries   | ✓ Stephen Yusko, Public Affairs Specialist at NTIA, <a href="mailto:press@NTIA.gov">press@NTIA.gov</a> , (202)482-7002   |
| General feedback, comments, concerns                                  | ✓ CMC@ntia.gov   |





#### **Useful Resources**



- Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program Website
- DOC Standard Terms & Conditions
- CMC Notice of Funding Opportunity
- NIST Grants Management Division
- <u>Grants.gov Post-Award Forms and Instructions</u>
- <u>CMC Grant Recipient Handbook</u>







# DETECTING AND DEFEATING FRAUD







# **QUESTION AND ANSWER**







# **THANK YOU**

The slides will be sent to you via email following the training session.

Contact Information:





# **Appendix**

# Hold for Baseline Reports and HSR Memos



**IRB** Office





## Acronyms and Key Terms



#### **Acronyms**

- **AAR** Award Action Request
- **AOR** Authorized Organization Representative
- **ASAP** Automated Standard Application for Payments
- CMC Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program

- **FFR** Federal Financial Report
- **FPO** Federal Program Officer
- **NIST GO** NIST Grants Officer
- **NIST GS** NIST Grants Specialist
- **OICG-** Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth

#### **Key Terms**

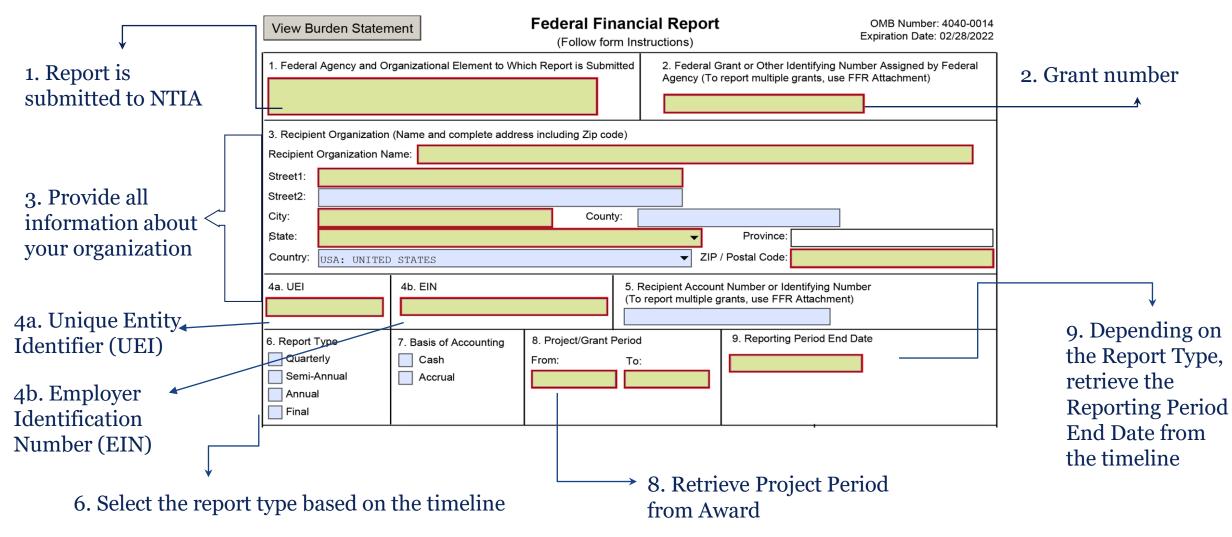
- **Auditing**: Ensuring compliance with government regulations and evaluating financial information, including expenses paid for with Federal award funds.
- **Monitoring**: Ensuring compliance with Federal regulations and grant terms to avoid and correct any potential issues.
- **No-Cost Extensions**: Extend the project period without adding additional funding.
- Supplementing: Using Federal funds to enhance existing state and local funds for program activities.





# How to Complete SF-425









# How to Complete SF-425



| 10. Transactions  | Cumulative |
|---|------------|
| (Use lines a-c for single or multiple grant reporting)                  |            |
| Federal Cash (To report multiple grants, also use FFR attachment):      |            |
| a. Cash Receipts  | 0.00       |
| b. Cash Disbursements   | 0.00       |
| c. Cash on Hand (line a minus b)  | 0.00       |
| (Use lines d-o for single grant reporting)                              |            |
| Federal Expenditures and Unobligated Balance:                           |            |
| d. Total Federal funds authorized                                       | 0.00       |
| e. Federal share of expenditures  | 0.00       |
| f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations                            | 0.00       |
| g. Total Federal share (sum of lines e and f)                           | 0.00       |
| h. Unobligated balance of Federal Funds (line d minus g)                | 0.00       |
| Recipient Share:  |            |
| i. Total recipient share required                                       | 0.00       |
| j. Recipient share of expenditures                                      | 0.00       |
| k. Remaining recipient share to be provided (line i minus j)            | 0.00       |
| Program Income:   |            |
| I. Total Federal program income earned                                  | 0.00       |
| m. Program Income expended in accordance with the deduction alternative | 0.00       |
| n. Program Income expended in accordance with the addition alternative  | 0.00       |
| o. Unexpended program income (line I minus line m and line n)           | 0.00       |

10a. Total Federalfunds drawn downin reporting period

10b. Total Federalfunds spent in reporting period

10d. Total Federal Funds Awarded





## How to Complete SF-425



11. Indirect Expense 11. Identify the e. Amount a. Type Period To d. Base f. Federal Share b. Rate c. Period From Charged indirect costs associated with the project during the reporting g. Totals: period 12. Remarks: Attach any explanations deemed necessary or information required by Federal sponsoring agency in compliance with governing legislation: Add Attachment Delete Attachment View Attachment 13. Certification: By signing this report, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the report is true, complete, and accurate, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the Federal award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims or otherwise. (U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812). a. Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official 13. To be First Name: Middle Name Prefix: completed and Last Name: Suffix: signed by the Title: Authorized b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official c. Telephone (Area code, number and extension) Organization Representative d. Email Address e. Date Report Submitted 14. Agency use only:



