

Grants.gov Posting Exemptions

Applies to:

All grants and cooperative agreements

Background

DOI and USFWS allow for certain financial assistance funding opportunities to be exempted from posting on Grants.gov. These exemptions are only applicable to funding opportunity postings for [cooperative agreements](#) and [discretionary grant awards](#).^[1]

Department Policy

Exempted funding opportunities are: ^[2]

1. Programs that only publish funding opportunities in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)
 2. Announcements of funding opportunities for awards less than \$25,000 for which 100 percent of eligible applicants live outside the United States
 3. Single source announcements of funding opportunities issued by an agency which are specifically directed to a known recipient
 4. The exemption cited at 505 DM 2.4A
 5. An award for which there is insufficient time available (due to a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety) for adequate competitive procedures to be followed
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Service Policy

FAPO's "Issuing a New Financial Assistance Award Guidance" (Dated May 11, 2011) cites Department Policy (above) as applicable to Service discretionary awards/programs, *except* for the DM's first exemption, stating that

"Exception (1) does not apply to discretionary awards/programs." ^[3]

References

[1] 505 DM 2.12

[2] *ibid.*

[3] FAPO "Issuing a New Financial Assistance Award Guidance" (May 11, 2011) Section 5B.