

Effective Dates for Awards - WSFR

This information applies to:
Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

Definition

The effective date of a Federal award is defined as the starting date of the approved award. This is the date that the Grantee may begin to incur expenditures towards an award and receive reimbursement based upon the approved Federal:non-Federal matching requirements of the award. The Service considers a Federal award approved once the appropriate Regional Director officially signs off on the grant application package.

2 CFR 200.77 Definition: Period of performance

Period of performance means the time during which the non-Federal entity may incur new obligations to carry out the work authorized under the Federal award. The Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity must include start and end dates of the period of performance in the Federal award (see §§ 200.210 Information contained in a Federal award paragraph (a)(5) and 200.331 Requirements for pass-through entities, paragraph (a)(1)(iv)).

2 CFR 200.309 Period of performance

A non-Federal entity may charge to the Federal award only allowable costs incurred during the period of performance and any costs incurred before the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity made the Federal award that were authorized by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity.

50 CFR 80.93 When may an agency incur costs under a grant?

A State fish and wildlife agency may incur costs under a grant from the effective date of the grant period to the end of the grant period (often referred to as the "period of performance" under 2 CFR 200.77), except for pre-award costs that meet the conditions in conditions in § 80.94.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can a Grantee request an effective date for a Federal award that is later than the actual date of the grant submission?

Yes, a Grantee can request that the Service approve an effective date for a Federal award to be any date after the grant application package has been submitted and received by the approving Regional Office. If a grant application package is approved prior to the requested starting date, then the effective date becomes the requested starting date that was submitted by the Grantee (522 FW 25.6(A)).

Can a Grantee request an effective date for a Federal award that is earlier than the actual date of the grant submission?

No, a Grantee may not request an effective date for a Federal award that is earlier than the actual date by which the grant application was received by the approving Regional Office. However, if the approving Regional Office is unable to approve a grant package until after the starting date requested by the Grantee, then the effective date becomes either the date that the Regional Office received the complete grant package or the starting date that was requested by the Grantee, whichever is the later (522 FW 25.6(B)).

How does the Service document the effective date of a Federal award?

It is the Service's responsibility to clearly identify the effective date and period of performance of the Federal award to the Grantee. The effective date and period of performance are noted in the transmittal memo that is drafted by the Service and provided to the Grantee notifying them about the Federal award. In addition, the transmittal memo also provides other important grant information, including the terms of acceptance and special conditions relevant to the Federal award (2 CFR 200.210).

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References

2 CFR 200.77

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