



Office of Budget & Management (OMB) Federal Grant Rule Change 2026-0034

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Situation – OMB 2026-0034

- May 29th OMB put into comment period a comprehensive revision of the rules for Federal Grants.
 - It covers all Departments of the Federal Government.
 - Eliminates ‘loose’ guidelines
 - It tightens the requirements so that grants are used in a manner that is statutorily defined and not politically desired.
- The comment period runs until July 13, 2026

[Federal Register :: Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance](#)



In the News



- [Left's election fraud denials crumble as DOJ exposes two-decade-long California cheating scheme](#)
 - The felony charge and plea deal announced Monday against Brenda Lee Brown Armstrong, 64, of Marina Del Rey, Calif., not only signals an investigation into others, it likely will provide legal fodder to the Justice Department's efforts to force California to turn over its voter registration database to look for other abuses.
- [WATCH: DOJ Announces 455 Defendants Charged in 45 States Since June 8 for OVER \\$6.5 Billion in Healthcare Fraud * The Gateway Pundit * by Jordan Conradson](#)
- [The real villain in Minnesota's \\$1.5 billion fraud scandal isn't Somalis—it's the feds](#)



Intent



FEDERAL REGISTER

The Daily Journal of the United States Government



- The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) proposes to revise the Guidance for Federal Financial Assistance to improve government-wide policies and requirements related to the management of grants, cooperative agreements, and other forms of assistance...
- This includes ensuring that American tax dollars are not wasted or misused, activities performed under Federal awards are consistent with law and policy, and recipients are held accountable when they fail to meet relevant standard...
- The proposed regulations seek to ensure that American tax dollars are ultimately used to serve the needs of the American public.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2026-10817/p-3>





2 CFR 200.450 – Anti Lobbying

- The change most important to Election Integrity is the Anti Lobby provision.
- Revises the regulation and adds the following explicit statement.

(iii) Establishing, administering, contributing to, or paying the expenses of a voter registration campaign, voter registration drive, or any similar activity, or paying the expenses of another entity engaged in such activities;

- Also bans DEI and other non statutory activities

<https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2026-10817/p-1046>



NGO Response



Nonprofit VOTE

- Social Justice NGO's are opposed to this change and are alerting their members to write comments to oppose this change.

I am concerned that the proposed changes in Section 200.450 will create confusion and discourage nonprofits from engaging in lawful, nonpartisan voter registration and civic engagement activities. Existing grant rules already provide sufficient accountability and oversight. Additional restrictions risk creating unnecessary administrative burdens and could lead organizations to scale back important services that help people participate in our democracy. Any final rule should be consistent with existing federal laws, including the National Voter Registration Act which requires some nonprofits administering certain federal programs to offer voter registration, and should not create a chilling effect on lawful nonprofit activities.

- They are stating that rules “as is” are just fine.

[Take Action: OMB's New Proposed Rule Around Voter Engagement | Nonprofit VOTE](#)





2 CFR 200.450 – Anti Lobbying

- EIN supports this rule change and wants it implemented.
- It is in line with CEBOR initiatives:
 - *Eliminate registration at any agency other than election offices and DMV*
 - *No registrations added to voter rolls unless confirmation of identity, residency and US citizenship; States must confirm missing ID for residency, identity, citizenship or remove from rolls*



Call to Action – Write Supporting Comments

- Currently comments are running 9-1 unfavorable.
 - The vast majority of comments oppose scientific grant restrictions
- Spot checking has a few anti DEI restrictions

- We must support this change as organizations and individuals.

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Writing a Comment

- The submission needs to vary a bit because when the Federal Government reviews the comments, they lump identical comments as one.
- Always start out with this statement and use two or more of the items on next slide.
- *(Submitter Name/Organization) supports OMB 2026-0034 with 200.450 being implemented.*
- Links to articles and websites can be included.

