

## § 200.203 Notices of funding opportunities.

For competitive grants and cooperative agreements, the Federal awarding agency must announce specific funding opportunities by providing the following information in a public notice:

(a) Summary Information in Notices of Funding Opportunities. The Federal awarding agency must display the following information posted on the OMB-designated governmentwide Web site for finding and applying for Federal financial assistance, in a location preceding the full text of the announcement:

- (1) Federal Awarding Agency Name;
- (2) Funding Opportunity Title;
- (3) Announcement Type (whether the funding opportunity is the initial announcement of this funding opportunity or a modification of a previously announced opportunity);
- (4) Funding Opportunity Number (required, if applicable). If the Federal awarding agency has assigned or will assign a number to the funding opportunity announcement, this number must be provided;
- (5) Catalog of Federal Financial Assistance (CFDA) Number(s);
- (6) Key Dates. Key dates include due dates for applications or Executive Order 12372 submissions, as well as for any letters of intent or pre-applications. For any announcement issued before a program's application materials are available, key dates also include the date on which those materials will be released; and any other additional information, as deemed applicable by the relevant Federal awarding agency.

(b) The Federal awarding agency must generally make all funding opportunities available for application for at least 60 calendar days. The Federal awarding agency may make a determination to have a less than 60 calendar day availability period but no funding opportunity should be available for less than 30 calendar days unless exigent circumstances require as determined by the Federal awarding agency head or delegate.

(c) Full Text of Funding Opportunities. The Federal awarding agency must include the following information in the full text of each funding opportunity. For specific instructions on the content required in this section, refer to Appendix I to Part 200—Full Text of Notice of Funding Opportunity to this part.

- (1) Full programmatic description of the funding opportunity.
- (2) Federal award information, including sufficient information to help an applicant make an informed decision about whether to submit an application. (See also § 200.414 Indirect (F&A) costs, paragraph (b)).
- (3) Specific eligibility information, including any factors or priorities that affect an applicant's or its application's eligibility for selection.
- (4) Application Preparation and Submission Information, including the applicable submission dates and time.
- (5) Application Review Information including the criteria and process to be used to evaluate applications. See also § 200.205 Federal awarding agency review of risk posed by applicants. See also 2 CFR part 27.
- (6) Federal Award Administration Information. See also § 200.210 Information contained in a Federal award.

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### COFAR Frequently Asked Questions

**This section of the guidance specifies that Federal awarding agency must display the following information posted on the OMB-designated government-wide website for finding and applying for Federal financial assistance. How does this guidance relate to the use of the current federal system called Grants.gov and OMB's requirements that Agencies utilize that system to post funding opportunity announcements and allow applicants to apply through the system?**

While the guidance does not specify a particular system for finding and applying for Federal financial assistance, the current system of [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) remains the federal government's central portal for discretionary financial assistance find and apply functionalities. In accordance with OMB Memorandum – M-04-01 and M-04-05 – Federal agencies are required to use [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) "Find" functionality and directed to use the "Apply" functionality for discretionary grants. OMB Memorandum M-10-16 documented the technical boost for [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) in response to the Recovery Act and reinforced expectations for agency use of [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), stating, "Federal grant-making agencies are instructed to resume using the "Apply" functionality of [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for all the programs that previously used this functionality prior to the memorandum (M-09-14), by no later than April 30, 2010. Federal agencies shall also continue using the "Find" functionality of [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) to post all discretionary grant opportunities."