

GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM 26-01

To: All State Agencies
From: The Nevada Governor's Office of Federal Assistance *AS*
Date: August 8, 2025
Subject: New Oversight Requirements for Federal Grants

Dear Colleagues,

At the Nevada Governor's Office of Federal Assistance (OFA), we know that our collective efforts have a real and lasting impact on the lives of Nevadans—and securing federal grant funding is a vital part of that work. On August 7, 2025, the President signed an Executive Order titled [Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking](#). This directive will change how certain federal grants—particularly competitive, discretionary grants—are reviewed and awarded.

We want to ensure you are informed about these changes and know that OFA is here to support you as we navigate these new requirements together.

What You Need to Know:

- **More Eyes on Applications** – Senior federal officials will review discretionary grant applications more closely before funding is approved.
- **Stronger Connection to Federal Priorities** – Applications must clearly show how the project supports both Nevada's needs *and* federal policy goals.
- **Possible Process Changes** – Federal agencies may require new performance benchmarks and include language that allows grants to be ended early if goals aren't met.
- **Formula Grants Less Impacted** – Grants awarded by formula (based on population, income levels, etc.) will generally follow existing processes but remain subject to compliance rules.

How OFA Will Help:

- **Updated Guidance** – We will share revised manuals and checklists to help you meet the new requirements.
- **Training Opportunities** – Webinars and in-person sessions will walk you through changes and best practices.
- **Early Review Support** – Our team can review your draft applications to ensure they are strong, compliant, and aligned with priorities before submission.



What We Ask from You:

- **Engage Early** – Contact OFA as soon as you begin planning a discretionary grant application.
- **Be Clear** – Make sure your proposals clearly connect the project to both Nevada and federal priorities.
- **Stay Informed** – Watch for our updates, resources, and training invitations.

We know these changes may mean extra steps, but they also give us an opportunity to highlight Nevada's strengths on the national stage. **OFA is here to make sure you have the tools, training, and support you need to succeed.**

If you have any questions or need immediate assistance, please contact our office at grants@ofa.nv.gov. Together, we can continue bringing critical federal resources home to Nevada.

About the Nevada Governor's Office of Federal Assistance (OFA)

The OFA is the centralized hub for both federal and non-federal funding, ensuring that the State of Nevada maximizes the resources available to support our communities and programs (Reference NRS 232.460-486). The OFA serves as the primary agency responsible for ensuring compliance with federal regulations, helping state agencies navigate the complex landscape of federal requirements. As the designated Single Point of Contact (SPOC) per Federal Executive Order 12372, our office ensures that all federal funding applications align with state priorities. OFA works to ensure that funding opportunities are fully leveraged and strategically deployed to benefit Nevadans across all sectors.