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Potential Supporting Statements

- *There has been a history of grantees misusing funds to favor registering particular groups or demographics.*
- *NGO's are still able to conduct voter registrations and drives using other funds.*
- *Fraudulent registrations and ballot harvesting have caused a lot of work and maintenance for election officials.*
- *31 U.S.C. 1352 (Byrd Anti-Lobbying Provision) prohibits using Federal Funds to conduct activities that are not neutral towards the Federal Government. Voter Registration drives tend to favor one group over another. A violation of the 5th amendment equal protection clause.*
- *The federal taxpayer should not be forced to fund registrations of favored groups.*
- *The reports of widespread fraud from Federal Programs support implementing this rule and other rules governing DEI and reporting the uses of funds.*
- *A competent well run NGO will be able to handle compliance and reporting requirements as required by law.*
- *As stated in the Executive Summary, funds should go to the intended recipients and not to overhead based in Washington DC*
- *Doing a single comprehensive change allows consistency by all agencies regarding the handling of Federal Grants. It standardizes the process of grant administration.*
- *You can add your own comments too.*

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Sample Comments

Comments do not have to be long in length

- Prohibiting funding for programs related to diversity, equity, and inclusion and other topics, regardless of the evidence supporting these activities. Throughout my career, I have worked to ensure that prevention efforts reach populations disproportionately affected by environmental hazards, and these restrictions would hinder efforts to improve health outcomes for vulnerable communities.

I'm a citizen from centuries back—and a politically active senior citizen who is demanding that the regulations regarding the changes you're proposing to be frozen for the foreseeable future. Table this document now. Vote it down. This is going way too fast. We are hardworking citizens and I work full time. I'm not retired. I work hard which leaves me little time for writing my representatives in the federal government. I'm a registered voter and I'm demanding that you drop this stupid resolution and give us more time for reflection and accountability.

Indeed, I fear the rule changes proposed here will result in the loss of the US's leadership role in the world scientific establishment, a role that has been carefully maintained since World War II and has provided the United States with much of the material and social benefits that we currently enjoy. I urge OMB to withdraw or substantially revise the rule, and in particular to strike or rewrite the provisions identified below — most urgently [200.205], [200.300], [200.340], [200.432], [200.454], and [200.461].

American taxpayers deserve confidence that federal funds are being spent responsibly and for their intended purposes.

Recent reports of improper payments, fraudulent claims, and inadequate oversight have highlighted weaknesses in the current system that must be addressed. Strengthening verification requirements, improving recipient vetting, and providing agencies with greater authority to suspend or terminate funding when fraud or misuse is identified are reasonable and necessary steps.



Timeline (NGO wording)

- **May 29, 2026:** OMB published the proposed rule.
- **July 13, 2026:** Public comments are due. This is the nonprofit sector's opportunity to raise concerns, share real-world impacts, and suggest changes before the rule is finalized.
- **September 1, 2026 (anticipated):** OMB is expected to publish a final rule, giving the agency less than two months to review and respond to public comments.
- **October 1, 2026:** The rule could take effect at the start of the federal fiscal year.

Note that court action is difficult as this is ADMINISTRATIVE Changes

[how hard is it to have a judicial restraining order on an APA rule change - Search](#)



Summary

- This is a good change that circumscribes many of the loose practices with Federal Grants.
 - Lump Sum Grants banned, performance reviews etc.
- The anti-lobbying definition to include banning voter registration drives helps level the playing field.
- Need to get our teams to support this very critical endeavor.

- **SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS ASAP**

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Supporting Information

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Links to Government Sites

[Federal Register :: Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance](#) – Formal Release

[Regulations.gov](#) – The OMB proposed rule changes for awarding grants.

[OMB-2026-10817.pdf](#) – The above in PDF form.

[Regulations.gov](#) – Link for submitting comments

[eCFR :: 2 CFR 200.450 -- Lobbying](#) – current version before suggested changes.

[Restriction of political campaign intervention by Section 501\(c\)\(3\) tax-exempt organizations | Internal Revenue Service](#)
[FY23 Election Security Terms and Conditions for Signature.pdf](#) – EAC guidance



Supporting Links

<https://t.co/qNJyVHjvQA> (19) Office of Management and Budget on X: "Rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse. If you receive a federal grant, you need to deliver for the American people - or you'll be cut off. Under President Trump and Director Vought's leadership, the gravy train grant gift is OVER." / X – Comments are very negative. You can see the angst.

[https://t.co/qNJyVHjvQA](#) (19) Russ Vought on X: "The freakout by those on the Left subsidized by taxpayer funds over OMB's update of the regulation governing federal grant making tells you how important it is to keep the bureaucracies from leaking out spending that is woke, wasteful, and contra to the policies of the Trump" / X – shows a lot of favorable comments

[https://t.co/qNJyVHjvQA](#) Exclusive | Trump White House overhauls distribution of \$1T in taxpayer cash with English requirements, E-verify – New York Post Article that explains the reason.

