



**ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

FISCAL YEAR 2012

Grant Period: October 1, 2011– September 30, 2013

By acceptance of this award, the State, or Territory agrees to comply with the terms and conditions detailed below. Failure to comply with these terms and conditions may result in the loss of Federal funds and may be considered grounds for the suspension or termination of this grant.

This award is subject to the following terms, conditions and provisions:

**PROGRAM STANDARDS**

1. The provisions of Title XX of the Social Security Act, the provision of the current approved Social Services Block Grant State plan, including all approved amendments or revisions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

2. The following regulations from Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR):

**45 CFR Part 16** – Procedures of the Departmental Grant Appeals Board;

**45 CFR Part 30** – Claims Collection;

**45 CFR Part 73b** – Debarment and Suspension from Eligibility for Financial Assistance (Nonprocurement);

**45 CFR Part 80** - Nondiscrimination Under Programs Receiving Federal Assistance through the Department of Health and Human Services, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;

**45 CFR Part 81** - Practice and Procedure for Hearings Under Part 80 of this Title;

**45 CFR Part 84** - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance;

**45 CFR Part 86** – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance;

**45 CFR Part 87** – Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations;

**45 CFR Part 91** – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in HHS Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance;

**45 CFR Part 93** – New Restrictions on Lobbying;

**45 CFR Part 96** – Block Grants;

**45 CFR Part 97** – Consolidation of Grants to the Insular Areas

**45 CFR Part 100** – Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Programs and Activities.

3. The following Circulars from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB):

**OMB Circular A-133**, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations and the **Single Audit Act of 1984**, as amended.

4. Direct Federal grants, sub-awards, or contracts under this program shall not be used to support inherently religious activities such as religious instruction, worship, or proselytization. Therefore, organizations must take steps to separate, in time or location, their inherently religious activities from the services funded under this program. Regulations pertaining to the prohibition of Federal funds for inherently religious activities can be found on the HHS website at: <http://www.os.dhhs.gov/fbci/waisgate21.pdf>.
5. Federal grant funds provided under this award may not be used by the grantee or any sub-grantee to support lobbying activities to influence proposed or pending Federal or State legislation or appropriations. This prohibition is related to the use of Federal grant funds and is not intended to affect an individual's right or that of any organization, to petition Congress, or any other level of Government, through the use of other resources. (See 45 CFR Part 93.)
6. In accordance with Public Law 103-333, the "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1995," the following provisions are applicable to this grant award:

Section 507: "Purchase of American-Made Equipment and Products - It is the sense of the Congress that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased with funds made available in this Act should be American-made."

Section 508: "When issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with Federal money, all States receiving Federal funds, including but not limited to State and local governments and recipients of Federal research grants, shall clearly state (1) the percentage of the total costs of the program or project which will be financed with Federal money, (2) the dollar amount of Federal funds for the project or program, and (3) percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed by nongovernmental sources."

7. In accordance with Part C of Public Law 103-227, the "PRO-KIDS Act of 1994," smoking may not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or regularly used for the provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs wither directly or through State or local governments. Federal programs include grants, cooperative agreements, loans and loan guarantees, and contracts. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions or facilities and used for inpatient drug and alcohol treatment.

The above language must be included in any subawards that contain provisions for children's services and that all subgrantees shall certify compliance accordingly. Failure to comply with the provisions of this law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1,000 per day.

8. This award is subject to the requirements listed in the enclosed terms and conditions. This award is subject to the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104). For the full text of the award term, go to: [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/award\\_term.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/award_term.html). The use of Federal funds from this award constitutes the State's acceptance of these terms and conditions.
9. In accordance with 2 CFR Part 170, this program must adhere to Subaward and Executive Compensation reporting requirement of "the Transparency Act." Under the Transparency Act, all subawards (as defined in 2 CFR Part 170) over \$25,000 must be reported, unless exempted. Please see the newly applicable Award Term for Federal Financial Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) at the following URL: [http://www.acf.gov/grants/award\\_term\\_ffata.htm](http://www.acf.gov/grants/award_term_ffata.htm).

## SUB-RECIPIENTS AND VENDORS UNDER GRANTS

### Sub-Recipients/Sub-Grantees and Vendors/Contractors

10. **Sub-recipient/Sub-grantee and vendor determinations.** States are required to determine recipient type when sub-granting or contracting using Federal funds. Recipient type includes sub-grantees/sub-recipients, vendors and contractors. OMB Circular A-133 establishes the standards for determining the difference between a sub-grantee and a vendor, based on the substance of the relationship with the State, rather than the form of the agreement.

