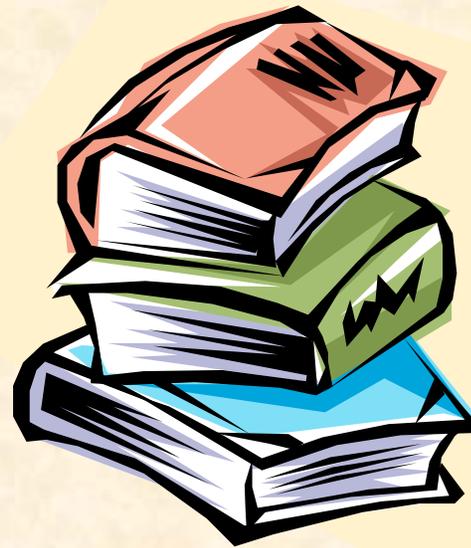


Grants Overview

Forest Legacy Program



This presentation covers regulations, policies, and procedures for Forest Legacy projects funded by Federal financial assistance instruments – Domestic Grants (DG)



Grant Fundamentals

- Grants must be awarded under an authority, or law.
- Separate from the authority, funding is appropriated by Congress.
- Every grant must have an application package and an award document.
- Funding is not available until the award is signed by both parties. At the request of the recipient, the Forest Service may authorize pre-award costs.

Grant Fundamentals - Continued

- Grants may be awarded for up to 5 years from the date of execution (date of last signature).
- All work must be completed within the award period.
- Final reports are due within 90 days of expiration.
- Grants may be closed prior to expiration if all work is complete. (G&A Specialists really like this!)

Regulations

All of the grant related regulations have been re-written. These regulations will be implemented December 26, 2014.

- Uniform Administrative Requirements
- Cost Principles
- Audit Requirements (A-133)



So what does that mean to
the Forest Legacy grant
program?



200.311 Real Property

(a) Title. Subject to the obligations and conditions set forth in this section, title to real property acquired or improved under a Federal award will vest upon acquisition in the non-Federal entity.



200.311 Real Property

(b) Use. Except as otherwise provided by Federal statutes or by the Federal awarding agency, real property will be used for the originally authorized purpose as long as needed for that purpose, during which time the non-federal entity must not dispose of or encumber its title or other interests.



200.311 Real Property

(c) Disposition.

- Retain title after compensating the Federal awarding agency.
- Sell the property and compensate the Federal awarding agency.
- Transfer title to the Federal awarding agency or to a third party designated/approved by the Federal awarding agency.

200.316 Property trust relationship

Real property, equipment, and intangible property, that are acquired or improved with a Federal award must be held in trust by the non-Federal entity as trustee for the beneficiaries of the project or program under which the property was acquired or improved.

200.329 Reporting on real property

. . . In those instances where the Federal interest attached is for a period of 15 years or more, the Federal awarding agency may require the non-Federal entity to report at various multi-year frequencies (. . . Not to exceed a five year reporting period;)

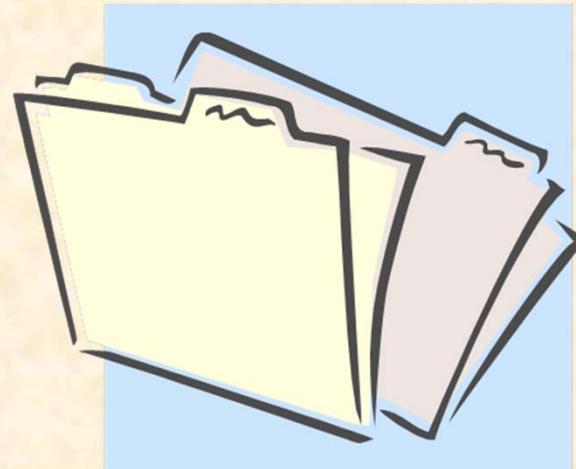
200.333 Record retention

(c) Records for real property and equipment acquired with Federal funds must be retained for 3 years after final disposition.



Subpart E – Cost Principles

- Allowable
- Reasonable
- Allocable



200.438 Entertainment costs

Cost of entertainment, including amusement, diversion, and social activities and any associated costs are unallowable, except where specific costs that might otherwise be considered entertainment have a programmatic purpose and are authorized either in the approved budget for the Federal award or with prior written approval of the Federal awarding agency.

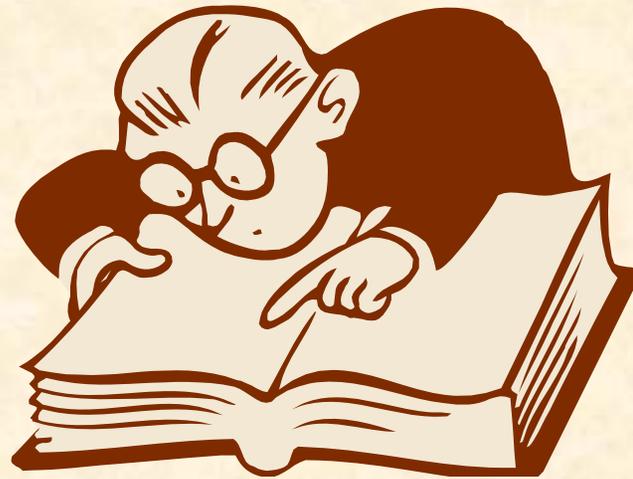
Other Resources

Grant Management FAQ's are posted at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/>

Meals at meetings

Where do I find all of these
rules?



All of the circulars are available
on line at:

www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/

USDA will implement the new
circulars will at
2 CFR 400

Questions?