[https://t.co/qNJyVHjvQA](#) At USAID, Waste and Abuse Runs Deep – The White House

<https://t.co/o7ThegMIIV> (19) Eric Daugherty on X: "🚨 HOLY CRAP! Trump Interior Sec. Doug Burgum has found NGOs getting taxpayer dollars who paid their CEOs nearly \$500K and the ENTIRE REVENUE MODEL was the government "Then they'd LOBBY US or hire lawyers to SUE US to stop the administration's priorities!" 🤖 Now the funds are <https://t.co/o7ThegMIIV>" / X



Supporting Links

[The Hidden Truth About Government-Funded NGOs – American Free News Network](#) – This is an excellent summary of what is really happening.

[The Erosion of Trust - How Scandals and Systemic Failures Have Transformed Public Perception of NGOs - CTOL Digital Solutions](#) – International focused but very relevant.

- [NGOs as Political Instruments](#) - Recent scandals have highlighted concerns about NGO politicization, with organizations allegedly serving as vehicles for advancing specific political agendas rather than genuine humanitarian purposes.

[How ‘nonpartisan’ voter registration groups generate votes for Democrats](#)
For years, the [Democratic Party](#) has depended on a network of these nonprofit groups, technically “nonpartisan” in name, to [tap new voters](#) who would then presumably vote blue.





Voter Roll Fraud (add your own)

- [Secretary LaRose Reminds Elections Officials to be Vigilant After Investigation Uncovers Illegal Voter Registration Forms](#)
- [\(19\) NoRegrets80 on X: "@joingles Same person responsible for THIS in Hamilton county 2024 https://t.co/MjlvkO78jq and THIS in Cuyahoga county 2023...https://t.co/SENVwM8m7k" / X](#)
- [\(19\) NoRegrets80 on X: "@marcellstrbich @StrictSpeaking more fun with Blackfork! @Konicki379125 🕶️" / X](#)
- [\(19\) Parker Thayer on X: "Canvassing firms in both Michigan and Pennsylvania have been investigated and referred to the FBI for submitting thousands of fraudulent voter registration forms. The same donor \(the everybody votes campaign\) that funded those canvassers is the biggest funder of this Ohio org." / X](#)
- [Ohio Woman Sent to Jail for Voter Registration Fraud](#)
- [DHS confirms voter-fraud investigation, requesting dozens of Franklin County voters' info](#)
- [Left's election fraud denials crumble as DOJ exposes two-decade-long California cheating scheme](#)
- [Muskegon fake voter applications probed in 2020, referred to FBI, Nessel says - Bridge Michigan](#)
- [Fraudulent voter registration forms in PA traced back to Arizona](#)
- [Two Nevada residents charged in Minnesota voter registration fraud scheme](#)
- [Ohio voting rights group facing criminal fraud investigation, sources say - CBS News](#)



It Keeps Coming Daily

[USAID Liberal Corruption and Circular Funding: How Taxpayer Dollars Were Used Against U.S. Policies and Interests * The Gateway Pundit * by Antonio Graceffo](#)

At a House Oversight [DOGE Subcommittee](#) hearing in June 2025, Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene described what she called the “Democrat Circle of Life”: a Democrat administration creates grant programs for NGOs and directs taxpayer resources to those organizations; former officials then leave government to work for the NGOs, collect taxpayer-funded salaries, and donate to Democrat campaigns. Greene stated, “Federal agencies fund the NGOs, and the NGOs shape the agencies’ behavior. It can be hard to tell where the government ends, and the NGO begins.”

[How USAID Built a Global Color Revolution Infrastructure With NGOs](#)

Now Look at the United States

The same five capabilities exist domestically. The language softens — “election observation” becomes “election protection,” “civil society training” becomes “civic engagement,” “independent media” becomes “local civic journalism” — but the functional categories are identical. The funding source shifts from USAID to private foundations. The scale is larger.

THE FIVE CAPABILITIES

How democracy promotion builds regime change infrastructure



1. MEDIA

The Megaphone — Fund independent outlets that become the opposition's voice



2. LEGAL

The Shield — Build legal organizations that protect activists and challenge laws



3. ELECTION MONITORING

The Tripwire — Train parallel vote counters who can declare fraud



4. ACTIVIST TRAINING

The Cadre — Workshop organizers who can mobilize crowds on short notice



5. GOVERNANCE DATA

The Connective Tissue — Fund watchdogs who map the government's vulnerabilities

Each capability looks like good governance in isolation.
Together they are a system.