A recipient is considered a *sub-grantee* and is subject to OMB Circular A-133 if it meets the following conditions:

- a. Determines who is eligible to receive what Federal financial assistance;
- b. Has its performance measured against whether the objectives of the Federal program are met;
- c. Has responsibility for programmatic decision making;
- d. Has responsibility for adherence to applicable Federal program compliance requirements;
- e. Uses the Federal funds to carry out a program of the organization as compared to providing goods or services for a program of the pass-through entity;

A recipient is considered a *vendor* and is not subject to OMB Circular A-133 if it meets the following conditions:

- a. Provides the goods and services within normal business operations;
- b. Provides similar goods or services to many different purchasers;
- c. Operates in a competitive environment;
- d. Provides goods or services that are ancillary to the operation of the Federal program;
- e. Is not subject to compliance requirements of the Federal program.

11. No organization may participate in this project in any capacity or be a recipient of Federal funds designated for this project if the organization has been debarred or suspended or otherwise found to be ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension." (See 45 CFR 92.35.) States must include a similar term and/or condition for all sub-awards or contracts awarded under this program. Prior to issuing subawards or contracts under this grant, the state must consult the ineligible parties list to ensure that organizations under funding consideration are not ineligible. The list is available on the Web at <http://www.epls.gov>.

12. The State is responsible for monitoring grant, sub-grant/sub-recipient and contract supported activities to assure compliance with Federal requirements and that performance goals are being achieved. Grantee monitoring must cover each program, function and activity. (See 45 CFR 92.40.)

13. States are required to advise sub-grantees/sub-recipients of requirements imposed on them by Federal laws, regulations, and the provisions of grant agreements or contracts as well as any supplemental requirements imposed by the State. These include grant administrative requirements and cost principles according to recipient type. For example, nonprofit subrecipients are subject to the cost principles at OMB Circular A-122; educational institution subrecipients are subject to those at OMB Circular A-21; and commercial organization vendors or subcontractors are subject to the cost principles under 48 CFR Part 31. Sub-recipients and sub-grantees are also subject to the provisions of 45 CFR Part 92 and OMB Circular A-133.

14. States must ensure that sub-recipients and sub-grantees expending more than \$500,000 or more in Federal awards during the sub-recipient/sub-grantee's fiscal year have an audit in compliance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133.

## FINANCIAL AND PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORTING

15. Funds under this grant must be liquidated on or before December 30, 2013.
16. In accordance with 45 CFR 92.40 and 45 CFR 92.41 and 45CFR 96.74(a) (1) through (4), the grantee must submit annual program progress and financial status reports using SF-425. The first report is due 90 days after the end of first year, ie. December 30, 2012. Final reports are due December 30, 2013. Funds must be obligated no later than September 30, 2013 and liquidated no later than December 30, 2013. Failure to submit reports on time may be the basis for withholding financial assistance payments, suspension or termination of funding.
17. States are encouraged to submit their periodic financial reporting forms electronically, via the ACF On-Line Data Collection (OLDC) system.

States that elect to submit these reports in writing must send an original signature copy of Form SF-425 to:  
Administration for Children and Families  
Division of Mandatory Grants  
370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW -6<sup>th</sup> Floor East  
Washington, DC 20447

18. Program pre-expenditure and post-expenditure reports should be submitted to:  
Marsha Werner, Program Specialist  
Office of Community Services  
Administration for Children and Families  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW  
Washington, DC 20447

## PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

19. Payments under this grant will be made quarterly through the Department of Health and Human Services' Payment Management System (PMS). The State must comply with requirements imposed by the PMS on-line system. Please direct any questions concerning grant payments to the payment office at 1-877-614-5533.

**NOTE:** The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) maintains **FraudNET**, a system for reporting allegations of fraud, waste and abuse under Federal grants and cooperative agreements. Reports are kept confidential; you need not provide your name. Information provided through the Internet web site is secure and all information is safeguarded against unauthorized disclosure.

To report the possible misuse of federal funds, the E-mail address is [fraudnet@gao.gov](mailto:fraudnet@gao.gov); the fax number is 202-512-3086 and the mailing address is GAO **FraudNET**, 441 G Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20548. When you submit allegations, please provide as much detailed information as possible.