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Proposed Federal Grant Changes & What They Mean for Ohio Nonprofits

Webinar Overview



What is OMB Uniform Guidance?

- Government-wide framework for grants management
- OMB seeks to move Uniform Guidance from guidance to a more binding regulatory structure
- New proposed rules could:
 - Expand political influence over grantmaking
 - Promote current administration priorities
 - Increase financial and organizational risks for grantees
 - Limit advocacy and collaboration



Expand Political Influence Over Grantmaking

- Ties grantmaking decisions more closely to administration priorities
- Pre-issue review by senior political appointees
- Limit input from diverse reviewers and underserved communities
- Reduce community engagement in program design



Promote Current Administration Priorities

- Restrict funding for activities deemed inconsistent with administration priorities
- Limit support for DEI, gender identity, and related initiatives
- Reduce the use of equity-focused and disparate impact approaches
- Narrow federal support for programs addressing historical disparities
- Remove workforce equity and community benefit provisions



Increase Financial and Organizational Risks

- Increase uncertainty and instability in the federal grant environment
- Expand agency authority to suspend or terminate awards
- Allow grant requirements to change during the award period
- Create new financial and compliance burdens for grantees
- Favor applicants with lower indirect cost rates
- Increase barriers for smaller and community-based organizations:
 - E-verify and payment integrity measures
 - Reduce flexibility around language accessibility



Limiting Advocacy and Collaboration

- Expand scrutiny of applicants' research, affiliations, and activities
- Restrict use of federal funds for certain advocacy and public messaging
- Increase uncertainty through broad and undefined eligibility standards
- Discourage participation by some nonprofits and research organizations
- Limit engagement in voter registration and policy-related activities
- Create potential chilling effects on collaboration



Why This Matters - Impacts of the rule

- **Less Money, More Problems**
 - More Partisanship
 - Less Independence
 - More Uncertainty
 - Less Impact



Advocacy opportunities

- **Public Comments: The More the Better**
 - Group
 - Individual
 - Why They Matter (Lawsuits! i.e., Medicaid Work Requirements Litigation)
- **Direct Advocacy to Members of Congress**
 - Resources from Independent Sector & National Council of Nonprofits
 - Your Own Engagement: Get Creative During Congressional Recess
- **Public Engagement & Education**
 - Social Media
 - Earned Media
 - Get Creative



Nonprofits ARE ESSENTIAL.

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